

## Washington County Ag Expo & Fair

### **General Rules and Regulations Applicable to All Exhibitors and Exhibits**

- 1) The Washington County Agricultural Organizations reserves the right to interpret all rules and regulations and resolve any situation which may arise and is not restricted by the lack of a specific rule or regulation.
- 2) All reasonable precautions will be taken for the safety of people, but the Washington County Agricultural Organization shall not be responsible for injury to any person.
- 3) All reasonable precautions will be taken for the protection of exhibitors and exhibits, but the Washington County Agricultural Organization shall not be responsible for any loss or damage.
- 4) No individuals, groups, or organizations shall sell game of chance, 50/50 or raffle tickets on the grounds of the Ag Center during the week of the Washington County Ag Expo & Fair. Only Ag Expo & Fair Raffles are permitted on the grounds.
- 5) Participants must comply with the rules and regulations listed for each department, section, and class.
- 6) Appeals from a decision of a judge must be submitted in writing to the president of the organization before noon of the day following the making of the decision. The reason which prompted the appeal must be clearly stated and supported by facts. Each appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of \$25.00 which will not be returned unless the appeal is sustained.
- 7) The Washington County Agricultural Organization reserves the right to cancel any event without prior notice and without incurring any liability.
- 8) Any family member of an exhibitor or persons associated with the exhibitor found guilty of criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management, or other exhibitors and other conduct detrimental to the operation of the Washington County Ag Expo & Fair, and not limited to unsportsmanlike conduct, shall cause the exhibitor to be disqualified from further participation at the fair. In order to exhibit the following year, the exhibitor must file a written appeal to the Washington County Agricultural Organization Board of Directors within 24 hours of the incident. The exhibitor will be notified of the results of the appeal within 60 days.
- 9) The rules and regulations for premiums and premium schedule are published in each department and are subject to change by the **Washington County Ag Expo & Fair Board if warranted by financial conditions.**
  - a) All premiums will be paid in the form of a check by the WCAO to the exhibitor.
  - b) Premium checks not cashed within 60 days of the date issued will be void.
  - c) Any discrepancies with premiums must be brought to the attention of the Treasurer within 2 weeks from the date of check issuance.
  - d) Any exhibitor who removes their exhibit(s) from the fairgrounds prior to designated release time will forfeit all premiums.
- 10) All exhibitors must pre-register their exhibits. See the separate section titled **Exhibitor Registration and Exhibit Submission** under Required Information to Register Exhibits.
- 11) There will be no entries added after the closing date for the receipt of registrations and exhibit submissions unless approved by the Washington County Agricultural Organization. See the section titled **Washington County Ag Expo & Fair Schedule.**
- 12) Exhibitors are responsible for registering their animals or articles in the correct Department, Section and Class. Failure to correctly register any animal or article may result in disqualification from judging. Any exhibitor who has any questions as to the proper Department, Section and/or Class should contact the respective superintendent. See the appropriate section titled **Open Class Department Superintendents** or **4-H/FFA Department Superintendents.**
- 13) Exhibit space for articles will be assigned by department superintendent at the time the article is presented for exhibition.
- 14) If any exhibitor has made, or caused to be made, a false statement in regard to any animal or article entered, or if any exhibitor shall attempt to interfere with or influence any judge in the awarding of premiums, such exhibitor shall be excluded from competition, and any premium awarded shall be forfeited.
- 15) No animals or articles can be entered in more than one class, or take more than one premium, unless specified in this catalog.
- 16) Show superintendents reserve the right to interpret all rules and regulations and resolve any situation which may arise in their respective department, section and class and they are not restricted by the lack of a specific rule or regulation.
- 17) The rules and regulations for admission and the sale of passes are in the section titled **Admission Policy to the Washington County Agricultural Organization Ag Expo & Fair and the Issuance and Selling of Passes. 4-H/FFA Specific**
- 18) All Exhibitors must comply with the 4-H Dress Code while at the fair; which is, no swim suits, no shirts that expose any part of the midriff, no tank tops with less than 2 finger width straps, no articles of clothing which display profanity or products or slogans that promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs and/or sex, and shorts, skirts, or dresses inappropriate in length (finger tip rule), no open toe shoes while working with animals.

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- 19) Per the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners – it is **required** that veterinarians coming from outside the state of Maryland to treat any species, in particular horses, be licensed **IN** Maryland. **Exclusions include:**
- 1) A veterinarian owner or co owner of the animal to be treated.
  - 2) A veterinarian licensed in another state may consult verbally but not examine, diagnose, or treat an animal in Maryland. Treatment is defined as diagnose, advise, prescribe: administer a drug, medicine, biological product, or appliance for the prevention, cure, or relief of a wound, fracture, bodily injury or disease of an animal.

