



SFB Decision – LIVESTOCK SUPPORT BUYERS

February 23, 2024

First & foremost, I'd like to start this update to say thank you to the junior fair families that reached out to communicate their opinions and concerns moving forward. Our JFB listed the lack of support buyers as an important concern entering into the 2024 Fair Season.

On Wednesday of last week, the SFB re-evaluated the decision to not provide support buyers to our junior fair families.

Based on the discussion and feedback discussed, the options that will be available to our families for the upcoming year will be the following:

- 1) Livestock Sale Committee arranged support buyers
- 2) Custom Appointment/Stockyard Appointment
- 3) Animal will return home

These options will be available for both, large AND small animals.

Exhibitors will be REQUIRED at their respective Livestock Skillathon events to declare how their Market Animal will be processed (1 of the above options). This will allow for us to coordinate appropriately with support buyers.

On the day of the exhibition, we will arrange for a truck to pick up the animals at the conclusion of the show. For small animal projects (rabbits & poultry) we will arrange for those animals to load out the day of the sale.

Please know that this protocol moving forward is strictly for the 2024 year. At the conclusion of the 2024 Henry County Fair, the SFB will reconsider the protocol moving forward.