5 Star Parts
Able Manufacturing
Adam Machinery
AI & Claire Sorensen
AI Howerzyl
Allegran Co. Exc. Service
Allendale Auto Service
Allendale True Value
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Alto Precision Inc.
Amy Gadison
Andy Droge & Associates
Angie Faber
Ann Whitmyer
Arbor Heights Townhouse
Aspen Insurance Group
B & D Pole Barn Inc.
B & L Tractor Pulling Team
Barley Builders
Bill Borst
Bill LaDuke
Bill Poll
Bob Bredeweg
Bob Wierenga
Boersen Farms
Boven DeKoye Electric
Bruce Applebach
Bryan Smith
Bullseye Ventures
Byron Center Wholesale
Cal DenBleyer
Careline Medical
Chemical Bank
CN Sawdust & Feed
Community Garage
Complete Roofing
Cook Property
County-Line Excavating
Dan Dykstra Construction
Daniel George
Dasco Inc.
Dave Bouwkamp Masonry
David L. Potgeter
DC Farms
DC Storage Inc.
Dean Transportation
Deb Golding
DeRoo Roofing
DeWinters Inc.
DeYoung Cleaning
DHE Plumbing & Mechanical LLC
DJ Sew Unique
Dogwood Farms
Dorr Plumbing
Doug Ulberg Builder
ELS Landscaping
Family Fare - Hudsonville
Farm Bureau Insurance
Farmers Co-op
Fillmore Equipment
Friesian Connection
G Holmes
Gary Dykstra
GB Seed & Service
Georgetown Foundation
Grand Equipment
Grand Rapids Building
Green Stone Farm Credit
Green Valley Agricultural
Greg Steigenga
Harold Walters Nursery
Havit Supply
Hudsonville Dental
Associates
Hudsonville Trailer Co.
Hurst Mechanical
Ike Koetje
J & B Stump Grinding
J & B Utility Billing
J & H Oil Company
J & R Trucking
Jamestown Clinic
Jamestown Hoof
Janus Fuel Solutions
Jennifer Pikeart
Jerry Poortenga AMS Oil
Jill Oosterman
Jim Aukeman
Jim Smallegan Farms
Jim’s Greenhouse
Jipping Farms
Joe Sawicki
Joel Nyenhuis
Kamps Brothers Excavating
Karl Price Ceramic Tile
KDY Inc.
Ken & Bev Boeve
Kenneth Evin
Kerksa Septic Tank Cleaning
KN Remodeling
Koetje Investors
Kuperus Truck Inc.
Kuyers Dairy Farm
Lamar Construction
Lawrence Schwallier
Lee Norman
Lee’s Trenching Service
Lemmer Waterproofing
Lighthouse Insurance
Marvin Zwagerman
MI Pallet/Paul Kamps
Mike Tiggelma
Mobil Pallet
Moline Co-Op
Morren Bros. Agri Service
MyPac Inc.
No Fee Salvage
Orbitbid.com
Overweg Trucking LLC
Paul’s Roofing
Petes Auto Parts
Prime Cote Inc.
Pro Line Concrete
R & S Buffing & Polishing
Randal G. Meyer Excavating
Reefer Services
ReMax-Grand Valley
Repocast
Request Foods
Rich Phillips
Richard Nyenhuis
Richard Steigenga
Rick Sietsema
Rick VanNoord
Riverbend Body Shop
Robert Miller
Robert VanVolkenburg
Ross Slagh
Sawicki Meadows Farms
Sawyer Engineering
Ship Pac
Smallegan Club Lambs
Snap On Tools
Standing Rock Farm
Star Point Nursery
State Farm Insurance
Steve VerKaik
Sunrise Acres
Superior Sales, Inc.
Tanis Trucking
The Meat Market
Three Oaks Mulch
Tim Bourma Builder LLC
Tim Zandbergen
Timothy J. Houskamp
Tom Koopman
Tom Regan
Town Corners Roofing
Travis Kamps
Tytos Interiors
V & K Masonry
Victory Farms
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Wes Bolt
West Michigan Offroad
Williams Plumbing
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Zeeland Farm Services

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Hudsonville Fair - Market Livestock Auction
Thursday August 25, 2011 4:00 P.M.
Fairgrounds Hudsonville, Michigan

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AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY INSTITUTION
Q: WHAT IS THE 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION?
A: The 4-H livestock auction is the culmination of a long project year for many 4-H members. At the auction, they have the opportunity to sell their animals and learn first hand how the marketing process works. It is an educational process that begins with the selection of an animal many months before and continues until the animal is shipped to a slaughter house for you at the end of the fair.

