4-H/FFA Market Animal Project
Guide Book ~ 2014

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CHECK LIST: This self-check list is to help you meet deadlines. Check (✓) and date when you complete each step.

________ Feb 1st due – 4-H 2014 forms: enrollment, livestock contract & behavior expectations forms
________ Feb 3rd due – 2013 4-H record books from leaders to UME Garrett office
________ *New This Year – March 29th 8:00 am – 12:00 noon at GC Fairgrounds Tagging of steers
Federal/state ID tags (See new MDA regulations on Page 5)
________ April – Contact UME Garrett Office to be included in the April Animal Health Checks by Casselman Veterinary Service or contact your veterinarian to schedule a health check for sheep & goat flock checks and beef that will be shown before the fair. All health checks must be completed within 60 days of the first show. See page 6 for details.
________ May 16th - 3:00 pm- 8:00 pm & May 17th 7:00 am-9:00 am – Spring Weigh In
Animal(s) tagged - Sheep, Swine, and Goats
Complete market animal identification card & county bred certification
Complete Maryland 4-H Livestock Registration
Casselman Veterinary Service will be available to complete health papers.
________ May 17th – Western MD District Show to be held at Garrett County
________ June – Contact UME Garrett Office to be included in the June Animal Health Checks by Casselman Veterinary Service or contact your veterinarian to schedule a health check for all beef & breeding exhibitors who have not already had the health form completed. All health checks must be completed within 60 days of the first show. See page 6 for details.
________ July 1st – Send names & addresses of potential buyers to GCLA c/o UME Garrett office
________ July 26th – August 2nd – Garrett County Agricultural Fair
________ Aug 2nd – 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale – 4:00 p.m.
________ August 22nd to September 2nd – Maryland State Fair
________ Sept 1st – Thank you cards/letters to your buyers and trophy donors must be turned into the UME Garrett 4-H office before you will receive your check for the sale of your market animal.
________ Fair premium and livestock checks cashed within 30 days of receiving
________ November 1, 2014 – Beef Weigh In for 2015 GC Fair
________ December – Complete market animal record sheet & record book

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2014 Directory

- **Assistance Available:** If you have any questions or need some help, please feel free to call one of the following people:

**Garrett Co. Livestock Association**
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Rules and Guidelines for Market Animal Projects for the Livestock Sale at the Garrett Co. Fair

Introduction:
The following rules and general information are to be followed by each exhibitor. Additional rules are found in the Garrett County Fair premium book. The information given in this booklet is intended to help you with your animal project. Please keep this copy handy and refer to it as necessary. Any questions not covered may be referred to your club leader, FFA advisor, or Extension Educator. You have just made a large investment by deciding to raise, show, and sell a market animal. This guidebook was compiled to provide information that will help you to learn and succeed in raising your animal.

Membership:

- Youth entering an animal in the Garrett County Livestock Association Sale at the Garrett County Fair must be enrolled in a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter by January 31st, and abide by that organization’s rules for active membership. Enrollment for 4-H requires a completed enrollment form, behavioral expectations form and Garrett County Livestock Association contract.

- Participants in 4-H activities at the Garrett County Fair must be enrolled as a 4-H member and his or her enrollment recorded in the 4-H office by July 1 of the current year. 4-H members must have passed their 8th birthday and must not have reached their 19th birthday on January 1 of the current year.

- FFA members must have annual dues paid in their local FFA Chapter for the current year and be conducting a supervised farming program under the guidance of the local FFA Advisor. FFA members cannot have passed their nineteenth birthday as of January 1 of the current year when competing in the same class with 4-H members.

- A project record for each market animal sold must be completed and submitted to be eligible to sell a market animal the next year. 4-H Records are due February 1st to the UME Garrett Office. FFA members submit records to Agricultural Education Instructors by their deadlines. The Livestock Association will review all market records.