### 4-H/FFA Specific

- 1) 4-H/FFA exhibitors must be currently enrolled in a 4-H club or FFA chapter in Washington County as of May 1<sup>st</sup> of current Fair year.
- 2) 4-H/FFA exhibitors may not have passed their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by January 1 of the current Fair year.
- 3) All 4-H/FFA exhibitors must register via the Washington County Agricultural Organization on-line internet system. See the section titled **Exhibitor Registration and Exhibit Submission**.
- 4) 4-H/FFA exhibitors may exhibit only in project areas in which they are enrolled, and only current year project work is acceptable.
- 5) If you do not carry the project as a 4-H/FFA registered project, you cannot enter it in 4-H/FFA. It must be entered in the Open Class area
- 6) Overnight Policy for Ag Expo & Fair
  - a) 4-H/FFA department superintendents and/or their designee will determine the number of adults and youth staying in their respective area each night.
  - b) 4-H/FFA youth will stay with an adult (21 years old and older): parents must sign and have on file with their respective superintendent a permission form before 10:00 PM the first night of the fair indicating a responsible adult chaperone for their children during the duration of the fair.
  - c) Adult chaperones must be UME trained volunteers and may sign for a maximum of 4 youths.
  - d) 4-H/FFA members must remain in the same area as their adult chaperone.
  - e) Only 4-H/FFA youths with resident animals may stay overnight.
  - f) Each 4-H/FFA department superintendent will keep a daily roster on individuals in a specific area. The roster will be completed by 10:00 PM each evening.
  - g) Failure to comply with this policy will result in expulsion from the fair.
- 7) 4-H/FFA Oversight Committee – The 4-H/FFA Oversight Committee has the overall responsibility and authority to rule on any and all violations of rules and regulations relative to 4-H/FFA events and activities at the Washington County Ag Expo & Fair. Superintendents have the responsibility to deal with violations as they occur; the Oversight Committee serves in an appeal role for decisions made by a superintendent. The Oversight Committee will consist of the following:
  - a) One 4-H educator
  - b) One FFA advisor.
  - c) Two members representing the superintendent of the various youth departments.
  - d) One member from the 4-H advisory committee.
  - e) The 4-H educator/FFA advisor will alternate yearly as chairperson of the Oversight Committee. The process will be as follows:
    - i) A written complaint signed by a witness(s) to the violation must be submitted within 24 hours after a violation to the Oversight Committee. Written and signed complaints should be sealed in an envelope addressed to the Oversight Committee and submitted to the University of Maryland Extension Office, Washington County at 7303 Sharpsburg Pike, Boonsboro, MD 21713.
    - ii) The written complaint will be read and reviewed by the Oversight Committee.
    - iii) The Oversight Committee will review the rules and regulations pertaining to the incident and/or 4-H/FFA behavior expectations.
    - iv) The witness(s) who reported the violation will meet with the Oversight Committee to discuss the incident.
    - v) The person being charged with the violation will meet with the Oversight Committee to discuss the incident.
    - vi) A ruling will be made by the Oversight Committee which will be the final determination of consequences.
    - vii) The Oversight Committee reserves the right to withhold premium payments for entries involved in a violation of printed Washington County Ag Expo & Fair rules and regulations and/or 4-H/FFA behavior expectations.
- 8) Home Arts – 4-H/FFA specific rules and regulations
  - a) All exhibits must be grown and/or the work of the exhibitor.
  - b) Only one entry per exhibitor per class.
  - c) Exhibits not meeting quantity and/or specifications of the Department, Section and/or Class will be disqualified.

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- d) Exhibit placing is at the judge's discretion.
  - e) Judges decisions are final.
  - f) Some classes may have age limits and will be noted as such.
  - \* g) A champion ribbon will be awarded to the best exhibit in each section.
  - \* h) A grand champion ribbon (selected from the section champions) will be awarded to the best in each department.
  - i) Judges will NOT open jars of canned foods when judging.
  - j) Judging criteria – as applicable to the specific exhibit – all food descriptions.
    - i. Uniformity – shape, size, color.
    - ii. Quality – at the best edible stage
    - iii. Condition – free from defects, blemishes caused by disease, insects, bruises, sunscald or spray burn, etc.
    - iv) Trueness – as to variety and/or species
    - v) Flavor
    - vi) Presentation
    - vii) Texture and consistency
  - k. Exhibits unclaimed after release time will become the property of the Washington County Agricultural Organization and will be discarded or donated as appropriate.
  - l. All exhibits must have been created since August 1 of the prior year.
  - m. Exhibits from previous years will not be accepted.
- 9) 4-H/FFA Animal Exhibits
- a) All 4-H/FFA members must comply with the general and market sale rules and regulations.
  - b) All animals must be registered in the name of the 4-H/FFA exhibitor by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. A dairy or beef breeding animal must be owned exclusively and individually by the 4-H/FFA exhibitor before the animal becomes 2 years of age to be eligible for exhibition in the 4-H/FFA classes.
  - c) Exhibitors are not permitted to exhibit more than 1 entry in any 1 class, except in Market Steer, Market Swine, Market Lambs, Rabbits, Poultry, Dairy Steer, Market and Breeding Goats.
  - d) All livestock exhibits must be on the fairgrounds by 8:30 am the opening day of the fair. All livestock exhibits are expected to stay all week. Dairy cows entered in the dairy show are expected to stay all week.
  - e) Any exhibitor competing for a special showmanship award must be able to certify that he/she cared for the animal from June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and also during the week of the fair, and the animals must be exhibited in a 4-H/FFA class during the current year fair.
  - f) All 4-H/FFA livestock are subject to the same health regulations as the open class exhibits and are subject to inspection for general health upon presentation for admission to all shows. Animals showing symptoms of any contagious or infectious disease, including ringworm, warts, and pinkeye, will be excluded and removed from the fair grounds. In cases where a veterinarian is treating the above cases, the owners should obtain a statement and include that with the health papers. For complete information consult your 4-H educator or FFA Advisor.
  - g) There is no entry fee for showing in any 4-H/FFA classes. Regular entry fees and rules and regulations for showing club animals in open classes apply.
  - h) Adult leaders will be on the fairgrounds at the 4-H/FFA area.
  - i) All personal items must be packed neatly away by 8:00 AM each day.
  - j) All pen assignments are permanent and cannot be changed arbitrarily by the 4-H/FFA member.
  - k) All radios, iPods, tape recorders, etc., must be turned off by midnight and shall not be played excessively loud at other times.
  - l) Stall and pen areas must be cleaned daily.
  - m) Stall and pen areas must be cleaned and manure removed before animals are released.
  - n) Stall and pen areas of sale animals leaving prior to the end of the fair must be cleaned and manure removed. Failure to do so will result in a \$50.00 clean up fee. Clean up should be finished by 10:00 a.m. the following day.
  - o) Animals must be dry when weighted.
  - p) 4-H/FFA Herdsman Award – A trophy will be awarded to a 4-H/FFA exhibitor for dairy, beef, dairy goat, sheep, dairy steer, rabbit, and swine based on the following criteria:
    - i. Sportsmanship in winning or losing.
    - ii. Showing project in most advantageous manner.

