

Cost and Yield

The goal for exhibitors is to cover their expenses and to also make a profit to further fund their future projects, education or life expenses. However, their foremost goals and the ones that are of utmost importance are that exhibitors acquire the experience, dedication and responsibility that they learn while raising their livestock projects. Buyers can help the youth exhibitors obtain all of their goals.

Please note that the break-even price for exhibitors has gone up this year.

Exhibitor Investment*:

	Months to raise	Animal Cost	Feed	Insurance	Show/ Grooming Supplies	General Supplies & Services	Total Cost to the Exhibitor
Beef	9	\$1,700	\$2,500	\$130	\$200	\$250	\$4,780
Hog	5	\$375	\$250	\$25	\$100	\$100	\$850
Lamb	5	\$375	\$250	\$25	\$100	\$100	\$850
Goat	5	\$350	\$250	\$25	\$100	\$100	\$825
Turkey	3	\$15	\$60		\$15	\$60	\$180
Broiler	3	\$20	\$60		\$15	\$60	\$155
Rabbit	3	\$75	\$90			\$50	\$215

Buyer Investment*:

	Example Size	Yield (Packaged meat)	Example Auction Bid	Processing Cost (includes cut & wrap)	Approximate Total Cost to You	Approximate Cost Per Pound (Packaged meat)
Beef	1,250-pound	453.1-523.4 pounds	\$4,780 total	\$1,176.56	\$5,956.56	\$12.20
Hog	245-pound	108-135 pounds	\$850 total	\$320.09	\$1,170.09	\$9.63
Lamb	130-pound	29.25-39 pounds	\$850 total	\$185	\$1,032.75	\$30.26
Goat	80-pound	24.7-29.64 pounds	\$825 total	\$144	\$969	\$48.05
Turkey	19-pound	15.2-16.91 pounds	\$180 total	\$45	\$225	\$14.01
Broiler	12-pound	8.16-9 pounds	\$155 total	\$60	\$215	\$25.06
Rabbit	12-pound	6.6-7.2 pounds	\$215 total	\$60	\$275	\$39.86

**Weights and prices are estimates. Results will depend on current pricing, animal weight and actual yield of meat from individual animal.*

The Bottom Line:

	Beef	Hog	Lamb	Goat	Turkey	Broiler	Rabbit
Break-Even Price	\$4,780	\$850	\$850	\$825	\$180	\$155	\$215
Average Weight (lbs)	1,250	245	130	80	N/A	N/A	N/A
Buyer's Total <i>(includes processing fees)</i>	\$5,957	\$1,170	\$1,033	\$969	\$225	\$225	\$275
Packaged Meat (lbs)	488.28	121.55	34.1	20.16	16.1	8.58	6.9
Price for packaged meat (per lb)	\$12.20	\$9.93	\$30.26	\$48.05	\$14.01	\$25.06	\$39.86

**Prices and weights are estimations and individuals may have various results.*

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