



Event Calendar

- **July 1** - Quality Assurance & Horse Testing due
- **July 4** - UME Office Closed
- **July 11 to 19** - Allegany Co. Fair
- **August 21 to 24** - First weekend of MD State Fair
- **August 28 to Sept 1** - Second weekend of MD State Fair
- **September 4 to 7** - Final weekend of MD State Fair

It's Time for Fair!

Fair Book

The 2025 Allegany County Fair Book is available online at
<https://go.umd.edu/AC2025FairBook>

Indoor Entries

- Pre-registration forms are due July 9.
- Indoor exhibits will be accepted Saturday, July 12, from 12:00 to 4:30 p.m.
- 4-H/FFA members who are pre-registered and have their tags may begin bringing items at 10:00 a.m.

4-H/FFA Animal Arrival

- Friday, July 11 - 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. (No horses)
- Saturday, July 12 - 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

2025 Record Book Fair Entries

4-H club members ages 8 to 18 may enter this year's* 4-H record book. It should begin January 1, 2025, and include any information through June 30, 2025. Each book will be judged on its own merit for neatness, quality, and quantity of 4-H work. 4-H Clovers may enter a 2025 memory book in the Clover exhibits.

*NOTE: Books from previous years will not be judged.

EXHIBITOR PICNIC - THURSDAY JULY 17

A picnic for 4-H exhibitors/families will be held in the exhibit hall **Thursday July 17, at 12:00 p.m.** 4-H families/clubs can sign up for what they would like to provide for the meal. Go to <https://go.umd.edu/ACfairpicnic>, email jparrish@umd.edu or call 301-724-3320 by July 12.

Please wear your Farm Credit shirts and meet in the barn at 11:45 a.m., as we are going to take a group picture and then go the exhibit hall for lunch.

BOOTHS AND BANNERS

Each club may enter one booth and one banner. You may enter in either open-theme or annual-theme, which is "**Blossoming with 4-H.**" Please be sure to submit an indoor entry form in the club's name **and** call the 4-H office to reserve space. If you need instructions, email jparrish@umd.edu. Complete rules are found in the fair book.

HELP NEEDED DURING FAIR WEEK



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

- **Enter Exhibits Saturday, July 13 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**
 - ◆ Two adult volunteers are needed to assist at an exhibit entry table.
 - ◆ 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 **Sunday, July 13 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 **Tuesday July 15 through Friday, July 18 from 5:00 to 8:00 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.

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

AG EXPO BAKED GOODS AUCTION



All baked goods entered in fair will be auctioned on **Monday, July 14, 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 Sara Barnard during exhibit entry.

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 Smith's Custom Meats in Hyndman, PA on

Wednesday, July 9 between 8 and 9 a.m. All market chickens (carcasses) must weigh at least 5 pounds each. Any carcass under that weight will not be judged or sold. Results will be shared during the Breeding Poultry Show.

Smiths will bring the carcasses vacuumed sealed and frozen to the Livestock Sale Saturday morning. Please tell potential buyers to bring a cooler with them that day.

4-H ANIMAL ARRIVAL AT FAIR

Friday, July 11, 12 to 6 p.m.

(No horses on Friday)

Saturday, July 12, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Check-in will be located in the barn. Each exhibitor will receive a packet and must provide:

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

BARN MEETING SUNDAY, JULY 13, 12:00 P.M.

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

All livestock exhibitors/families will meet at the bleachers near the show ring.

PHOTOS FOR BUYERS' POSTERS

Don't forget to bring your photos for the buyers' posters. Posters will be provided and available in the multi-purpose building. There will be a table with printed posters, double stick tape and markers.

Please complete your posters by **Sunday, July 13 at 6:00 p.m.**

LIVESTOCK SALE Saturday, July 19 at 9:00 a.m.

The sale will be held at 9:00 a.m. Buyer registration begins at 8:00 a.m. All exhibitors selling livestock must be present. Show attire is required for the sale.

The flier, "Why buy 4-H raised animals?" is available to share with your buyers. Email tonir@umd.edu for the flyer or copies.

4-H/FFA SHOW & SALE ATTIRE

Rules:

1. No farm names or other identification shall appear on show uniforms.
2. Hats shall **NOT** be worn in the show ring **OR** during the sale.
3. Safe, appropriate attire, including footwear is required at all times. Jewelry does not qualify as a neckpiece due to safety reasons.
4. The following show attire is required for all shows and the livestock sale.

4-H Attire:

- 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.
- Dairy Goats and Dairy Cattle:
 - White slacks/skirt, white collared shirt with green, or black tie.
- Horses - Appropriate riding clothes and head gear.

FFA Attire:

- An official FFA jacket zipped to the top.
- Black slacks and black socks/nylons or black skirt and black nylons
- White collared blouse or white collared shirt with official FFA tie or FFA scarf.
- Black dress shoes with closed heel and toe.



4-H CONTESTS/ACTIVITIES AT FAIR

Open to 4-H members age 8 to 18 (4-H age) & FFA Members*

SKILLATHONS **MONDAY, JULY 14 AT 1:00 P.M.**

These events will be in the Exhibit Hall: Poultry Skillathon, Rabbit Skillathon, and Horticulture Contest. Rules are located in the fair book.