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- iii. Displaying project animal or animals in an attractive, neat, and clean manner.
  - iv. General courtesy to show officials, leaders, and judges.
  - v. Helpfulness to other 4-H/FFA members, particularly those exhibiting for the first time.
  - vi. In general, exemplifying those personal qualities befitting a 4-H/FFA member.
- q) 4-H/FFA Livestock Show Attire
- i. The prescribed show attire and dress code is required for all showmanship of livestock.
  - ii. No farm names or other identification shall appear on show uniforms.
  - iii. Adhere to 4-H dress code for summer activities.
    - (1) Closed toed shoes while working with animals(no flip flops or sandals).
    - (2) Skorts, skirts, and dresses must be fingertip length.
    - (3) No tank tops with less than 2 finger width straps
    - (4) No swim suits
    - (5) No shirts that expose any part of the midriff
    - (6) No articles of clothing which display profanity or products or slogans That promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs and/or sex..
  - iv. Exhibitors will not be able to show if dress code is violated.
  - v. Show attire must be worn with champion/reserve champion publicity pictures.
  - vi. Dairy & Dairy Goats
    - (1) 4-H Boys – white slacks with white collared shirt. Neck pieces are encouraged. Caps shall not be worn in the show ring.
    - (2) 4-H Girls – white slacks, skorts or skirts with white collared shirt. Neck pieces are encouraged. Caps shall not be worn in the show ring.
    - (3) FFA Boys – white slacks with white collared shirt. Neck pieces are encouraged. Caps shall not be worn in the show ring.
    - (4) FFA Girls – white slacks or skirts with white collared shirt. Neck pieces are encouraged. Caps shall not be worn in the show ring.
  - vii. Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Steers, Meat Goats, Rabbits, Cavies, Poultry, Dogs, Cats and Apalcas.
    - (1) 4-H Boys – green or tan slacks, white collared shirt with green or black tie.
    - (2) 4-H Girls – green or tan slacks, skorts or skirts, white collared shirt with green or black neck piece.
    - (3) FFA Boys – tan or black slacks, white collared shirt with blue or black tie.
    - (4) FFA Girls – tan or black slacks or skirts, white collared shirt with blue or black neck piece.
  - viii. Horse & Pony
    - (1) Boys and Girls – appropriate riding clothes for the division of 4-H showmanship uniform outlined in 4-H Horse and Pony Department
- r). All livestock must be kept in their designated areas.
- s) In all classes, 4-H/FFA members must show their own animals.
- t) Replacement of an exhibitor can only happen if:
- i) The owner is simultaneously participating in another 4-H/FFA event or activity that is approved by the 4-H/FFA Oversight Committee.
  - ii) The exhibitor was previously injured and is prevented from handling the animal however; the owner must be present at ring side or in the ring and must have a doctor's note.
  - iii) If the exhibitor becomes ill or injured at the event and can not continue in the class, a replacement exhibitor must be the same age or younger than the owner.
- u) Showmanship – Participants will be judged strictly on their showmanship in the ring. Showmanship animals will not be fitted and are to be washed, clipped and blown out prior to entry into the ring. No fitting products such as show foam, adhesive, show glo, etc. may be used. The judge may ask questions of the exhibitors during the class. Proper showmanship attire is required. Judging criteria will be: Performance in the show ring 60%, Knowledge 30% and personal appearance 10%.
- v) 4-H Maryland Code of Animal Science Ethics
- i) Exhibitors of animals (beef, dairy, goat, horse, poultry, rabbit, sheep, camelids, dog, swine, and small pets), at all animal science activities and events shall at

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all times conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to all 4-H'ers who participate in structured classes of competition and animal science activities and events in 4-H. This code applies to all animals offered in any animal science activity, event, or show.

