



## It's Time for Fair!

### Fair Book

- You can find it here:  
<https://go.umd.edu/AlleganyCoFairBook>
- The entry form is available here:  
<https://go.umd.edu/ACfairentryform>

### Indoor Entries

- Pre-registration forms are due July 15.
- Indoor exhibits will be accepted Saturday, July 18, 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 17 - 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. (No horses)
- Saturday, July 18 - 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### 2026 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, 2026, and include any information through June 30, 2026. Each book will be judged on its own merit for neatness, quality, and quantity of 4-H work - Class 4125. 4-H Clovers may enter a 2026 memory book in the Clover exhibits - Class 3004.

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

### Upcoming Events

- **July 1** - Quality Assurance & Horse Testing Due
- **July 3** - UME Office Closed
- **July 17 to 25** - Allegany Co. Fair
- **July 25** - Livestock Sale at the Fair
- **September 1** - Club Financial Packet Due
- **September 7** - UME Office Closed

### MD State Fair

- **August 27 to 30** - First weekend
- **September 3 to 7** - Second weekend
- **September 10 to 13** - Final weekend

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## Club 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: Ready for Work and Life.” 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](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu). Complete rules are found in the fair book.

## Ag Expo Baked Goods Auction



All baked goods entered in fair will be auctioned on **Monday, July 20, 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.

## Exhibitor Picnic - Thursday July 23

A picnic for 4-H exhibitors/families will be held in the exhibit hall Thursday, July 23, 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 [tonir@umd.edu](mailto:tonir@umd.edu) or call 301-724-3320 by July 18.



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.

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## Help Needed During Fair Week

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

**Enter Exhibits Saturday, July 18 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

- 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.  
Shifts are one hour (You can work more than one shift if you wish.)

**Indoor Exhibit Judging, Sunday, July 19 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 sign up during exhibit entry at the 4-H table to schedule a time for individuals, clubs, or families to oversee the 4-H area. Things you can do while in the building: 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](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu).



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## **Market Chickens**

Exhibitors will receive a carcass show form (w/the leg bands) for their two market birds to drop off with the birds at Smith's Custom Meats in Hyndman, PA on **Wednesday, July 15 between 8 and 9 a.m.** All chicken 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 17, 12 to 6 p.m.** (No horses on Friday)

- **Saturday, July 18, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Check-in will be located in the barn. Each exhibitor will receive a packet and must show paperwork or digital copy of:

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

## **Barn Meeting**

**Sunday, July 19, 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 19 at 6:00 p.m.**

## **Livestock Sale**

**Saturday, July 25 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](mailto:tonir@umd.edu) for the flyer or copies.

## **4-H Show & Sale Attire**

### **Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Rabbits, and Poultry:**

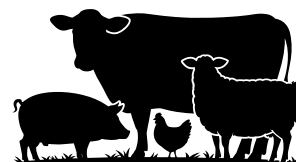
- Proper show attire is required for all showmanship, breeding and market shows, sale pictures and during the livestock sale.
- Exhibitors must wear black, khaki or dark wash pants or jeans. Girls may substitute skirt in same colors. Pants or skirts shall be clean and not have holes.
- White or dressy shirts with sleeves and a collar are required.
- Safe and appropriate (closed toed) footwear is required (such as boots or sturdy shoes).
- Appropriate neckpieces may be worn, but are not required.
- No hats may be worn in the show/sale ring.

### **Dairy Goats and Dairy Cattle:**

- White slacks/skirt, white collared shirt with green, or black tie.
- Safe and appropriate (closed toed) footwear is required

### **Horses:**

- Appropriate riding clothes and head gear.
- Safe and appropriate (closed toed) footwear is required



# Contests at the Fair

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

## Skillathons

Monday, July 20 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 22 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 22 - 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 showring following the Livestock Evaluation. **To register, email [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu) or call 301-724-3320.**

## Bicycle Contest\*

Wednesday, July 22 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 24, 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 24 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!

## MDA Animal Health Requirements for Fairs and Shows

Please visit the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) website for the 2026 Animal Health Requirements for Fairs and Shows at

<https://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/pages/fairs-shows.aspx>.

MDA sets forth requirements for exhibitors to follow at Maryland Fairs and Shows.

## Maryland State Fair

August 27 - 30 | September 3 - 7 | September 10 - 13



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The 2026 Maryland State Fair Book is now posted on the MSF website at: <https://marylandstatefair.com/4hffa/>

- 2026 Exhibitor Entry Deadlines for Blue Ribbon - The State Fair's Blue Ribbon Entry system is NOW OPEN. This is a reminder that the 2026 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).

**2026 Exhibitor Entry Deadlines for 4-H Online** - The Maryland 4-H Online system will be used for select contests/shows held at the Maryland State Fair and will open soon! The registration deadline is July 31st for the contests/shows utilizing the 4-H Online entry system. This includes 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)

## New 4-H Fiscal Year Begins July 1 Club Financial Packets due September 1.

Don't forget that you need to close out your Treasurer Book for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.



The following items for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 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, 2025 to June 30, 2026 on or before September 1, 2026. Clubs can start filing as soon as July 1, 2026.

\*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](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu).

# Happy Birthday!

Jayde Avers  
Ethan Brubaker  
Annora Griffin  
Haley Butler  
Lily Campbell  
Marie Danzi  
Ceasar Harper

Annie Hartsock  
Flynn Hewitt  
Jonaysia Houser  
Denver Miller  
Evelyn Ormsbee  
Landen Ritchie  
Joseie Sagal

Liberty Shambaugh  
Briar Stahlman  
Cameron Strawderman  
Serena Vantelas  
Alyas Williams  
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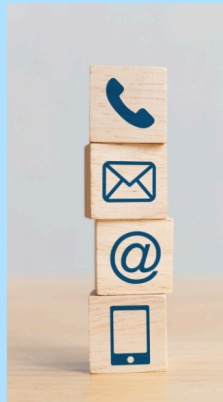
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