- In addition to remaining a member in good standing in their particular 4-H club or FFA chapter, market livestock exhibitors must also meet the attendance requirements set forth by the Garrett County Livestock Association. The GCLA requires that re-enrolling 4-H and FFA members attend at least 75% of all club meetings held since the previous year’s fair. New members are required to attend 75% of all club meetings held since January 1st of the current year.

- 4-H and FFA members whose attendance does not meet this requirement may attend one or both of the general membership meetings of the GCLA as make up meetings. These meetings are typically held in conjunction with the spring weigh in and tagging of small animals and the annual membership dinner and election of officers, held in the fall.

- 4-H club leaders and FFA chapter advisors will record attendance in a manner that is consistent with the Attendance Policies developed by UME Garrett Office and FFA Chapter advisors, and accepted by the GCLA. All 4-H club leaders and FFA chapter advisors will submit the current year’s attendance records to the GCLA for review. Exhibitors that do not meet the attendance requirement as set forth or referenced in this document will not be eligible to sell a market livestock animal at the current year’s sale. The GCLA Board of Directors and Officers will review any circumstances requiring arbitration of eligibility to offer an animal in the sale.
Youth in last year of 4-H/FFA eligibility: If a member finds they are not able to attend all club meetings because of college classes or work commitments and want to tag and sell a market animal - they may submit to the Livestock Association a letter requesting a waiver of attendance if for the past 3 years they have met the requirements for attendance and record book completion. Members requesting a waiver must do so as soon as they are aware of the scheduling conflict. Waivers will not be granted retroactively for meetings already missed. Youth receiving a waiver are encouraged to participate as much as possible in club and county educational programs.

Tagging:

For the 2014 Garrett County Fair year, a member may tag three (3), but only show and sell two (2) market animals (beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits or chickens). There cannot be more than one beef, sheep, swine or goat tagged or sold. It is mandatory that market animals be identified by a State 4-H ear ID tag by the established deadline. If a tag is lost prior to fair weigh-in, contact the UME Garrett 4-H Office immediately. Exhibitors planning to bring meat rabbits (pen of three) or broiler chickens (pen of two) to the fair will be required to complete a livestock card to be eligible for the livestock sale at the fair. The cards must be turned in to the superintendent on entry day at the GC Fair.

4-H Livestock Housing Location:

4-H project animals should be housed at a location that maximizes the 4-H member’s ability to be directly responsible for daily care of the animals.

- The preferred location to house 4-H project animals is at the home of the 4-H member.
- When project animals cannot be housed at the home of the 4-H member, the preferred locations would be at the home of a direct relative or an approved UME volunteer.
- Animals should be housed within the county of 4-H enrollment whenever feasible.
- 4-H project animals should not be housed at the residence of the person selling the 4-H member the project animal when that person has a vested interest in the competitive status of the animals in the show ring.

Source: MD 4-H Animal Science Program Guidebook

County Bred Class:

Market animals that are bred and born in Garrett County are eligible for competition in the County Bred Champion program. All county-bred animals must be identified as such at the initial weigh-in and tagging for the species. At weigh-in and tagging the exhibitor must note the name of the county producer from whom the animal was purchased and, the producer must sign the attestation statement on the card used to record the animal’s information at weigh-in and tagging. Animals may not be designated as county bred animals after the initial weigh-in and tagging date.

Fall Weigh-In: November 2013

Beef: A fall weigh-in was held for beef steers in November. Only steers weighed and tagged in November are eligible to be shown at the 2014 fair. Rate of gain for steers will be calculated using the November weigh in weights and the fair entry weight. Steers were ear tagged and vaccinations were available. Health checks were not done at weigh-in because it is too early for the 2014 show season.
Update from Maryland Dept. of Agriculture (MDA) – 2014

New Federal and State Animal Identification requirements are being implemented. All animals (cattle, swine, sheep, goats) must have “Official Animal Disease Traceability Identification” to enter fairs and shows. MDA classifies “Official Identification” as:

1. **Cattle** – “Official Identification” is a tag with the US shield on the tag. Brands or tattoos will no longer be an acceptable form of identification for MDA Health Requirement purposes.