- ii) All youth leaders (including parents and UME volunteers) working with 4-H exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners who violate the code of animal science ethics will forfeit premiums, awards, and auction proceeds and may be prohibited from future participation. 4-H exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all animal exhibitors.
- iii) Infractions will be reviewed by a 4-H Oversight Committee, on the local or state level, as appropriate to the event in question and may be subject to a fair oversight committee. In addition, some acts may be subject to review by the State 4-H Office based upon the 4-H Behavioral Expectations (4-H 418) and/or UME policies.
- iv) The following list of standards for all exhibitors and all animals in competitive events and activities:
  - (1) All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock officials, proof of ownership, identity of animal, length of ownership, and age of all animals owned. Misrepresentation of ownership, identity of animal, age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
  - (2) Owners shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or animal officials.
  - (3) Exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or animal science activities and events.
  - (4) Animals shall be presented to activities and events, where they will enter the food chain, free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in an animal show, activity, or event is giving the consent by the owner for event management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, hair, tissue, or other substance from the animal to be used in testing. Specimens may also be utilized to determine the identity of the animal. Animals entered shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Animals shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.
    - a. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, hair, tissue, or other sample, taken from livestock, indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved, and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner to prove otherwise at any review in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock event or 4-H. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or animal science event premises, a licensed veterinarian shall administer all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications.
  - (5) Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counter irritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external

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applications of substance to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animals, is prohibited.

- (6) Using ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses, internally or externally, other than those prescribed to relieve heat stress or a medical condition as diagnosed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
- (7) It is recommended that swine have a minimum of one-half inch of hair at market weight.

### Open Class Specifics

#### 1) Home Arts – Open Class specific rules and regulations

- a) All exhibits must be grown and/or the work of the exhibitor.
- b) Only one entry per exhibitor per class
- c) Exhibits not meeting quantity and/or specifications of the Department, Section and/or Class will be disqualified.
- d) Exhibit placing is at the judge's discretion.
- e) Judges decisions are final.
- f) Some classes may have age limits and will be noted as such.
- g) A champion ribbon will be awarded to the best exhibit in each section.
- h) A grand champion ribbon (selected from the section champions) will be awarded to the best in each department.
- i) Judging criteria – as applicable to the specific exhibit
  - i. Uniformity - shape, size, color.
  - ii. Quality – at the best edible stage
  - iii. Condition – free from defects, blemishes caused by disease, insects, bruises, sunscald or spray burn, etc.
  - iv. Trueness – as to variety and/or species
  - v. Flavor
  - vi. Presentation
  - vii. Texture and consistency
- j) Exhibits unclaimed after release time will become the property of the Washington County Agricultural Organization and will be discarded or donated as appropriate.
- k) All exhibits must have been created since the prior year's fair.
- l) Exhibits from previous years will not be accepted.

2) Every open class purebred animal must be owned and registered in the name of the exhibitor by the appropriate breed association at least 30 days before the opening day of the fair.

3) Original livestock registration papers must be presented if requested by the superintendent.

4) An entry fee for each Open Class animal must be remitted to: Ag Expo, P.O. Box 681, Sharpsburg, MD 21782-0681 on or before show date. Failure to receive the entry fee will void the registration.

The Open Class entry fees are as follows:

a) Dairy Cattle	\$10.00
b) Beef Cattle	\$10.00
c) Sheep	\$ 5.00
d) Goats	\$ 5.00
e) Swine	\$ 5.00
f) Cats	\$ 3.00
g) Rabbits	\$ 2.00 Per Exhibitor

5) Prior to show, livestock exhibitors must provide a copy of their approved Maryland Show/Inter-state papers.

6) No animal which has not been pre-registered for exhibition may be brought onto the fair grounds.

7) All animals must be unloaded and loaded in designated areas.

8) Pen space may be available and assigned by the department superintendent at the time the animal arrives at the fair grounds.

9) Exhibitors are responsible for the care, feeding and watering of their animals while on the fair grounds. Premiums will not be paid to exhibitors who fail to keep the animals and pen area clean and attractive at all times.

10) All animals must be kept under control at all times. Should an animal become unmanageable it will be removed from competition and all entry fees shall be forfeited.

11) All open class animals must be on grounds by 8:00 AM the day of their show.

12) No animals may be moved between the hours of 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM.

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- 13) All animals must be bona-fide property of the exhibitor and will be exhibited exactly as ownership is registered with the breed association. All registration papers must be in order and all registrations and transfers properly executed by the breed organizations. No signed transfers accepted. No photocopy, fax, or e-mail of registrations – originals only.
- 14) **NO AGE LIMIT FOR OPEN CLASS**

### **Health Regulations for Livestock and Food Exhibited In Maryland**

It should be noted that the rules cited here are subject to change by the Maryland Department of Agriculture and/or Washington County Health Department.

