

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 1st of current Fair year.
- 2) 4-H/FFA exhibitors may not have passed their 19th 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) Only 4-H/FFA youths with resident animals may stay overnight.
 - c) See the Overnight Permission Form for full details.
- 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 1st 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 (lactating dairy cattle may leave at the conclusion of the dairy show).
 - e) Any exhibitor competing for a special showmanship award must be able to certify that he/she cared for the animal from June 1st 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. At any time after an animal arrives on a fair or other 4-H activity or event premises, a licensed veterinarian must administer or, in consultation with fair, event, UME, or 4-H officials, direct the administration of any treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications. Drenching at any time after an animal arrives on a fair or other 4-H activity or event premises is prohibited, except when performed or directed by a licensed veterinarian in consultation with fair, event, UME, or 4-H officials for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal.
 - 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

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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



Maryland Department of Agriculture

2019 MARYLAND ANIMAL HEALTH FAIR AND SHOW REQUIREMENTS

Ref: COMAR 15.11.14.06

MDA Website: <http://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/default.aspx>

Effective: January 1, 2019

Order 05-2018: Order of the Secretary Governing the Movement of Poultry and Hatching eggs into Maryland, and Implementing Certain Biosecurity Requirements

*Order 06-2018: Order of the Secretary Governing Auction Markets, Live Bird Markets and Other Markets
Where Poultry Is Brought For Exhibition or Sale*

IMPORTANT 2019 ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS TO MENTION:

1. LIVESTOCK- NO CHANGE

- All cattle and swine must have a RFID ear tag for official identification.
- Livestock petting zoos will be allowed with proper CVI and self-certification documents.

2. POULTRY-AI TESTING

- **IN-STATE AI TESTING:** Maryland poultry will require 15 birds or up to 15 birds in the flock if fewer than 15 birds within 21 days prior to the exhibition.
- **OUT OF STATE AI TESTING:** Out of state poultry will require 30 birds or up to 30 birds in the flock within 21 days prior to the exhibition.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture's (MDA), Animal Health Program strives to safeguard 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 below.

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

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY FAILING TO MEET COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION OF ALL REQUIREMENTS WILL BE DENIED ENTRY OR REMOVED FROM THE EXHIBITION -"REJECTED." SEE ANIMAL REJECTION POLICY UNDER GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITORS.



Maryland Department of Agriculture

REQUIREMENTS FOR SPONSORS OF A LIVESTOCK/POULTRY EXHIBITION (COMAR 15.11.14.05)

1. **Notification:** Exhibit sponsors must notify the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), Animal Health Program Headquarters, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401, of intent to sponsor an event that includes the exhibition of livestock or poultry no less than **30** days before the proposed event. Call 410-841-5810 to request an **EXHIBITION NOTIFICATION form** or go to MDA's website: <http://mda.maryland.gov/animalhealth/pages/fairs-shows.aspx>
2. **Reporting:** Sponsors must report to the Department any animal 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 animals having obvious, apparent, or known signs of a contagious or infectious disease. A summary of all disease events shall be provided to MDA, in the form of an **ANIMAL INCIDENT REPORT**. Call 410-841-5810 to request an **ANIMAL INCIDENT REPORT form** or go to MDA's website: <http://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx>
3. **Records:** Exhibit sponsors must maintain a report of the owner, premises location 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 FOR EXHIBITORS OF ALL ANIMAL SPECIES (COMAR 15.11.14.04-06)

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 general requirements are summarized below. **Requirements Apply to All Livestock and Poultry:** Livestock is defined as those species of animals used for human food or fiber or those species of animals used for service to humans. This includes but is not limited to cattle, sheep, new world camelids (llamas, alpacas, vicunas, and guanacos), goats, bison, privately owned cervids, swine, equine, and rabbits. Livestock does not include dogs, cats and exotic pets. Poultry is defined as any living domestic bird raised for food or other purposes including, but not limited to, chicken, turkeys, ostriches, emus, rheas, cassowaries, any other ratite, waterfowl and game birds.

