



Fair Book Now Available!



Fair books are available at: Allegany 4-H Office, Allegany County Libraries, Southern States, Tractor Supply, Mt. Savage Post Office, Belle Grove Gas, Alpine Pantry, M&M Bakery, Planet Fitness, and VanMeter's Market. You can also access the book and entry form online at <https://bit.ly/2023fairbook>. You can email entry forms to jparrish@umd.edu or drop them off at our office. **Pre-registration is due July 10.** Due to the limited number of printed copies, we encourage families to use the online book.

Reminder - All exhibitors need to submit the entry form so exhibitor numbers can be assigned.

Contests - Be sure to include any contests you plan to enter on your entry form (Pages 93 & 95).

Livestock exhibitors - If you are not submitting any indoor entries or entering any contests, please complete/submit the exhibit entry form. You just need to complete the information at the top and sign it. Under entries, put "Livestock entries only". This will notify the computer operators that the form is complete.

BARN SET UP

Barn - Set up is scheduled for **Saturday, July 1, starting at 8:00 a.m.** Since the county work crew is not available, the Barn Coordinators are requesting help from all 4-H families showing livestock at the fair.

This is a large undertaking and we need everyone to participate. Please mark your calendar.



4-H CUT FLOWER EXHIBITS AT FAIR



4-H will provide green vases/jars for **cut flower** entries so you only need to find a container to transport your flowers to fair. You may transfer your entries when you arrive. We will reuse the green vases/jars each year. We have a good collection now, but could always use more. If you have any green vases/jars to donate please bring them with you to fair.

BEFORE FAIR...

QUALITY ASSURANCE

All 4-H'ers exhibiting animals are required to complete the online training program when they reach each 4-H age division (Juniors (ages 8-10), Intermediates (ages 11-13), Seniors (ages 14-18) – all as of January 1 of the current year OR when as Intermediate and Senior 4-H members, they choose to show a new species since last completing the program within their age division.

The system is now open. Go to <https://ahqa.umd.edu/>. Returning members - Do not create a new account. If you do not know your passcode, click on "Forgot Your Passcode?"

New members and members changing age divisions should have received notification in the mail from our office. If you are unsure of your QA status, you may email jparrish@umd.edu or call 301-724-3320.

Quality Assurance must be completed by July 1 to show any animals at the Allegany County

NAME BADGES/PARKING PASSES

Each family was to give their club leader the names of their family members for name badges. Each family will receive two parking passes.



The badges and passes can be picked up at the Extension Office as soon as they are available and an announcement will be made. They will also be available Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15 during animal arrival.

CAMPERS AT FAIR



To reserve a camper space during fair, call Bill McKenzie at 301-338-3393 or wfmckenzie@frontier.com. The fee will be \$75.00.

Campers can begin arriving at the fairgrounds on Wednesday, July 12.

INDOOR EXHIBIT ENTRY FOR 4-H/FFA MEMBERS

Saturday, July 15 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - 4-H/FFA Exhibits and Youth Arts & Crafts* may be entered. *NOTE: No other Open Class entries will be accepted.

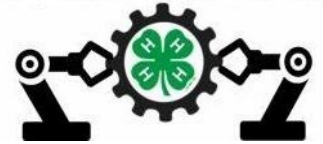
Sunday, July 16 12:00 to 4:30 p.m. - All 4-H/FFA and Open Class entries will be accepted.

To save time each day, it is highly recommended that you pre-register. Pre-registration is due by **July 10**.

For each 4-H member who pre-registers, their name will be submitted into a drawing for a 4-H backpack.

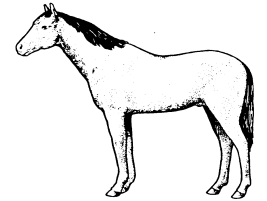
ROBOTICS QUALIFIER AT THE FAIR TUESDAY, JULY 18

We are looking forward to welcoming our 4-H robotics teams for an exciting day of robotics fun on Tuesday the 18th. Be sure to invite your friends and families to the exciting robot rounds that begin at 5 p.m. The event will be held in the Multipurpose Building.



HORSE WORKSHOP

Due to the limited number of entries, a horse show will not be held this year. However, there will be a horse workshop on Tuesday, July 18 beginning at 9:00 a.m. This will be held at the horse arena. This is open to any Allegany County 4-H member age 8 to 18.



If you plan to attend please register here <https://forms.gle/oA12CR2LaX9t7jZf8> or email tonir@umd.edu

HELP NEEDED DURING FAIR WEEK

These are great opportunities to earn community service hours!

