

Elbert County Junior Market Sale

Market Sale Committee Members: Mindy Webb, Lonny Trehal, John Hockaday, Jake Sewald, Alexis Alden, Patti Churchwell
Saturday, August 1, 2026 - 1:00 p.m., Large Pavilion

1. Elbert County Junior Market Sale is a terminal Sale. Animals sold are intended for slaughter. They cannot be further exhibited or retained by the seller or buyer.
2. The following animals MUST sell at the Junior Market Sale: Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market and Ranch Raised Beef, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Meat Chicken Pen, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Turkey, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit Meat Exhibit.
 - a. The only exception to this will be if the member is not in good standing (see Rule #3) or does not meet residency rules (see Rule #4)
3. Only members in Good Standing with the Elbert County 4H Program, their FFA Chapter and/or the Elbert County Fair Board are eligible for the Elbert County Junior Market Sale. (See Member in Good Standing Requirements)
4. Only 4-H and FFA Members who meet at least one of the following residency requirements will be allowed to sell in the Junior Market Sale.
 - a. Must reside in Elbert County
 - b. Legal Guardians must pay Elbert County real estate taxes
 - c. This is the members first year as a 4-H member in Colorado or their first year in an Elbert County FFA Chapter.
 - d. Must have been a Member in Good Standing in Elbert County or an Elbert County FFA Chapter for at least one consecutive year prior to being eligible.
5. Notice of the USDA Wholesome Meat Act: Elbert County Fair endorses and supports the USDA Wholesome Meat Act and insists that exhibitors be in compliance. Exhibitors of all market animal entries must certify their compliance with the manufacturer's pre-market withdrawal periods specified for any and all drugs, pesticides, implants or feed additives administered. The use of any non-approved chemical or improper use of approved chemicals is strictly prohibited. Certification will be required upon weigh-in at the Elbert County Fair. Any exhibitor selling in the Junior Market Sale will forfeit any sale receipts and premiums from any animal that is condemned due to the presence of illegal drugs, chemicals or disease. Violators of the Wholesome Meat Act may also be subject to other fines or punishment from the USDA.
6. An Exhibitor selling in the Junior Market Sale must have completed the Wholesome Meat requirements.
7. Only One (1) animal or meat pen per exhibitor may be sold.
 - a. Only exception will be if a 4-H or FFA Member exhibits more than one of the following: Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion Market or Ranch Raised Beef, Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb, Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine, Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat, Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion Meat Chicken Pen, Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion Market Turkey, Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit Meat Exhibit. (See Rule #2)
8. If an animal carcass is condemned due to exhibitors' negligence or actions, the exhibitor will forfeit any sale receipts and premiums.
9. All Market Livestock must be weighed during the designated time at the Elbert County Fair to be eligible for the market sale. (See Fair Schedule). This weight will be the official weight for the purpose of the market sale.

10. Any market animal that did not make weight and was judged as either a prospect or overweight animal is not eligible for the market sale.
11. Beef and Swine will be sold by the pound. Goats, Lambs, Turkeys and single Rabbits (not pens) will be sold by the head. Chicken and Rabbit pens will be sold by the pen.
12. **DESIGNATION OF MARKET SALE ANIMALS MUST BE GIVEN TO THE FAIR OFFICE BY 7:00PM ON THURSDAY OF THE WEEK OF FAIR.** (See fair schedule) STEER EXHIBITORS WILL HAVE UNTIL 10:00AM AND POULTRY EXHIBITORS WILL HAVE UNTIL 12:00 (NOON) ON FRIDAY THE WEEK OF THE FAIR. EVERY CONSIGNER WILL NEED TO DESIGNATE IF THEY WANT TO SELL THEIR ANIMAL, EVEN IF THEY ONLY EXHIBITED (1) ANIMAL. EVERY GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION MUST BE DESIGNATED.
 - a. ANY GRAND OR RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION ANIMAL THAT IS NOT DESIGNATED WILL BE SOLD AT THE BUY BACK PRICE.
 - b. IF ANIMAL IS NOT DESIGNATED BY THE DEADLINE, IT WILL NOT BE SOLD IN THE ELBERT COUNTY JUNIOR MARKET SALE.
 - c. ALL DESIGNATIONS MUST BE DONE BY THE OWNER (4-Her or FFA MEMBER), IN PERSON AT THE FAIR OFFICE. DESIGNATIONS **CAN NOT** BE DONE BY ANY OTHER PERSON, INCLUDING PARENTS.
13. It is the responsibility of the 4-Her/FFA Member to get their Market Sale Photo taken during the designated day and time. (See fair schedule)
14. A sale commission will be charged to all consigners in the market sale. The commission will be a percentage of the gross amount for each exhibitor, to include add-ons. The percentage will be decided annually by the market sale committee and will be announced by May 1st of each year.
15. Add-Ons will only be accepted for exhibitors (1) that qualify, consign and sell their animal in the Jr. Market Sale (2) between designated dates and (3) will be subject to sale commission. (See Rule #14)
16. All exhibitors are required to show their own animals in the sale unless an exception has been granted by the regular July Elbert County Fair Board meeting by a quorum of the Fair board or on an emergency basis by special meeting by a quorum of the fair board.
17. Consigners must exhibit a market animal, in a market animal class in the species that they wish to sell. They must have personally shown the animal, in a market animal class that they wish to sell unless they were unable to do so because of more than one entry in the class. (See general rules)
18. Any consignor not in the proper lineup and ready to sell when auctioneer calls their animal will not sell. The sale will not hold or wait for any seller not in the proper place at the proper time. Order of the Junior Market Sale is at the discretion of the Market Sale Committee.
19. Any exhibitor or market animal that is disqualified from the Elbert County Fair for any reason is not eligible to sell in the Jr. Market Sale.
20. Load out of Market Sale animals shall be at the times and places designated by the Fair Board and or Market Sale Committee. Sellers are responsible for the complete care and feeding of the animals until such time as they are loaded out.
21. Sellers are strongly encouraged to pick up their sale sheets as soon as possible. They should review them, especially regarding price and buyer.
22. Thank you notes must be reviewed by a sale committee member prior to receiving market sale checks. Time and place TBD each year and will be posted in the fair book. Thank you notes must be properly written, addressed, stamped and unsealed for review. Thank you notes must be written to the primary buyer and all add on buyers. Market sale checks will be given out once Thank You notes are reviewed. If consignors are unable to bring Thank You notes to the designated time and place, they may reach out to a member of the Market Sale Committee to schedule a time that works.
23. Any discrepancy in price and /or buyer must be reported to the Junior Market Sale Committee prior to 3:00 pm on the first Monday following the fair. Any decision regarding a discrepancy will be based on the market sale committees recording only. Decisions made by the committee will be final.

24. Violations of any of the Elbert County Fair or Junior Market Sale Rules may be grounds for declaring the sale void and / or may be grounds for future suspension or debarment from the Elbert County Junior Market Sale.
25. Violations of rules will be dealt with at a public meeting of the Elbert County Fair Board. Prior notice will be provided to those persons alleged to have violated rules. Appeals of decisions by the Fair Board shall be heard by the Elbert County Board of County Commissioners if an appeal is made within 30 days of the Fair Boards decision.
26. The Fair Board shall set up a committee each year to solicit buyers for the market sale prior to the sale. 4-H and FFA members are encouraged to help solicit buyers by use of personal contacts, letters, barbecue tickets etc.