### **4-H Market Animal Sale Policy, Rules and Procedures**

- 1) The Market Sale Committee reserves the right to refuse sale of any animal due to violation of any Rules identified in the Market Animal Sale Procedures book.
- 2) All Champion and Reserve Champion animals **must** be sold.
- 3) The Champion and Reserve Champions will sell first: all other animals will sell by lottery system.
- 4) Deductions will be 5%; 3% will be used to off set expenses associated with tagging and the sale, and 2% will be designated by the Market Sale Committee.
- 5) All 4-H/FFA members are encouraged to have picture(s) taken and present them to the buyer(s). Picture expenses will be provided by the Market Sale Committee and paid from the Market Sale account.
- 6) There will be no individual species animal promotion during the sale.
- 7) Checks will not be distributed to 4-H/FFA members until all payments have been received from the buyers or until sufficient funds have been received to pay all members.
- 8) All members must submit thank you note(s) to the 4-H office with the buyer's address on a stamped envelope by August 15, 2016. **There will be no exceptions.** Failure to comply with this rule will result in the 4-H/FFA member being ineligible to sell market animals in the following year's Ag Expo and being ineligible for the Market Animal Committee scholarship.
- 9) All re-sale animals must be donated for a specific 4-H/FFA club, 4-H/FFA activity or the exhibitor of that specific animal. Any donated animals will not be resold during the Washington County Youth Market Sale.
- 10) Full-time post-secondary (college) students are granted the same privileges relative to market sale.
- 11) Animals must be shown in Market Sale weight range and in their respective species show during Ag Expo in order to be eligible for sale. Show classes created out of the Market Sale weights will not sell. Weight for shows will be the weight for the sale.
- 12) All Light and Heavy market animals will have a chance to re-weigh at the end of their species. Once the next species has started to weigh there will be no re-weighs.
- 13) All animals sold at the Washington County Market Animal Sale must meet and pass all requirements upon carcass inspection by the USDA Meat Inspector. For any 4-H/FFA Washington County market animals not meeting or passing all requirements as stipulated by the USDA Meat Inspections Division, the seller will refund in total the amount paid by the buyer for the animal(s) and any transportation and slaughter fees. This ruling applies only to animals hauled directly to the slaughter facility.
- 14) The Market Sale Committee will only be responsible for transporting animals sold in the sale.
- 15) The Market Animal Project is an educational component of the 4-H/FFA program where members learn methods of modern animal husbandry and the principles of marketing. In order to accomplish the educational goals and objectives of the market project, 4-H/FFA members **must** be actively engaged in the daily care of their market project animal(s). All members not involved in the constant care of their project animal will be ineligible to show as determined by the 4-H Extension Educator and FFA Advisor in consultation with the 4-H project leader and/or 4-H Ag Expo department superintendent.
- 16) **Exhibitor of the animal will be responsible for the daily care and welfare of the animal from the time of sale until the animal leaves the fairgrounds.**
- 17) **Market animals that go through the sale must not be shown or sold in any other 4-H fair.**

**All policies, rules, and procedures relative to the Market Animal Sale shall be governed by**

## 2016 HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR ANIMALS EXHIBITED IN MARYLAND

The Maryland Department of Agriculture's (MDA), Animal Health Section strives in Safeguarding Maryland's animal industries at our Fairs and Shows. With an increased potential of disease transmission occurring when large numbers of animals gather for exhibition, MDA has set forth requirements for exhibitors to follow at Maryland Fairs and Shows. As an exhibitor you can help reduce the potential risk of introduction and spread of infectious and/or contagious diseases by following the species specific health requirements as specified below.

### **NEW FOR the 2014 SEASON – Federal and State Animal Identification requirements:**

*All animals except rabbits must have “Official Identification” to enter exhibitions. In most case this means the animal will have to be identified using an official USDA or MD tag that is associated with a registered premise. Official Identification criteria are provided in the attached document. New Requirements this year affecting swine, cattle, sheep and goats are as described below.*

1. **Cattle:** Brands or tattoos will not be acceptable as official identification in Maryland exhibitions for cattle. Animals must have a tag with official identification.
2. **Swine:** Recognized breed ear notches or tattoos will not be acceptable as official identification in Maryland exhibitions. Swine must have tags bearing official identification.
3. **Sheep and Goats:** All sheep and goats must be officially scrapie-identified. Official identification For sheep and goats include the following:
  - a. USDA-approved Scrapie ear tags:
  - b. Legible breed registration tattoos, for which the registration paper shall accompany the animal, or
  - c. Legible tattoos consisting of an individual animal number unique within the flock in one ear and the official scrapie premise identification number (flock ID) in the other ear, except that the tail web or flank may be used for earless animals or animals with damaged ears.
  - d. A microchip ID with official scrapie identification is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.
4. **CVIs must be submitted by veterinarians to the Maryland Department of Agriculture within 5 working days of inspection.**

**Official identification tags may be requested from the Maryland Department of Agriculture by calling 410-841-5810 or emailing [animal.disease.traceability@maryland.gov](mailto:animal.disease.traceability@maryland.gov).** To receive official sheep and goat Scrapie ear tags or devices for interstate movement: **Call 1-866-USDA-TAG (866-873-2824)** to be connected to your local Veterinary Services Area Office and request that a premises identification number and Flock ID be assigned to your flock.



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Maryland Animal Health Fair and Show Requirements can also be found at:  
<http://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/Fairs-/Shows.aspx>

### Continued Policies From 2013

- Avian Influenza Testing is NOT required for Maryland Poultry for exhibition in Maryland.
- “Avian Influenza testing is still required for Out of state poultry coming to Maryland exhibitions.
- There is no requirements for review, approval and stamping of the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) prior to the animals going to the fair, show or exhibition.
- Veterinarians completing Certificates of Veterinary Inspection must fill out these forms completely, accurately, and legibly and include official identification information on the CVIs. Repeated failure to comply with requirements for CVI completion are grounds for loss of Accreditation. Only the examining veterinarian may sign CVIs. CVIs must be submitted to the Maryland Department of Agriculture within 5 working days of inspection.
- Falsification or altering of information on Certificates of Veterinary Inspection is illegal and subject to fines up to \$10,000 (Agriculture Title 3 & 3-118).