We need 4-H youth and adult volunteers for the following:



- **Enter Exhibits Sunday, July 16 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**
 - ◆ Adult volunteers are needed this day to work the exhibit entry tables.
 - ◆ Teen members/adult volunteers are needed to take in and arrange exhibits.
 - ◆ Youth members are needed to act as runners between the office and exhibit tables.
- **Indoor Exhibit Judging** will take place on **Monday, July 17 at 9:00 a.m.** Help is needed to assist the judges and place ribbons on items.
- **Building watchers** are appreciated for the 4-H exhibit area **Wednesday, July 19 through Saturday, July 22 from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.** Call the office or see Jody during exhibit entry to schedule a time for individuals, clubs, or families to oversee the 4-H area.
 - ◆ To do: Check flowers for water, pick up trash, etc.
 - ◆ Badges and parking passes (for the entire week) will be available for indoor volunteers, if requested.
- **Take out exhibits** and pick up premium checks on **Sunday, July 23 from 1:00 to 3:00pm.** Help is always appreciated to take down the 4-H exhibits beginning at 11:00 a.m.

To assist with any of the above, please call 301-724-3320 or email jparrish@umd.edu.

FIREWORKS AT THE FAIR!
FRIDAY, JULY 21 AT 10:30 P.M.

MDA HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

The Maryland Department of Agriculture's (MDA), Animal Health Program strives to safeguard Maryland's animal industries at our Fairs and Shows.

The MDA's Animal Health Requirements for 2022 Exhibitions are available online at <https://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx>

Review the MDA regulations for this fair season to see what you need to complete for your fair animals. Just as previous years, be sure to verify with the vet prior to their visit that they have the carbon copy CVI papers with them when they arrive. Also beef and swine exhibitors need to be sure they have an RFID tag in the animal's ear before the vet comes for the health check since it is included on the CVI paperwork.



Self Certification Forms

All exhibitors must inspect their animal(s) for signs of contagious or infectious disease before coming to a show in the state of Maryland. This includes out of state exhibitors. A "Self Certification of Animal Health" must be completed prior to loading animals for exhibition. All forms (livestock, horse, poultry, & rabbit) can be found here:

<https://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx>

MARKET CHICKENS

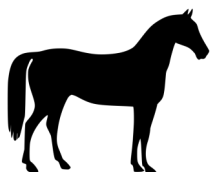
Exhibitors must complete a special carcass show form for their market pen of two birds and drop it off with the market birds at Smiths Custom Meats in Hyndman PA on **Thursday, July 13 at 8:00 am for processing**. Carcasses will be judged the next day and results shared during the Breeding Poultry Show.



Smiths will be bringing carcasses vacuumed sealed and frozen to the 4-H Livestock sale Saturday morning. Please tell potential buyers to bring a cooler to take them with them that day.

BREEDING CHICKENS & QUAIL

At this time, there are no restrictions for poultry shows. The show is scheduled for **Thursday, July 20 at 9:00 a.m.** The poultry skillathon will be held after the show. If this status changes before fair, a virtual show will be planned.



4-H ANIMAL ARRIVAL AT FAIR

Friday, July 14, 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. (No horses)
Saturday, July 15, 8 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

When you arrive at the fairgrounds, stop at the check-in tent. Each exhibitor will receive a packet. Give to use at check-in:

- Copy of Health Paper/CVI
- Self Certification Forms
- Horse Coggins results



BARN MEETING

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 12:00 P.M.

A meeting will be held to briefly review expectations during fair week. 4-H Barn Coordinators, Ag Expo President, and the 4-H Educator will be present to answer questions.

Meet at the bleachers in the barn at the show ring. Farm Credit employees will be there to give out the T-shirts.

LIVESTOCK SALE

Saturday, July 22 at 9:00 a.m.

The sale will be held at 9:00 a.m. Be sure to share the new time with your potential buyers. No passes will be required. The flier, "Why buy 4-H raised animals?" is available to share with your buyers. You can request a copy by email, jparrish@umd.edu, or call 301-724-3320 for paper copies.

4-H FAMILY GUIDE TO ANIMAL EXHIBITS AT THE FAIR

Are you showing animals at the Allegany County Fair? Please take a look at our new **4-H Family Guide to Animal Exhibits at the Fair**. Go to <https://bit.ly/3WypBSL>.

If you would like a printed copy, email jparrish@umd.edu.

PHOTOS FOR BUYERS' POSTERS

Don't forget to get photos of your market animals to give as a thank you to your buyers.

Attached is a guide on taking your photos with the size and other tips. **You must follow 4-H show and sale attire requirements for your buyers' photos.**

Posters will be provided and available in the 4-H area indoor. There will be a table with printed posters, double stick tape and markers.

Please complete your posters by **Monday, July 17.**

BARN PICNIC

A picnic for 4-H exhibitors/families will be held in the exhibit hall **Thursday July 20, at 12:00 p.m.**

Please wear your Farm Credit shirts and meet in the barn as we are going to take a group picture before the picnic.