1. **DOCUMENTATION:** Documentation is required for entry of all livestock and poultry and is described below. Examples of forms can be obtained by visiting MDA website: <http://mda.maryland.gov/animalhealth/pages/fairs-shows.aspx>

For out of state animals, see species specific out of state requirements. **Upon request, a person who exhibits livestock shall present for inspection all reports, test charts, and appropriate health certificates required to accompany the livestock and poultry.**



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2. **CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION is required for most entries.**
 - a. **MARYLAND ENTRIES:** All Maryland entries must be accompanied by a Maryland Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for show, except poultry, equine and rabbits.
 - The Maryland CVI is **valid for 120 days for fairs and shows**, providing that the status of the herd or animal(s) does not change.
 - The Maryland CVI is a legible record, made on an official Maryland State form, issued by an 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 the state of Maryland.
 - **The Maryland CVI must be filled out, completed and signed by a Maryland accredited veterinarian using the proper selected report on the CVI form.** Each animal must be properly identified on the CVI. The veterinarian must select if this document is for interstate travel, fair and exhibition season, equine, sale or other (with explanation).
 - The veterinarian is required to send the original top (white) copy to MDA Headquarters **within 7 days of completion**, 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.
 - b. **OUT-OF-STATE ENTRIES:** All out-of-state entries must be accompanied by an **Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection**, except poultry and rabbits, or equine originating from Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia or West Virginia (equine coming from these states must have a valid Equine Infectious Anemia test report to enter).
 - The Interstate CVI is **valid for no more than 30 days** from the date of inspection.
 - An **Interstate CVI must be legible**, made on an official form of the state of origin, issued by an accredited veterinarian, and issued for animals being imported to this state within 30 days before the entry of the animals, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of Maryland.
3. **SELF CERTIFICATION:** A completed *Self Certification* is required for all entries except for equine entering equine only events.
 - **Self-Certification forms must be filled out within 24 hours prior to loading** and presented upon request to the designated representative.
 - A **Self Certification** is an official Maryland 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.
 - **Self Certification forms** are species-specific for livestock (ruminants, swine), equine, poultry and rabbits. These forms are available on MDA's website: <http://mda.maryland.gov/animalhealth/pages/fairs-shows.aspx>



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4. **TEST REPORT FORMS.** Testing is required for some species, and if so, a test report form will be required unless otherwise documented on the CVI. See species-specific requirements for details of testing and test report requirements.

Examples of test reports are shown below:

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

5. **MARYLAND POULTRY PREMISES IDENTIFICATION** – All Maryland premises with poultry are required to be registered with the Maryland Department of Agriculture. The Poultry Premises number must be noted on the Test Report or other documentation of NPIP U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid and U.S. H5/H7 Avian Influenza Clean or State H5/H7 Monitored status.

6. **ANIMAL REJECTION POLICY.** Animals may be rejected from an exhibition, either denied entry or removed from the exhibition, as described below:

- FAILURE TO PROVIDE COMPLETED DOCUMENTATION IS GROUNDS FOR REJECTION.**
- A SKIN LESION SUSPICIOUS OF RINGWORM TO BE CONSIDERED NO LONGER CONTAGIOUS TO OTHER ANIMALS OR PEOPLE, NEW WOOL OR HAIR MUST COMPLETELY COVER THAT LESION.**
- Livestock with clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases or external parasites are not permitted entry or allowed to remain at the exhibition. Clinical signs include but are not limited to: active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair, sore mouth, sore nose, caseous lymphadenitis, prolapse, mange or multiple warts easily visible without close examination.
- 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.
- Exposed animals may be rejected: 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, including exhibit sponsors and supervisors.
- Animal rejections can be made by MDA Animal Health veterinarians or field inspectors, private veterinarians contracted by the show, Maryland Extension employees or individuals designated by the fair or show as a ‘responsible person.’



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SPECIES SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general requirements above, specific requirements by species are shown for the following species:

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| • <u>Cattle</u> | <u>Swine</u> |
| • <u>Sheep</u> | <u>Goats</u> |
| • <u>Horses, Ponies, Mules and other Equidae</u> | <u>Poultry</u> |
| • <u>Rabbits</u> | <u>Camelids</u> |

Fair and Show Requirements: Cattle

ALL CATTLE

IDENTIFICATION: INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATION OF EACH ANIMAL SHALL BE A RFID OFFICIAL EAR TAG.

Maryland Cattle

Brucellosis: Maryland is a 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 Parainfluenza. Leptospirosis vaccination 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. Official vaccinates under 24 months old with vaccination dates recorded on the Interstate CVI permitted, or
 - b. Test 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)
 - a. All cattle over 6 months of age shall comply with the following:
 - i. 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
 - ii. 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.



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Fair and Show Requirements: Swine

ALL SWINE

IDENTIFICATION: INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATION OF EACH ANIMAL SHALL BE A RFID OFFICIAL EAR TAG.

Maryland 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 vaccination is recommended.

Out-of-State Swine

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 or brucellosis-free state.

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 or Stage 4 or Stage 5 Pseudorabies Free State.

Immunization: Leptospirosis vaccination is recommended.