2. **Swine** – “Official Identification” is a tag with the US shield on the tag. Recognized breed ear notches or tattoos will no longer be an acceptable form of identification for MDA Health Requirement purposes.

3. **Sheep & Goats** – All sheep and goats must be officially scrapie-identified. In addition, “Official Identification” can be one of the following options:
   a. Tag with the US shield on the tag;
   b. Legible registration tattoos, for which the registration paper shall accompany the animals;
   c. Legible tattoos consisting of an individual animal number unique within the flock in one ear and the official scrapie premise identification number (flock ID) in the other ear.

- **Beef exhibitors have 2 options:**
  1. **1st Option:** Breeders/producers can tag their own animal by requesting federal/state identification tags having the US shield from MDA by calling 410-841-5810, or emailing animal.disease.traceability@maryland.gov, metal tags are free of charge, more information is available at http://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/disease-traceability.aspx
  Or
  2. **2nd Option:** Bring your steers or breeding animals to the Garrett County fairgrounds on Saturday, March 29, between 8:00 and 12:00 noon. Garrett County Livestock Association members will tag any animals on that day that have not received the tag from their breeder.

- **Swine exhibitors have 2 options:**
  1. **1st Option:** Breeders/producers can tag their own animal by requesting federal/state identification tags having the US shield from MDA by calling 410-841-5810, or emailing animal.disease.traceability@maryland.gov, more information is available at http://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/disease-traceability.aspx
  Or
  2. **2nd Option:** At spring weigh-in, the federal/state identification tags will be available along with the regular 4-H market animal tags.

- **Sheep and Goat exhibitors:**
  There is no change in requirements. Sheep and goats will continue to be required to have both an official scrapie ID tag and the MD 4-H tag.
  So for 2014 fair, market and breeding animals will have two tags, our 4-H tag, and a federal/state identification tag. **Both tags are required for a veterinarian to sign your health papers.** If you would like to view the complete list of requirements from MDA, please see the following website: http://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx
Animal Health Checks (April & June, 2014):

Casselman Veterinary Service (CVS) is willing to schedule two health check days where a veterinarian from their practice will make farm calls to complete health papers. On these days, CVS is offering a reduced farm call fee of $15 and a $5 fee per species for the health chart preparation. In order to obtain this discounted rate, the fees must be paid at the time of the visit. If CVS must bill for the service, their regular rates will apply. Health forms must be filled out in full by the owner prior to the visit: with the vaccination (type & date), identification, name & date of first show.

Health forms are available at the University of Maryland Extension, Garrett County Office or at your veterinarian office.

Who should schedule a health check for April:
- Beef exhibitors showing at the Western Maryland 4-H/FFA District Show. These same health papers will be good for the GC Fair with completion of the self-certification.
- Sheep and goat exhibitors requiring a flock check. (This applies to farms that have sheep or goats on their farm in addition to those that will be brought to 4-H shows). These same health papers will be valid for the GC Fair with completion of the self-certification.

April 10, 2014 (Northern End)
April 11, 2014 (Southern End)

Who should schedule a health check for June:
- All beef & breeding exhibitors only showing at the Garrett County Fair.

June 26, 2014 (Northern End)
June 27, 2014 (Southern End)

Out-of-state animals must have health checks within 30 days of a show. They will have to make special arrangements with their veterinarian.

Spring Weigh-In: June 2014

The Livestock Association will conduct a spring weigh-in for all market sheep, swine, and goats. These animals must be the bona fide property of the youth by this date. Animals will be tagged, weighed, and given a health check if veterinary coverage is available. Weigh-in weights will be the beginning weight for rate-of-gain calculations. All Garrett County youth participating in the Western Maryland District Show must weigh their animal on Friday evening. Those not showing may weigh on Friday or Saturday.

- **Steers:** They may be brought to the spring weigh-in to be weighed, but this is NOT mandatory. Hoof trimming may be available if there is sufficient interest. Anyone exhibiting at the Spring/District Show must have their health check done before arrival. Health checks for steers will not be done at weigh-in.