4-H SHOW & SALE ATTIRE

1. No farm names or other identification shall appear on show uniforms.
2. No hats are to be worn in show or sale ring.
3. Safe, appropriate attire, including footwear is required at all times.
4. Jewelry does not qualify as a neckpiece due to safety reasons.

The following show attire is required for all shows, fitting and showing, and the livestock sale.

Dairy Goats and Dairy Cattle:

- ◆ White slacks/skirt, white collared shirt with green, or black tie.

Beef Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goats, Rabbits, and Poultry:

- ◆ Tan, green, or black slacks/skirt; white or tan collared shirt, with green or black tie.

Horses:

- ◆ Appropriate riding clothes and head gear.

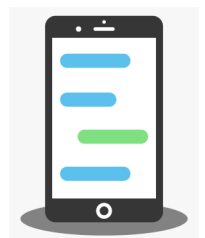
STAY CONNECTED WITH 4-H AT FAIR!

Fair is just around the corner. If you're interested in text reminders for Livestock/Barn related information, sign up using the directions below.

Text: [@ac4h23barn](https://www.instagram.com/ac4h23barn)
To: 81010

For all things 4-H during the fair sign up using the below directions:

Text: [@ac4h23fair](https://www.instagram.com/ac4h23fair)
To: 81010



4-H CONTESTS/ACTIVITIES AT FAIR

All events are open to 4-H members age 8 to 18 (4-H age)

SKILLATHONS

- **Rabbit** - Tuesday, July 18 following the rabbit show. Information can be found on **Page 93** of the fair book. Add **Class 4370** to your entry form.
- **Poultry** - Thursday, July 20 following the poultry show. Information can be found on Page of the fair book. Add **Class 4371** to your entry form.

LIVESTOCK EVALUATION CONTEST MONDAY, JULY 17 AT 10:00 A.M.

The contest will consist of judging classes and educational discussion following. To participate, report to the barn by 9:30a.m. Information can be found on **Page 93** of the fair book.

BICYCLE CONTEST WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 AT 1:00 P.M.

Participants need to bring their own bicycle and helmet Meet at the 4-H table in the Exhibit Hall by 12:45 p.m. For more information go to **Page 94** of the fair book. **Class #4365**.

HORTICULTURE CONTEST THURSDAY, JULY 20 AT 1:00 P.M.

The contest will be held in the Exhibit Hall. To participate, report by 12:30 p.m. Information can be found on **Page 93** of the fair book. Add **Class 4395** to your entry form.

4-H PRESENTS! FRIDAY, JULY 21 AT 2:00 P.M.

4-H Presents! will be held in the exhibit hall at **2:00 p.m.** 4-H members ages 8 to 18 can participate and Clovers age 5 to 7 may also participate, but will not be judged.

Please call the office to register by **July 14** and be sure to add **Class 4398** to your entry form. Rules are available in the fair book on **Page 95**: <https://www.alleganycofair.org/>

TRACTOR CONTEST FRIDAY, JULY 21, 9:00 A.M.

The contest will begin at 9:00 a.m. Details can be found on **Page 93** of the fair book. Be sure to add **Class 4360** to your entry form. There will be an activity for Clovers (age 5 to 7).

CLOVER ACTIVITIES AT THE FAIR

Clover members, ages 5 to 7, do not participate in animal shows, fitting and showing contests, or other competitive events at the fair. However, we have lots of fun activities available for them during fair week.



- Friday, July 14: 4-7 p.m. Check in display/animals (Stuffed or toy) at Clover display in the barn.
- Saturday, July 15: 1-4 p.m. Check in display/animals (Stuffed or toy) at Clover display in the barn.
- Sunday, July 16:
 - 12-4:30 p.m. Enter indoor exhibits. In 4-H, Clovers may only enter in the assigned classes in the 4-H section. However, Clovers can also enter in Open Class Youth Arts & Crafts. Entries will also be accepted on Saturday, July 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 - 2:00 p.m. Rabbit and poultry review (Meet at Clover Display) Youth will be presenting to the Clovers.
- Monday, July 17:
 - 9-10 a.m. Evaluation review with the Jr. Barn Committees (Clover Display)
 - 10:00 Livestock Evaluation—Clovers may watch from outside the show ring. (Junior. Barn Committee will be available if they have questions).
 - 2 p.m. present their animals/display to the Jr. Barn/Barn committee
- Tuesday, July 18: 2 p.m. Meet at the Clover display and we will walk to exhibit hall to the Master Gardeners area - Making Seed Bombs
- Wednesday, July 19: 2:30 p.m. Meet at the Clover display for a small group activity prior to reading to animals at 3:00 p.m. (library activity).
 - 2:00 pm 4-H Presents in the Exhibit hall. Clovers may recite the 4-H pledge or do Show & Tell.
- Thursday, July 20: 12:00 p.m. barn picnic - Group picture before picnic begins.
- Friday, July 21: 9:00 a.m. - Games by the horse arena (In conjunction with the Tractor Contest) .
- Sunday, July 23: 1-3 p.m. Pick up indoor entries and premium checks.

