Maryland 4-H Animal Science Program Guidebook

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4-H Animal Projects at the Maryland State Fair

General Information
The Maryland State Fair provides opportunities for 4-H members to showcase their project work to fair guests from all across Maryland and surrounding states. More than one-half million guests visit the fair each year.

Fondly known as the "11 Best Days of Summer", the State Fair is held during the last week of August through Labor Day. The State Fairgrounds is located in Timonium just west of Baltimore and has been at this location for more than 125 years.

The 4-H program holds many events and activities during the annual fair. Animal Science events and activities include animal shows for alpacas, beef, dairy, dogs, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine. We are also fortunate to hold Judging Contests for program areas including dairy, goats, poultry, livestock, and rabbits at the Maryland State Fair.

State Fair Animal Science Events Rules and Guidelines
The rules and guidelines governing the various animal shows and judging contests are updated annually and are posted on the Maryland State Fair Website for your review. The address is http://www.marylandstatefair.com/. The general rules and guidelines include important information regarding animal health requirements, ownership guidelines, event schedules and much more, Make sure you check the website for current rules. Here are the specific departments at the State Fair:

Department A - Dairy
Department A - Dairy Steers
Department B - Beef
Department C - Meat Goats
Department C - Dairy Goats
Department D - Sheep
Department E - Swine
Department F - Horses & Ponies
Department G - Poultry
Department H - Rabbits
Department I – Alpaca
Department J - Cavies

Department K - Dogs
Department L - Consumer & Family Science
Department M - Foods
Department N - Expressive Arts
Department P - Mechanical Sciences
Department Q - Environmental Sciences
Department R - Flowers
Department S - Agricultural Sciences
Department T - 4H/FFA Promotion
Department U - 4H Judging Contests
Department V - Engineering Events
Department X - Special 4H Programs

State Fair Entry
The entry process for the Maryland State Fair is completed on-line from the State Fair's website. Entries close at 11:59 pm on July 31 each year for participation in the State Fair.

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