

Purchasing a Special Fed Market Veal

What to Know as a Buyer

At the time of the sale, a special fed market veal will weigh between 150 and 450 pounds with an average weight of 409 pounds.

Special fed market veal sell for between \$2.50 and \$4.00 a pound with an average price of \$3.30 per pound.

Processing fees (butchering, cutting, and wrapping) vary based on the butcher. The estimated processing total is \$480. For a precise amount, contact one of the suggested butchers.

After butchering and processing, special fed market veal yield about 40% (+/- 10%) meat. If the average special fed market veal weighs 409 pounds, the yield will be about 158 pounds of meat.

158 pounds of meat will need about 3 to 4 cubic feet of freezer space.

Below is a summary of what to expect when buying a special fed market veal at the Ramona Junior Fair. (Please note, this information is an estimate and actual numbers may vary.)

A 409 pound special fed market veal calf is purchased at the price of \$3.30 per pound for a total of \$1350. After the butcher's processing fee of \$479, the total is \$1828. By dividing \$1828 by the weight of the meat taken home (158 pounds) the price of \$11.56 is paid per pound for this high-quality, hand-raised meat. In the process, you have helped a young person complete their project, reach a hard-earned goal, and possibly make a profit to help fund future projects. Also, because you are buying through the Ramona Junior Fair (a 501 c3 non-profit), you can consult with your tax preparer and possibly receive a tax write-off for any amount that you paid that is over the current market price. It's a win-win situation for both parties!

What Does an Exhibitor Put in to Raising a Special Fed Market Veal?

The animal receives 4 months of hand feeding, exercise, and care.

One special fed market veal is purchased for \$350 to \$400.

The cost of feed to finish a special fed market veal (Milk & Grain) is \$600 to \$800.

The total estimated investment into raising the special fed market veal calf is \$950 to \$1200.

With a conservative average financial investment of \$1075 into a special fed market veal at an average weight of 409 pounds, the average breakeven point for the kids, when selling through the auction, is \$2.62 per pound.