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Fair and Show Requirements: Sheep and Goats

ALL SHEEP

Identification for Sheep: All sheep must be indentedified with USDA-approved Scrapie ear tags.

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.

ALL GOATS

Identification for Goats: All goats must be officially scrapie-identified. Official identification for goats includes the following:

1. USDA-approved Scrapie ear tags;
2. Legible registration tattoos, for which the registration paper shall accompany the animals; or
3. Legible tattoos consisting of an individual animal number unique within the flock in one ear and the official scrapie premises 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 and must be accompanied by an owner statement.
4. A microchip ID with official scrapie identification is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.

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: No tuberculin test required.
2. Modified Accredited Advanced or 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 are tested negative within past 12 months; progeny from such herds born since that test, may be imported without a 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.



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Fair and Show Requirements: Horses, Ponies, Mules and Other Equidae

ALL EQUINE

Identification: Individual official identification shall include the following as applicable: EIA test report with photo or drawing of the animal, tattoo, brand or microchip. *Animals using tattoos or brands for official identification must be accompanied with the breed registration papers.*

Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins) Testing: 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: *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 known 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 Maryland 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.



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Fair and Show Requirements: Poultry

ALL POULTRY

1. PRIVATE SALES WILL BE ALLOWED WITH PROPER DOCUMENTATION OF THE SALE BY THE EXHIBITION SPONSOR AND MAINTAINED FOR ONE YEAR.
2. IDENTIFICATION: Poultry entering an exhibition shall be identified with a numbered leg or wing band.
3. ALL POULTRY EXHIBITORS SHALL COMPLETE A *POULTRY EXHIBITOR'S SELF-CERTIFICATION OF ANIMAL HEALTH*.
4. DOCUMENTATION of test results must be provided on MDA-E06 and MDA-E20, VS Form 9-2, VS Form 9-3 or comparable form approved by the State Veterinarian.

Maryland Poultry

1. **Premises Registration:** All poultry exhibitors originating from Maryland must have valid proof of a registered Maryland Poultry Premises ID Number.
2. **AI Testing Requirements** of poultry **including wild birds** except pigeons and doves shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one of the following AI testing requirements:
 - i. Originate directly from an NPIP U.S. H5/H7Avian Influenza Clean Flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, or from a State Avian Influenza Monitored Flock as defined by the state of origin, OR
 - ii. Have a negative Avian Influenza test conducted on at least **15 birds** from their flock (**or complete flock if fewer than 15**) within **21 days** prior to event and remain segregated from all birds of unknown or positive Avian Influenza test status.
3. **Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid Testing Requirements:** All poultry except waterfowl, wild birds, pigeons and doves shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one or more of the following requirements:
 - i. Originate directly from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, OR
 - ii. 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.

Out-of- State Poultry

1. **AI Testing Requirements** of poultry **including wild birds** except pigeons and doves shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one of the following AI testing requirements:
 - i. Originate directly from an NPIP U.S. H5/H7Avian Influenza Clean Flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, or from a State Avian Influenza Monitored Flock as defined by the state of origin, OR
 - ii. Have a negative Avian Influenza test conducted on at least **30 birds** from their flock (**or complete flock if fewer than 30**) within **21 days** prior to event and remain segregated from all birds of unknown or positive Avian Influenza test status.
2. **Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid Testing Requirements:** All poultry except waterfowl, wild birds, pigeons and doves shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one or more of the following requirements:
 - i. Originate directly from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, OR
 - ii. Have a negative official test for Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid within 90 days before fair,



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exhibitions, exposition, or show facility and remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid test status.

Fair and Show Requirements: Rabbits

ALL RABBITS

1. See 2019 Rabbit Waiver: Rabbits are not required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
2. Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be a tag, tattoo or microchip if the exhibitor provides the reader.
3. All rabbits for exhibition shall complete a *Rabbit Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health*.

Maryland and Out-of-State Rabbits

No additional requirements.

Fair and Show Requirements: Camelids

ALL CAMELIDS

Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be an official metal ear tag or microchip if the exhibitor provides the reader.

Maryland Camelids

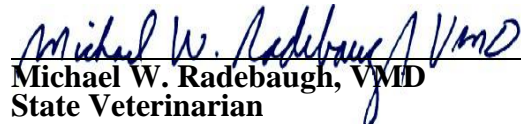
Brucellosis: Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland camelids. Tuberculosis: Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland camelids.

Out-Of-State Camelids

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

Tuberculosis:

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)
 - a. All camelids over 6 months of age shall comply with the following:
 - i. Camelids must originate from a herd not under restriction or quarantine for tuberculosis and from which 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
 - ii. 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.


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