### Requirements for Sponsors of a Livestock/Poultry Exhibition (COMAR 15.11.14.05)

1. Notification: Notification shall be made to the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), Animal Health Section Headquarters, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401, of intent to sponsor an event that includes the exhibition of animals at least 60 days before the proposed event.
2. Reporting: Sponsors must report to the Department any animals from the exhibition suspected of having or showing obvious, apparent, or known signs of a contagious or infectious disease and/or deaths; and exclude from the exhibition premises any animal having obvious, apparent, or known signs of a contagious or infectious disease. A summary of all disease events shall be provided to MDA upon request, in the form of an “After Action Report”.
3. Exhibit sponsors must maintain a report of the owner, number and species of all animals attending the exhibition and provide this report upon request by MDA.
4. Exemptions: Exemptions of this regulation may be granted. (Refer to COMAR 15.11.14.05)

### General Requirements (COMAR 15.11.14.04-06)

1. **Exhibitor Requirements:** Exhibitors at state, county, and district fairs, along with other livestock exhibitions, expositions, and shows are required to comply with regulatory provisions of the State of Maryland relating to animal health as noted in COMAR 15.11.14.04-06. These requirements are summarized below.
2. **Requirements Apply to All Livestock:** Livestock – means those species of animals used for human food or fiber or those species of animals used for service to humans. This includes but not limited to cattle, sheep, new world camelids (llamas, alpacas, vicunas, and guanacos), goats, bison, privately owned cervids, ratites (cassowaries, kiwis, ostriches, and emus), swine, equine, poultry, aquaculture, and rabbits. Livestock does not include dogs and cats.
3. **Documentation:** Documentation is required for entry of all livestock and is described below. Examples of forms can be obtained by clicking on links. For out of state animals, see species specific out of state requirements

**Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** – a legible record, made on an official form of the state of origin, issued by an accredited veterinarian, issued for animals being imported to or exported from this state within 30 days before the importation or exportation of the animals it describes which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of destination.

**Intrastate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** – a legible record, made on an official form of the state of origin, issued by the accredited veterinarian, issued for animals being shown within the state and not crossing a state line, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of that state. In Maryland, good for entire show season (Jan 1 – Dec 31).

**Self Certification** - a document signed by the owner/caretaker/transporter stating that the animals presented for exhibition are not showing any signs of, or having recent exposure to (within 21 days) infectious or contagious diseases. See species specific requirement for copies of species specific Self Certification Forms.

**Test Report Forms** - Testing is required for some species. Examples are shown

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below:

Avian Influenza Testing Report  
Pullorum-Typhoid Testing Report  
Coggins Test Report (Equine Infectious Anemia)

**Maryland Poultry Premises Identification** - All premises with poultry are required to be registered in Maryland.

4. Livestock with clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases or external parasites, such as but not limited to: active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair, sore mouth, caseous lymphadenitis, mange or multiple warts easily visible without close examination, are not permitted entry or allowed to remain at the exhibition.
5. Upon request, a person who exhibits livestock shall present for inspection all reports, test charts, and appropriate health certificates required to accompany the livestock.
6. All Maryland entries must be accompanied by an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for show, **except** Equine, Poultry and Rabbits. The Intrastate CVI is valid for the entire show season (Jan 1 – Dec 31), providing that the status of the herd or animal(s) does not change.
7. The Interstate CVI must be filled out, completed and signed by an accredited veterinarian using the proper CVI form. The veterinarian is required to send the original top (white) copy to MDA Headquarters, the middle (yellow) transport copy is to be retained by the owner of the livestock and the last (pink) copy is for the veterinarian's records.
8. All out-of-state entries must be accompanied by an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. An APPROVED copy of the certificate must be forwarded by the State of Origin to the Animal Health Section. The Interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of inspection.
9. Each animal must be properly identified on the Interstate of Interstate CVI.
10. Self-Certification forms must be filled out within 24 hours prior to loading and presented upon request to the designated representative.

## SPECIES SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general requirements above, specific requirements by species are below:

### CATTLE:

All cattle General Requirements:

**Identification:** Individual identification of each animal shall be a legible tattoo, official metal ear tag or registration number.

### Maryland Cattle

**Brucellosis:** Maryland is an Bovine Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland cattle.

**Tuberculosis:** Maryland is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland cattle.

**Immunization:** Bovine Respiratory Complex is required on all Maryland cattle to include Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Bovine Viral Diarrhea, Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis and Para-influenza. Leptospirosis is recommended.

### Out of State Cattle

#### **Brucellosis:**

1. Bovine Brucellosis Class Free State, Region or Zone.
  - a. No brucellosis test required.
2. Non-Bovine Brucellosis Class Free State, Region or Zone
  - a. Be official vaccinates under 24 months old with vaccination dates recorded on the Interstate CVI or
  - b. Be tested negative within 30 days before entry.

#### **Tuberculosis:**

1. Accredited Tuberculosis Free States, Region or Zone.
  - a. No tuberculin test required.
2. Modified Accredited Advanced or lower Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)

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- a. All cattle over 6 months of age shall comply with the following:
  1. Cattle must originate from a herd where a complete herd test was conducted within the past 12 months: progeny from such herds born since that test may be imported without a tuberculin test, or
  2. Any individual animal, over 6 months, entering Maryland must have a negative tuberculin test within 60 days before import.
- b. Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate.