RIDES AT THE FAIR!

OPEN EACH DAY AT 5:00 P.M.

Friday, July 14
Saturday, July 15
Sunday, July 16
Monday, July 17
Tuesday, July 18
Wednesday, July 19
Thursday, July 20
Friday, July 21
Saturday, July 22



BOOTHS AND BANNERS

Each club may enter one booth and one banner. You may enter in either open-theme or annual-theme, which is “4-H Friendships.” Please be sure to submit an indoor entry form in the club’s name and call the 4-H office or email jparrish@umd.edu to reserve space.

Complete rules are found in the fair book or at:

<https://bit.ly/2023fairbook>



DRESS FOR SUCCESS



Please remember to dress appropriately when representing 4-H at fair, public events, photographs for the newspaper, etc. Avoid clothing and accessories that:

- ◆ Depict the use of weapons
- ◆ Are obscene, defamatory or contain profanity
- ◆ Promote the use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol or other harmful products.

AG EXPO BAKED GOODS AUCTION

All baked goods entered in fair will be auctioned on **Monday, July 17, 6:00 p.m.** in the Exhibit Hall. Proceeds benefit the Allegany County Ag Expo Scholarship fund.

If you enter baked goods and have extras to donate to the sale, it is greatly appreciated. Please put the donated goods in a separate container and give them to Jody Parrish or Sara Barnard when you bring your entries.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

★Sophia Aydelotte
★Dusty Berg
★Shawn Chaney
★Cassandra Hein
★Jonaysia Houser

★Lillie Humbertson
★Max Linn
★Zefora Marquina
★Caleb Miller
★Gloria Nelson

★Michael Nies
★William Raines
★Olivia Robertson
★Cameron Strawderman
★Hayley Wakefield



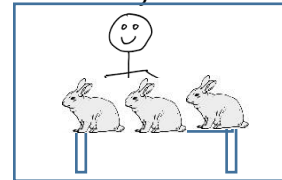
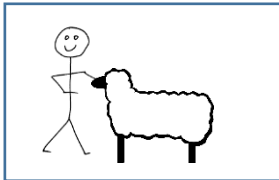
2023 Allegany County Fair Buyer Photo Poster



Purpose: Due to the very busy fair week, there is less time to take market animal exhibitor pictures during the fair week. To save time during fair week, please take photos at home and bring them with you to the fair to be placed on the buyer poster (available at the fair). Buyers have expressed that they do appreciate the photo buyer poster.

Instructions for taking the photo(s):

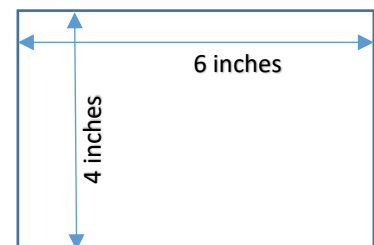
- Who – photo(s) should be taken with the exhibitor and the market animal. If you have more than one market animal, take a photo with each market animal one at a time and label each photo with the correct tag number. Market rabbits and market poultry will take the picture as a pen.
- Where – find a nice background (like trees, grass, barn door, house siding, etc.)
- What to wear – wear your 4-H dress (i.e., white collared shirt and khaki or black pants or skirt, no hats, no farm names/advertising)
- Your animal – should be cleaned and groomed.
- Photo Layout – take the photo with your animal as if you are in the show at the fair. Livestock should be side profile with their head closest to you, just like you were showing; for rabbits and chickens, the pen should be in front of you.



- Take multiple shots of the exhibitor and animal, so you will have options from which to choose.

After you take your photo(s):

- Select the best picture of each market animal.
- Print photos on high-quality photo paper (at home or photo lab)
- Print horizontally (sideways)
- The print size needs to be **4 inches x 6 inches**
- Bring your photos to the fair with you.
- In the 4-H area of the Exhibit Hall, there will be a table with printed posters, double stick tape, and a marker. Use the tape to secure your photo to the poster in the designated area. With a marker, fill in your name, species, and tag number on the back. Place the completed buyer photo poster in the basket to turn in to be organized for sale night. You must submit your posters no later than Monday of the fair by 8 p.m.



If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity, please contact your local University of Maryland Extension Office at 301-724-3320.

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