LIVESTOCK EVALUATION CONTEST **WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 AT 9:00 A.M.**

The contest will consist of judging classes and educational discussion following. To participate, report to the barn by 8:45 a.m.

CLOVER FUN SHOW **WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 - AFTER LIVESTOCK EVALUATION**

The show is open to 4-H Clovers (ages 5 to 7 as of 1/1/2025). It will be held in the showing following the Livestock Evaluation. To register, email jparrish@umd.edu or call 301-724-3320.

BICYCLE CONTEST **WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 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. There will be an option for Clovers ages 5 to 7.

TRACTOR CONTEST **FRIDAY, JULY 19, 9:00 A.M.**

The contest will begin at 9:00 a.m. Be sure to add **Class 4360** to your entry form. There will be an activity for Clovers (ages 5 to 7).

4-H PRESENTS! **FRIDAY, JULY 19 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 do Show & Tell.

In addition to submitting a fair registration form, please call the office to register or sign up during exhibit entry on Saturday, July 12.

Ribbons/results for the following contests will be given out at the start of 4-H Presents! Skillathons, Livestock Evaluation, Bicycle Contest, and Tractor Contest



***NOTE:** Clovers may only participate in the Clover Fun Show, the Bicycle Contest, the Tractor Contest activity, and 4-H Presents!

MARYLAND STATE FAIR

AUGUST 21 TO 24; AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 1; SEPTEMBER 4 TO 7

2025 Maryland State Fair Book is posted on the MSF website at:
<https://marylandstatefair.com/4hffa/>

- **2025 Exhibitor Entry Deadlines for Blue Ribbon** - The State Fair's Blue Ribbon Entry system is NOW OPEN. This is a reminder that the 2025 State Fair exhibitor registration deadline is July 15th. The State Fair Blue Ribbon Entry system is used for the 4-H/FFA departments listed below.
 - Divisions A-J (All animal exhibits except Dogs)
 - Divisions L-S (All indoor exhibits except Club Booths and Banners)
 - Some Division T exhibits (4-H Promotional Posters and 4-H Promotional Graphic Art Design)
 - Some Division X events (Costume Animal Parade, Clover Box exhibits, and 4-H/FFA Shepherd's Lead).
- **2025 Exhibitor Entry Deadlines for 4-H Online** - The Maryland 4-H Online system is NOW OPEN and is used for select contests/shows (listed below) held at the Maryland State Fair. The registration deadline is July 31st for the contests/shows utilizing the 4-H Online entry system. Accommodations for counties with qualifiers and selection events after July 31st are available.
 - Division K (4-H Dog Show)
 - Some Division T exhibits (4-H Club Booth & Banner Exhibits)
 - Some Division X events (State 4-H Fashion Revue, 4-H Presents!, 4-H Top Chef!, and 4-H Horticultural Communications Contest)
 - Division U (4-H/FFA Dairy Judging Contest, 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, 4-H Dairy Goat Judging & Skills Event, 4-H/FFA Poultry & Egg Judging Contest, 4-H Rabbit Judging & Skillathon Contest, and 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest)
 - Division W (4-H Robotics Challenge)
 - Division V (4-H/FFA Tractor Operator Safety Event, 4-H Bicycle Safety Event, 4-H Small Engine Event, 4-H Lawn Tractor Event, and 4-H Drone Challenge)



NEW 4-H FISCAL YEAR BEGINS JULY 1

Don't forget that you need to close out your Treasurer Book for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

- Club Financial Packets due **September 1**. The following items for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 are due to our office:
 - Treasure Book
 - Club Annual Financial Summary Report
 - Club Inventory Report
 - Proof of 990 filing (ePostcard)* - Clubs are required to file for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 on or before **September 1, 2025**. Clubs can start filing as soon as July 1, 2025.

The filing for most clubs is done by the 4-H Office and a copy will be emailed to the club leader by 9/1. If you are unsure if you need to file, email jparrish@umd.edu.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- ★ Dusty Berg
- ★ Ethan Brubaker
- ★ Ian Call
- ★ Lily Campbell
- ★ Qifei Chen
- ★ Gaya Cohen-Inbar
- ★ Aryana Douglas

- ★ Ceasar Harper
- ★ Cassandra Hein
- ★ Jonaysia Houser
- ★ Lillie Humbertson
- ★ Denver Miller
- ★ Victor Moore
- ★ Lilyana Morton

- ★ Landen Ritchie
- ★ Olivia Robertson
- ★ Wyatt Rudd
- ★ Liberty Shambaugh
- ★ Cameron Strawderman
- ★ Serene Vantelas

Save the Date!

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& Ag Expo**

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Fairgrounds

Maryland State Fair

- August 21 to 24
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- September 4 to 7

2025 Volunteer & Teen Forum

November 14 to 16
Ocean City, MD

4-H Photos Wanted

Send us your 4-H photos for our newsletters, social media, and more.

Send photos with a brief description to
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