- **Commercial Class for Beef Heifers:** They are tagged at spring weigh-in.

- **Sheep:** If your market lamb is the only sheep on the farm/property, the health check can be done at weigh-in. If there are additional sheep, your entire flock has to be veterinarian inspected at your farm. All Market lambs are required to be weighed & tagged at the Spring Weigh-in. All sheep must have a USDA Scrapie ID Tag - there are no exceptions to this rule.

- **New for 2014 ~ Commercial Class for Sheep:** They will be tagged at spring weigh-in.
- **Swine:** A market swine must be a barrow or gilt.

- **Goats:** Goats may be wethers or does. Horns should be blunted. If your market goat is the only goat on the farm/property, then the veterinarian inspection can be done at weigh-in. If there are additional goats, your whole flock has to be veterinarian inspected at your farm. All Market goats are required to be weighed & tagged at the Spring Weigh-in. All goats must have a USDA Scrapie ID Tag - there are no exceptions to this rule.

Garrett County Livestock Association is not responsible for injury to any animals during the unloading, weighing, and reloading of animals during the fall and spring weigh in.

**Garrett County Fair**

- **Weigh-In:** A licensed Veterinarian will check for castration and general health condition of all market animals at the time of fair weigh-in. **All castrations must be completely healed.** The Garrett County Fair Oversight Committee will disqualify any animal found to have one or more testicles (no matter what size or condition) and the animal must then be removed from the fairgrounds. If the animal meets Garrett County Fair regulations, it may be shown as a breeding animal - if registered. Animal health care is very important. Before giving any medication, please read all labels carefully and administer under the advisement of a veterinarian. Check your animal regularly for any signs of parasites, lice, ring worm, warts or any other health issues and treat appropriately. The health status of animals will be checked on entry day and/or upon the arrival of a state or local veterinarian. If at any time during a livestock exhibition event an animal is found to be of poor health or condition, it may be necessary for the animal to be removed from the fairgrounds. The decision to have an animal removed is at the discretion of the Livestock Oversight Committee and/or local or state veterinarians or Maryland Department of Agriculture staff.

- **Beef:** Must weigh a minimum of 1000 lbs. at the fair weigh-in. All horns must be removed. If stub horns return, eligibility will be determined by the Garrett County Fair Oversight Committee.

- **Sheep:** Sheep must weigh between 90 -150 lbs. at the fair weigh-in. A market lamb must be a wether or ewe (cryptorchids are not accepted). Market lambs must be slick shorn. All sheep must have a USDA Scrapie ID Tag - there are no exceptions to this rule.

**Tail Docking Policy**

- **Recommended compliance:** Market Lambs should be docked no shorter than the distal end (farthest point from the body) of the caudal tail fold. The caudal fold is a flap of skin attached to the underside of the tail near the rectum that is clearly visible when the tail is lifted. Lambs docked in this manner will have a minimum tail length of 0.7 inches at the time of show. Purchased lambs should have a minimum tail length of 1.4 inches at the time of weaning.

- **Required compliance:** “Any sheep or lamb that exhibits a rectal prolapse at a 4-H activity will be ineligible for that show and be sent home by Extension Educator, Sheep Superintendent, or other appropriately deemed individual. Lambs with purse-string sutures are ineligible for exhibition at 4-H Shows. The following will be used as guideline for making this determination: “A rectal prolapse is defined as an inversion of the rectum that protrudes 4 cm (1.6 in.) or more outside the body and remains exterior to the body while the animal is standing.” (Journal of Animal Science, 2003, Thomas et al.) If a lamb is observed with 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.
- **Swine:** Swine must weigh between 220 – 290 lbs. at the fair weigh-in. It is recommended that swine have a minimum of one half inch of hair at market weight.

