What your exhibitors must do to be allowed to market their animal at the Antrim County Fair:

- Take sole care of their animal(s) through feeding, watering, and health maintenance with minimal assistance from others.
- Keep detailed records of all care, expenses, and earnings in their record books.
- Calculate all costs and address all needs associated with raising their animal.
- Attend Educational clinics to expand their knowledge and ability to raise their animal(s)
- Handle and train their animal(s) to be able to perform both showmanship (judged on exhibitors knowledge and ability) and market (judged on animal's conformation based on species standards) classes.
- Attend mandatory meetings to ensure understanding of the Fair process.
- Help with Fair set-up, and tear down as well as keeping the grounds clean and safe through out all of Fair week.
- Create an Educational Poster and an Exhibit Poster to display at the Fairgrounds.
- Ensure their animals are properly labeled, cared for, and clean throughout their ownership and right on through Fair week.

We partner with Ebel's for our Medium and Large animal processing. Speak with your exhibitor for any other needs.

Antrim County Fair
August 13-15, 2025

Important Times:

RABBIT SHOW: THURS. AUG. 13 @ 9: 30 AM

POULTRY SHOW: THURS. AUG. 13 @ 1: 30 PM

LIVESTOCK SHOWS: FRI. AUG 14 @ 9: 30 AM

MARKET AUCTION: FRI. AUG. 14 @ 6: 00 PM

Buyer Registration and dinner: Fri. Aug. 14 beginning at 3 pm.

We Hope to See You Here!

Antrim County Fair

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Bellaire, MI 49615

Email: fair@antrimcounty.org
Website: antrimcountyfair.org

Located at Craven Park in Bellaire

Enter from Stover Rd. near the Antrim Conservation District

BUYER'S INFORMATION BROCHURE

So you've been invited to the Antrim County Livestock Auction...

You have been invited to support a young entrepreneur in their quest sell a quality product they have raised with care. Through this process they are also learning countless life and business skills like product management, financial record keeping, sportsmanship, and other invaluable skills.

What's next?

Here are three ways you can support the market exhibitor who has just invited you:

1. Show up.

Honor their request to come and bid, even if you have a budget to stick to. All Market Exhibitors have used their own funds, hours of labor, and knowledge to provide you with a quality product worthy of your time and money.

2. Purchase their animal at the auction.

This is the most straightforward and generous support that you can give. Large and medium animals are sold per pound prices and small animals are sold at a flat sum by the pen. *

There are three options if you purchase an exhibitor's animal through the auction:

a. Send that animal to the butcher and get delicious meat to fill your freezer or someone else's.

b. Take the animal home ** live to join your own household/farm or to sell at another auction.

c. Donate the animal back to be sold again as a fundraiser for the Antrim County Fair (must be done during the sale upon winning your bid). In this case, your purchase price will still go to the exhibitor who originally-sold the animal. You will receive all acknowledgements of being their buyer, but you will not receive the animal or any of the meat if you donate back.

3. Sponsor the exhibitor and animal along their journey to the Fair.

Talk with your exhibitor about funding all or part of their costs leading up to the Fair and together decide if this act is to be treated as a business loan or a donation.***

* Auction purchases may be tax deductible in some circumstances. You may be able to deduct the difference between the amount you paid for the item and its fair market value.

** Not an option for swine. Due to MAFE regulations, all pigs sold at our Fair must go to slaughter within three days of the end of the Fair. Immediate transfer to butcher facility is required.

*** Donating to or sponsoring an exhibitor directly, may not be tax deductible.

– Please seek advice from your tax professional –

No animals may leave the fair grounds until the Saturday evening following the auction.