### Swine :

**\*\*\*\*\*ATTENTION SWINE EXHIBITORS\*\*\*\*\***

**For reasons of swine herd health, the Washington County Ag Expo & Fair Board has made the decision to temporarily suspend breeding swine classes for the 2016 Fair. The decision was made to limit the risk for spread of Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus (PEDV).**

### Maryland Swine

#### **Identification:**

1. Swine shall be identified by an official ear tag, tattoo or recognized breed ear notch.
2. Ear notch identification is acceptable for barrows, crossbred gilts and breeding swine.

**Brucellosis:** Maryland is a Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland swine.

**Tuberculosis:** Maryland is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland swine.

**Immunization:** Leptospirosis is recommended.

### Out-of-State Swine

#### **Identification:**

1. Individually identified by an official ear tag, tattoo or recognized breed ear notch.
2. Ear notch identification is not acceptable for crossbred animals.

**Brucellosis** All swine, except barrows, 6 months of age and older shall be negative to an official test for Brucellosis within 30 days prior to exhibition entry, or originate directly from a validated Brucellosis-Free herd.

**Pseudorabies:** Swine over 6 months of age shall be negative to an official test for Pseudorabies conducted within 30 days prior to exhibition entry, or originate immediately and directly from a qualified Pseudorabies negative herd.

**Immunization:** Leptospirosis is recommended.

## **SHEEP**

### All sheep: General Requirements

**Identification:** Individual identification of each animal shall be by an official USDA scrapie ear tattoo or official metal or plastic tag. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader. Ear Tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal. When using an ear tag, the tag must indicate the premises ID and state of origin. The tag number must be assigned by a state of APHIS representative and recorded in the Scrapie Record Database. Contact the USDA at 410-349-9708 for ear tags.

### Maryland and Out of State Sheep

No additional requirements.

### Market Lambs

It is recommended that all lambs be slick shorn prior to entry for inspection for club lamb fungus.

## **GOATS**

### All Goats: General Requirements

**Identification:** Individual identification of each animal shall be by an official USDA scrapie ear tattoo or official metal or plastic tag. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader. Tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal.

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When using an ear tag, the tag must indicate the premises ID and state of origin. The tag number must be assigned by a state of APHIS representative and recorded in the Scrapie Record Database. Ears should be used for tattooing when possible. If there is no space in the ear, the flank or tail fold may be used. Contact the USDA at 410-349-9708 for ear tags.

### Maryland Goats

**Brucellosis:** Maryland is a Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland goats.

**Tuberculosis:** Maryland is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland goats..

### Out-of-State Goats

#### **Tuberculosis:**

1. Accredited Tuberculosis Free States, Region or Zone
  - A. No tuberculin test required.
2. Modified Accredited Advanced of lower Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)
  - A. All goats over 6 months of age shall comply with the following:
    - i. goats must originate from herds in which all animals area tested negative within past 12 months, progeny from such herds born since that test, may be imported without a t tuberculin test, or
    - ii. Any individual animal entering Maryland must have a negative tuberculin test within 60 days before import.
  - B. Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate.

## HORSES, PONIES, MULES, AND OTHER EQUIDAE.

### All Equine: General Requirements

**Identification:** Individual identification shall include the following as applicable; name, registration number, tattoo or brand, breed, age, sex, color and markings if present.

**Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins):** All equine for exhibition shall be accompanied by a valid Coggins Test done within 12 months prior to exhibition entry.

**Self Certification Requirement and Exemption:** An Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health is required for each equine entering a fair/show-type event where multiple livestock species are present. The form must be available for inspection if requested. Those participating in equine-only shows and events are exempt from this requirement; however, it is good practice to thoroughly double check the health and skin condition of the animal before departing for the event. The form provides an easy checklist to do this. Exhibitors may not bring an animal having apparent or knows signs of a contagious or infectious disease to a show.

### Maryland Equine

1. All horses and other equidae, 9 months of age and older, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) made within the 12 months before the date of the event. A copy of this test shall accompany every animal.
2. A CVI is not required for Maryland equine.

### Out-of-State Equine

1. All horses and other equidae, 9 months of age and older, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) made within the 12 months before the date of the event. A copy of this test shall accompany every animal.
2. All horses and other equidae shall be accompanied by a CVI issued within 30 days prior to entry.
3. The following contiguous states and New Jersey, are exempted from the CVI requirement:  
Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

## POULTRY

**Testing Requirements: Maryland in State and Out of State Poultry:**

**Avian Influenza testing is NOT required for Maryland Poultry for exhibition in Maryland.**

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**\*Avian Influenza testing IS STILL required for Out-of-state poultry coming to Maryland exhibitions.**

### All Poultry – General Requirements:

1. **Identification:** All poultry entering an exhibition shall be identified with a state approved tamper-proof numbered leg or wing.
2. **Testing:** All poultry for exhibition shall meet the requirements for Pullorum-Typhoid testing (see testing details below). All poultry entries must be accompanied by the correct test report form. (MDA PT Test Form: MDA-E20, or NPIP Form: USDA VS Form 9-3, or other official state testing report)
3. **Self Certification:** All poultry exhibitors shall complete a Poultry Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health. Self certification form found on MDA web site.

