

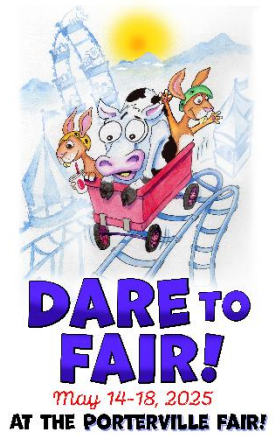
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It's time to Bid for the Kid!



(Porterville, CA) – The 77th Jr. Livestock Auction will take place Saturday, May 17th at 9:30 AM.

The auction celebrates and wraps up hours and hours of hard work by over 300 4-H members throughout Tulare County and FFA members within Porterville and Lindsay School Districts.

Nerves and excitement will fill the big red barn as over 300 junior exhibitors vie for your bids. Each exhibitor will enter the auction block with their market project then show it off to its best advantage hoping the buyer numbers fly. Marketing the animals prior to arrival at the Fair is another element and responsibility of raising a market animal. Animals may be purchased, or “add-ons” are a welcome addition. \$35+ add-on’s will be accepted in advance of the auction up until 7:00 PM auction day. Watch your mailbox as many of the exhibitors have already taken to writing letters or hand delivering support requests. Forms can be located at www.PortervilleFair.com. Select the Fair tab at the top then the Jr. Livestock Auction tab.

Raising livestock is not for the faint at heart. It requires tireless effort and commitment. Exhibitors begin at the age of 9 and may show for one year following high school graduation up to 19 years of age. The experience teaches youth life skills like budgeting, maintaining a schedule and most importantly responsibility.

Millions of dollars have been generated through the Jr. Livestock Auction over the years. This money is distributed directly back to the youth in our community and would not be possible without the support and generosity from local businesses, individuals, and many others from within the community and beyond.

All exhibitors will have the opportunity to become part of the Porterville legacy. Grand Champion Market winners will be etched forever in history as their names will be engraved on the majestic redwood “stumps” that are proudly displayed in Building B alongside the Rabbit entries. Greg Bartlett Construction has prepared and donated a third stump joining the two original beautiful redwood stumps displaying the Grand Champions Beef, Sheep and Hog exhibitors dating back to the very first fair competition in 1948, back when they were known as Fat Animals. Stop in to take a look. You’ll be surprised at the familiarity of the Champions etched in the wood.

The auction will begin at 9:30 AM with the Hogs, Commercial Bred Heifers, Beef, Rabbits, Goats and Lambs. A special break will be taken at noon for the sale of the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Animals followed by the Heritage Animal showcased by the 2025 Heritage Scholarship winner, Diego Loftin of Lindsay High School FFA. All funds raised on the Heritage Animal are dedicated strictly to the Livestock Department. The auction will then resume until all market animals have crossed the auction block.

For more information regarding the Jr. Livestock Auction at the 77th Porterville Fair, please visit the Porterville Fair Office at 2700 W. Teapot Dome Ave., Porterville, www.PortervilleFair.com or call 781.6582.

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