- **Goats:** Market goats may be of a meat breed, a crossbreed or dairy breed. Market goats must weigh between 50 – 110 lbs. at the fair weigh-in. They must be wethers or does and horns must be blunted. Market Goats must be less than 1 year in age. All goats must have a USDA Scrapie ID Tag.

- **Rabbits:** Pen of three (3) under 10 weeks old and between 3 to 5 pounds. Meat type rabbits only, no crossbreeds. (Only champion and reserve champion pens will be sold).

- **Poultry:** Meat birds (2) - (Only champion and reserve champion will be sold).

**GENERAL NOTES**

- Begin working with your animal as soon possible. Regular practice improves your performance in shows.
- Respecting the safety of all exhibitors, animals that cannot be controlled during the show will be removed from the show ring.
- Please be on time for your shows and sale. Times are listed in the fair book. Exhibitors that miss their show or sale time will not be allowed to show/sell in a different class or time. **If an animal is not shown it can not be sold during the Livestock Sale Saturday night.**
- For assistance and information about grooming and showing, please refer to the listed references in this guidebook, plan to attend future workshops, or contact your Club leader or the 4-H Extension Educator.
- If an animal is uncontrollable, tranquilizers may not be used. If tranquilizers are used, the animals cannot be sold during the Livestock Sale Saturday night.
- No animal can be substituted because of death, illness or injury after they have been weighed and tagged.
- The USDA will not allow any health forms to be faxed. Only original forms will be accepted.

Garrett County Livestock Association Board, their members, 4-H volunteers, 4-H Extension Educators, FFA Advisors and Fair Superintendents may routinely interact with and observe animals present at livestock events. However, the above mentioned will not be responsible for any injury, disease, illness or death of animals incurred.
**4-H Animal Ownership Deadlines:** The dates listed are for the Maryland State Fair and the Garrett County Fair.

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If you are planning to own and exhibit any of the above animals, please make certain they are listed on your 4-H enrollment form. This list is used for future mailings relating to the animal projects. If you are planning to exhibit at the Maryland State Fair, please contact the Extension Office. It is the policy of the Maryland State 4-H Program that once a market animal is sold it is no longer eligible for any other 4-H show. Once the gavel is tapped, the animal becomes the possession of the buyer and is no longer a 4-H Market Animal. At the conclusion of the county fair, a copy of market animals sold and their 4-H market animal tag numbers is sent to the State 4-H Office. Market animals sold at a county fair may not be exhibited at the State Fair in any class in that same year.

**Livestock Sale**

**Buyers:** We urge members to contact potential buyers for your animals. Please send the business name and owner’s names and addresses to the UME Garrett Office by July 1st. Be sure to include a complete official mailing address so that information about fair passes and sale details can be sent to them. You may send your buyer lists to UME Garrett Office by email to wguard@umd.edu, by fax (301) 334-6961 or by mailing. It is not acceptable behavior for anyone associated with a 4-H/FFA exhibitor to approach a buyer after the animal is sold and directly ask or suggest that the buyer give the animal back to an exhibitor. Any 4-H/FFA member exhibitor or anyone associated with an exhibitor that is determined to be in violation of this rule will be subject to sanctions up to and including having the privilege of exhibiting and/or selling market livestock at the Garrett County Fair permanently revoked.

**Weighing:** No animals will be weighed for the livestock sale after the date and time for weigh-in set at the county fair.

**Animals required to be sold:** Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, County Bred Grand Champion and County Bred Reserve Grand Champion for all species must be sold. The superintendent will determine the sale order for all other animals by class placing or by drawing for position.
**Pictures:** Pictures for buyer posters and exhibitors are taken by a local photographer and any not used by the association, will be returned to the exhibitor. The member must have their picture taken with the animal at the fair on the scheduled day or they cannot sell.

**Night of Sale:** Each steer must be left with an ordinary halter for leading after the sale. Halters should be tagged with the exhibitor's name and may be picked up at the UME Garrett office on the Wednesday following the fair. Any exhibitors who have breeding, open class or a 4-H animal not selling must make their own arrangements to have the animal removed from the fairgrounds after the sale.

