4-H/FFA Shows will be restricted to Caroline/Dorchester County youth members only. All Caroline/Dorchester County 4-H and FFA animals (beef, dairy, sheep, swine, and goats) must arrive on the grounds between 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 5, 2014.

All processing of 4-H/FFA livestock will be done by the Livestock Superintendents on Tuesday, August 5, 2014. For the open exhibitors, the processing of livestock will start one hour prior to their individual shows.

- **Sheep Show** - Wednesday, August 6th at 10:00 am; open exhibitors must be on fairgrounds by 9:00 a.m.
- **Dairy Show** - Wednesday, August 6th at 2:00 pm or after sheep show; open exhibitors must be on the fairgrounds by 12:00 noon.
- **Meat Goat Show** - Thursday, August 7th at 10:00 a.m.; open exhibitors must be on fairgrounds by 9:00 a.m.
- **Swine Show** – Thursday, August 7th at 6:00 p.m.; open exhibitors must be on fairgrounds by 5:00 p.m.
- **Beef Show** - Friday, August 7th at 10:00 a.m., open exhibitors must be on the fairgrounds by 8:00 a.m.
- Auction will be held Saturday Night, August 9th beginning at 7:00 p.m.

### Livestock Committee Members:

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1. All 4-H and FFA youth may participate in both showmanship classes according to the class divisions (i.e., Novice - 1st year showing a particular species; Juniors - 8 to 10 years of age as of 1/1/14; Intermediates – 11 to 13 years of age as of 1/1/14; Seniors - 14 to 18 years of age as of 1/1/14. 4-H Clovers (ages 5-7 years old, as of 1/1/13) may bring their animals to the fair, but will not be permitted to show in the 4-H show. Each Clover exhibit will receive a participation ribbon. Clovers may exhibit in the Open Class with parent supervision in the ring.

2. Entries must be postmarked or submitted to the office by 4pm on July 1st. Entries must be sent to: Caroline/Dorchester County Fair, 9194 Legion Road, Denton, MD 21629. No faxed or e-mailed entries accepted. No exceptions.

3. Showmanship classes are based upon exhibitors control of the animal and cleanliness of animal and exhibitor, clipping, grooming, and presentation of animal in the show ring and general health of the animal.

4. **ALL BEEF, SHEEP, GOAT, AND SWINE exhibitors please be aware that ALL 4-H beef shows will be unfitted. This means washed and blown out with NO ADDITIVES OF ANY KIND!!!** (ie. aerosols, color touch up, show sheen, etc.). Animals may be subject to being wiped with a white towel, cloth, etc.

5. Showmanship classes are based upon performance of the animal and exhibitor in the show ring, knowledge of exhibitor and personal appearance.
6. ALL 4-H/FFA animals will be cared for and groomed by the 4-H/FFA exhibitor ONLY. Any assistance needed by exhibiting 4-H/FFA with the care of and grooming of any/all animals may be provided by a LOCAL IN-COUNTY 4-H member ONLY. This is to ensure that ALL animals are cared for and groomed by YOUTH exhibitors. If this rule is broken or ignored the animal(s) will be disqualified from the show.

7. Premier Showperson class will consist of the Champion Caroline/Dorchester 4-H Showperson from each of the following species - beef, sheep, swine, goat, and dairy. Each Champion Showperson will compete in showmanship of each species on animals listed above (provided there are enough animals), and the judge will then pick a Premier Showperson. This class will take place at the conclusion of the beef show on Friday.

8. Health papers must comply with State of Maryland Health Requirements. Health papers must be checked upon arrival by a state approved veterinarian. All animals are subject to inspection and the show committee decisions shall be final. The state of Maryland Health Requirements can be found in this book.

9. It is highly recommended by the livestock Committee that all animals receive shipping fever shots and update all general health care shots 15 days prior to entering the fair.

10. Exhibitors are expected to keep their animals under control at all times. No uncontrollable animals will be allowed in the ring. Any uncontrollable animals may be asked to leave the ring or fairgrounds at anytime during the fair. All reasonable precautions will be taken for the safety of the people while on the property, but the Caroline County 4-H Park and the Caroline/Dorchester County Fair Board shall not be responsible for injury to any person.

11. Bedding for 4-H and FFA for beef cattle will be in the form of tan bark. No straw will be provided. Exhibitors may bring straw or other forms of bedding if they want.

12. All dirty bedding will be thrown away in manure spreader or designated spot. No straw or bedding shall be thrown behind the barn or in an unauthorized spot. Subjects caught leaving bedding in unauthorized areas will lose their premiums.

13. All 4-H/FFA and Open exhibitors are responsible for cleaning out their pens during the fair and before leaving the 4-H Park.

14. Exhibitors will show their own animals unless two animals are shown in the same class that they own; at that time another 4-H'er in the same age division or younger must be the other Show person in the 4-H and FFA Show.

15. Beef, dairy, sheep, swine, and goats that are breeding animals will consist of purebred registered animals that will be asked to show registration papers at check in and will be shown in designated breed classes. All crossbred/commercial livestock will be shown under their designated class title. All exhibitors will note on entry form what breed class their animal is (i.e., Suffolk, Polled Hereford, Holstein, or Crossbred/Commercial).