### Maryland Poultry – In State Testing Requirements

1. **Premise Registration:** All poultry exhibitors must have valid proof of a registered Maryland Poultry Premises ID Number.
2. **Salmonella Pullorum:** Poultry you bring to an exhibition (except waterfowl, pigeons and doves) must meet one or more of the following requirements:
  - a. Originate directly from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which means that you must be registered with the MDA NPIP program, and have 100% of breeders up to 300 birds tested for pullorum-typhoid showing a negative official pullorum-typhoid test within the past 12 months before entry to the event, OR
  - b. Every participating bird must have a negative official test for Salmonella pullorum-typhoid within 90 days before entry to event ("partial flock test"). These tested poultry must remain segregated from any untested birds after a partial flock test.
3. Documentation of test results must be on MDA –E20, VS form 9-3 or comparable form, and made available to show superintendant or MDA inspectors upon request.

### Out-of-State Poultry

1. All poultry except waterfowl, pigeons and doves shown in public exhibitions in this state shall meet one or more of the following requirements:
  - a. Originate directly from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and all amendments to that publication thereafter adopted pursuant to rules that the director may promulgate, OR
  - b. Have a negative official test for Salmonella Pullorum-typhoid within 90 days before fair, exhibitions, exposition, or show facility and remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid test status.
2. Documentation of test results on MDA – E20, VS form 9-2, VS form 9-3 or comparable form.
3. All poultry except pigeons and doves must have negative Avian Influenza test conducted on at least 30 birds from their flock (or complete flock if fewer than 30) on official test within 10 days prior to event.

### RABBITS

#### All Rabbits: General Requirements

1. See; **2014 Rabbit Waiver** – Rabbits are not required to have an Interstate or Intrastate CVI.
2. All Rabbits for exhibition shall complete a Rabbit Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health.

#### Maryland and Out-of-State Rabbits

No additional requirements.

### CAMELIDS

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### All Camelids: General Requirements

**Identification:** Individual identification of each animal shall be a legible tattoo, official metal ear tag or registration number.

### Maryland Camelids

**Brucellosis:** Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland camelids

**Tuberculosis:** Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland camelids.

### Out-of-State Camelids

**Brucellosis:** Brucellosis testing is not required for out-of-state camelids.

**Tuberculosis:** All Camelids, including castrates, 6 months or older, shall meet at least one of the following requirements to be eligible for exhibition:

1. Originate directly from a herd not under restriction or quarantine for tuberculosis and from which all animals have tested negative for tuberculosis within the past 12 months: or
2. Have a negative individual Tuberculin test documented within 60 days of exhibition.

### **DOGS AND CATS**

1. Need rabies vaccination

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

\* Maryland Law provides penalties for violations of Animal Health Law and Regulations.

\* Livestock falling to meet Health Requirements will be denied entry or removed from the exhibition - "REJECTED". See policy below.

### Animal Health Rejection Policy

**Animal rejections for health reasons can be made by MDA Animal Health veterinarians or field Inspectors, private veterinarians contracted by the show, UM Extension employees or individuals designated by fair or show 'responsible person'. Suspicion of communicable disease is adequate grounds for rejection. Confirmed diagnosis is not required, since timely removal of suspicious animals is required by law to protect the remaining animals. If it is believed that there is a potentially serious communicable disease present, all animals originating with the suspect animal may be rejected. Vesicular diseases are of particular concern.**

**All decisions are final. All parties involved will be notified of all rejections and the exhibitor is responsible for removal of the animal(s) from the grounds immediately.**

### QUESTIONS???

If you have any questions or are unsure of any of these animal health requirements for Maryland Fairs and shows, please contact the MDA Animal Health Headquarters Office or Diagnostic Laboratory during normal business hours.

#### **MDA Animal Health Programs Headquarters:**

50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401 (410) 841-5810

#### **Frederick Animal Health Lab:**

1840 Rosemont Ave., Frederick, MD 27102 (301) 600-1548

#### **Salisbury Animal Health Lab:**

27722 Nanticoke Road, Salisbury, MD 21801 (410) 543-6610

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### Ag Venture Test Regulations

- a) Animals exhibited in the Ag-Ventures and Birthing Center at the fair are expected to have the same health paper certification, testing, and immunizations as other exhibited livestock and poultry.
- b) All animals must have a rabies vaccination.

**Note:** If you have any questions, please feel free to call 410-841-5810 or write to the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Animal Health Section, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401

### Home Arts Food Health Regulations

- 1) Food protection
  - a) All food, drink and water supplies must be obtained from an approved source and shall be clean, wholesome, free from spoilage or contamination, and safe to human consumption.
  - b) Potentially Hazardous Foods are any perishable food which consists in whole or in part of milk or milk products, eggs, meat, poultry, fish, shellfish, or other ingredients of animal or plant origin capable of supporting rapid and progressive growth of infectious and/or toxigenic microorganisms.
  - c) Exhibitors may not use any potentially hazardous foods in any uncooked item, i.e. icing.
  - d) All items must be shelf stable with no refrigeration necessary.
  - e) Effective measures shall be in place to prevent the exposure of foods to flies and other vermin.
  - f) Foods must be kept covered or wrapped in a manner to prevent contamination or cross-contamination.

**Note:** If you still have questions or need additional assistance, please call the Environmental Health at the Washington County Health Department at 240-313-3400.