Q: WHY SHOULD I PURCHASE AN ANIMAL FROM THE 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION?
A: You will receive personal satisfaction through:
1. Helping to promote 4-H youth "Learn by Doing" programs.
2. Obtaining high quality meat for your freezer or locker.
3. Free advertising you will receive as a buyer, both in various newspapers and the 4-H show book.

Q: WHAT TYPES OF ANIMALS WILL BE SOLD?
A: Steers, sheep and swine. There is also a gallon of milk for sale which benefits the Ottawa County 4-H dairy program.

Q: AS A POTENTIAL BUYER, SHOULD I PLAN TO ARRIVE EARLY?
A: It's a good idea to arrive early enough to view the sale animals and/or talk to the 4-H members/owners. (Livestock auction booklets will be available at the clerk's table.) A sign-up table will be in the barn so that you can obtain a buyer's number.

Q: CAN MORE THAN ONE PERSON PURCHASE THE SAME ANIMAL?
A: Yes, but make sure you provide all names, addresses and phone numbers to the clerk.

Q: HOW DO I BID?
A: When an animal you'd like to purchase is in the ring and at a price you desire, signal the auctioneer by holding up your number.

Q: SO, I'VE BOUGHT AN ANIMAL....NOW WHAT?
A: You will be asked to sign a bill of sale and indicate method of payment. You can either pay at the auction or be billed later.

Q: HOW DO I TRANSPORT THE ANIMAL TO THE PROCESSING PLANT OR LIVESTOCK YARD?
A: Free trucking is provided the Saturday morning after the livestock auction sale.

Q: IF I DECIDE TO HAVE MY ANIMAL PROCESSED, WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?
A: Make sure the clerk is aware of your processing plant choice. Contact the processor Monday morning following the auction sale to inform them of the number and species of the animals you're having processed at their plant, with instructions on types of cuts, thickness, packaging materials, etc. that you desire. Make arrangements to pick up your packaged meat from the processor.

Q: CAN I BUY AN ANIMAL AND NOT KEEP IT?
A: Yes. You have three options:
1. You can market your animal. This means reselling it at a local livestock yard. Trucking and reselling will be handled for you. You will receive a check in the mail from the livestock yard, less a marketing fee.
2. You can donate your animal back to 4-H. If you choose to do this, indicate your decision to the auctioneer or the ring personnel at the time your final bid is taken. You should then check with the clerk to finalize payment.
3. You can donate your animal to a local food pantry.

Q: WHAT IS LIVE WEIGHT VS. HANGING WEIGHT, AND WHAT KIND OF YIELD CAN I EXPECT?
A: Live weight is the weight of the animal before killing it. The hanging weight or carcass weight is the weight of the slaughtered animal as it hangs from the rail. At this stage, the hide and viscera have been removed. The animal is then taken down and cut into saleable meat. The following are examples of average yields:
* A 1,000 lb. steer = 651 lb. carcass = 432 lbs of saleable meat
* A 210 lb. hog = 150 lb. carcass = 120 lbs. saleable pork
* A 120 lb. lamb = 60 lb. carcass = 50 lbs. saleable meat

If you wish to buy, but cannot attend and wish to support 4-H, you can do so by calling the 4-H office (662-3100 ext. 4540) or one of the Hudsonville Livestock Committee members:
- Monte Bartley 896-8761
- Mark Berens 895-6501
- Robert Cook 896-9238
- Darin Emelander 669-5757
- Lorna & Dave Emelander 669-5757
- Dan & Jodi Koetje 554-7413
- Ron Lotterman 748-9805
- Karen Smallegan 896-9360
- Ken Smallegan 896-9360
- Ted Smallegan 688-5573
- Al Sorensen 836-4479
- Chuck & Michelle Steenwyk 896-8662
- Michael Tiggelman 583-0858
- Dawn & Dale VanKley 534-5756
- Marilyn VanOss 688-5359
- Doug Zwagerman 772-2349