16. Appropriate 4-H and FFA attire must be worn throughout the entire show and sale of the livestock.

17. There will be no artificial coloring of any livestock exhibited in the shows.

18. No one exhibitor can take more than 2 premiums per class.

19. The Caroline/Dorchester County Fair will pay premiums in all classes except for showmanship classes, champion and reserve champion classes, and group classes.
20. All breeding stock must be registered in exhibitor’s name no later than 7/1/14. All crossbred/commercial breeding stock must be owned no later than 7/1/14 (a receipt of purchase if not born on your farm can be proof of ownership time).

21. Due to the lack of space all open exhibitors (including out of Caroline/Dorchester county 4-H and FFA exhibitors) will arrive on these dates and times - Wednesday, August 6th – Sheep Show exhibitors will arrive by 9:00 a.m.; Wednesday, August 6th – Dairy Show exhibitors will arrive by 12:00 noon; Thursday, August 7 – Meat Goat Show exhibitors will arrive by 9:00 a.m., Thursday, August 7 - Swine Show exhibitors will arrive by 5:00 p.m.; Friday, August 8 - Beef Show/Dairy Steer exhibitors will arrive by 8:00 a.m. Open exhibitors will be released upon the conclusion of their show.

22. Early dismissal WILL NOT be permitted. All animals must remain until conclusion of their show. All Caroline/Dorchester County 4-H and FFA exhibitors will not leave until the conclusion of the fair on Sunday, August 10 at 8:00 a.m. Leaving early will cause you to forfeit your premium money.

23. The Livestock Chairman shall designate a beef tie out area. Tie outs of beef cattle will be permitted after 9:00 p.m. All cattle shall be in the barns by 9:00 a.m. the following morning. All tie out bedding will be provided by the exhibitors and cleaned up by the exhibitors.

24. Classes may be combined at the discretion of the judge and Livestock Committee.

25. Herdsman Awards: All areas of livestock will be inspected by a chosen group appointed by the Livestock Committee. Each Caroline/Dorchester County 4-H or FFA exhibitor will be judged for neatness, decorations, cleanliness, ability to communicate to the public, general care, and husbandry of their livestock. An award will be given in each species of animal (i.e., beef, dairy, sheep, goat, swine, and horse).

26. Caroline/Dorchester County 4-H/FFA entry fees for beef, sheep, swine, dairy, and goat will be $1.00 per animal. Entry fees for open beef, sheep, swine, dairy and goat will be $4.00 per animal.

27. All fitting, clipping, etc. of livestock prior to or during the show shall be done within a 50' radius of the livestock barns or tents. There shall be no fitting, clipping, etc. of animals at your trailer or along the woods or undesignated areas at any time during the fair. Only the livestock chairman can appoint a designated area for fitting. If found in an undesignated area, you will be asked to take your animals home.

28. Showing Classes are only open to youth enrolled in the 4-H or FFA projects in accordance with Maryland State Fair rules and regulations.

29. Premium awards are provided by the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board and will be based on ribbon placing and availability of funds. The Caroline/Dorchester County Fair will make every attempt to pay full premiums, however, due to possible budget cuts, premiums may not be paid in full.

30. All dairy steers must be 100% dairy, proof may be required. Final decision is at the discretion of the Livestock Committee.

31. 4-H/FFA members may keep a yearling bull on the premises during the fair if the animal is kept under control. Any 2-year-old bulls brought for the open show must go home that day.

32. All beef animals must have neck ropes.

33. Please note: Mandatory barn meetings may be called at anytime, if necessary.

34. If you show in a Market Class and your animal is registered you cannot show in Breed Class.
35. In 2014, compliance with the Maryland 4-H Tail Docking Policy will be VOLUNTARY. Lamb tails (docks) will not be officially measured at Maryland 4-H activities. No lambs will be disqualified from showing due to tail length, unless the short dock results in a rectal prolapse. Any sheep or lamb that exhibits a rectal prolapse at a 4-H activity will be ineligible for the activity and sent home by the Sheep Superintendent, or other appropriately deemed individual. The following will be used as a guideline to determine occurrence of a rectal prolapse: “A rectal prolapse is defined as an inversion of the rectum that protrudes 4cm (1.6 inches) or more outside the body and remains exterior to the body while the animal is standing.” If a lamb is observed with a rectal prolapse (by one of the above people) and in the future is not observed with a rectal prolapse, it is still classified as having a rectal prolapse.

36. Scrapie Tag Requirements: (Sheep & Goats): All market and breeding (males & females) sheep and goats are required to have an official scrapie ear tag in place to exhibit at the Fair. The only exception is registered breeding sheep and goats that are tattooed and accompanied by registration papers.

Open Sheep Show Only:
37. Limiting open entry sheep to 5 per exhibitor per breed.

Dairy Show Only:
39. Ownership – All animals exhibited must be owned and registered in the Exhibitor’s name only by July 1 of the current year. Entries received with papers pending will not be accepted.
   a. Dairy animals in the Maryland 4-H Dairy Cattle Leasing Program must be assigned to the Exhibitor by June 1 of the current year. The Exhibitor must comply with the rules stated in the Maryland 4-H Dairy Cattle Leasing Agreement.
   b. A dairy animal must have been owned by the Exhibitor before the animal is 2 years of age to be eligible for exhibition in the cow classes. Cows in the MD 4-H Dairy Cattle Leasing Program must be assigned to the Exhibitor before the animal is 2 years of age.
   c. Registration certificates for each animal must be furnished and available at any time during the fair. They will be checked prior to show day. If certificates are not in order the animal cannot be shown. Faxes or photocopies will not be accepted.

40. Exhibitors are permitted to substitute one animal for another either in the same class or in a different class. (additions are not allowed).