**Payment to Members:** Payment for animals will start after September 15th and continue as funds are collected. Deductions from the check include:

- Commission
- Promotion fee
- One-half cost of pictures (per animal)
- 25 cents for Livestock Association dues

**Thank You Cards:** Before you will receive your livestock sale check, a thank you card or letter must be written to your buyer(s) and award sponsors. This thank you notification with postage attached must be turned into the University of Maryland Extension Garrett Office no later than September 1st. Failure to submit a thank you notes in a timely manner can result in suspension of privilege of selling in future livestock sales.

**Other Notes:**

Please notify the Livestock Coordinator by 9:00 am Friday of fair week if a market animal will not be sold at the Livestock Sale.

In case of carcass condemnation, the 4-H or FFA member selling the animal is responsible. The buyer is entitled to a replacement of equal weight or restitution of funds paid by the 4-H or FFA exhibitor.

**Animal Show, Sale & Picture Attire:** - Livestock: Beef, Sheep, Swine and Market Goats

1. Proper show attire is required for all fitting and showing, breeding shows, market shows, pictures and the livestock sale.
2. Safe, appropriate attire, including footwear, is required at all times. No sandals or lightweight tennis shoes. Good work shoes or boots are best.
3. Black or dark-color or khaki slacks/jeans are required. White shirts or nice dress shirts with sleeves and collar are required. Girls may wear long dark or khaki colored skirts.
4. No hats in the show ring or sale ring.
5. Appropriate neckpieces may be worn.
6. Unacceptable attire includes t-shirts, sweatshirts, shorts & shirts with inappropriate logos (such as advertising for alcohol, tobacco or farm names).
7. Faded or jeans with holes are not allowed.
8. Proper show items for your animal are required. Example: Swine: Hog cane or flapper and a brush. Beef: Show stick, comb, and show halter.
General Information for Exhibits at Fair:

1. Exhibitors must also abide by General Rules and Regulations printed in the fair book. Please read the rules prior to fair week.
2. All animals especially beef must be controllable. Exhibitors must be familiar with and able to show their own animal.
3. All animals must be checked by a veterinarian prior to the fair and health papers presented at the time of fair weigh-in.
4. All Market animals are to be brought to the fairgrounds on Sunday of fair week and will be weighed on Sunday from 9:00 am - 4:00 p.m. (Note: This time may change prior to the fair and exhibitors will be notified via a letter and/or news release in newspaper).
5. Animals are to arrive to the fairground clean and bathed and are to be kept in this condition during the week. Bathing must be completed before 12:00 noon and restricted to one bath a day. Special permission will be given under unusual circumstances. Animals being shown that day have 1st priority at the wash rack.
6. The Fair Board requires all exhibitors to have their stall area, barns and general areas in a neat and orderly manner at all times. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of premiums. All animals must be fed and washed, and all stalls and barn areas cleaned by 12 noon, except show day. Please observe the 11:00 pm to 6:00 am curfew of not feeding or disturbing animals. All small animal pens must be cleaned out to the ground by Friday at noon. New shavings will be issued.
7. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their barn area. Beef manure should be forked out at the time it is deposited. Urine areas should be removed daily and new sawdust added. General cleaning must be finished by 12:00 noon. Trash, twine and pop cans are not to be deposited in the manure pile.
8. Tack boxes are not allowed in the sheep, goat or swine barn. Beef tack boxes are limited to one per family.
9. Exhibitors are responsible for raking and cleaning walk areas in the barn, general areas around the barns and will also help clean the show ring.
10. No horseplay in the barns. You are responsible if someone gets hurt.
11. No spraying people with the water hoses.
12. Consider all people in the barns as potential buyers.
13. Due to space restrictions no canopies, tents, or generators will be allowed. If additional power is needed contact the fair board. No grooming chute will be allowed under the overhang of the new multipurpose livestock barn.

Insurance Policy: It is recommended that families check their homeowner’s insurance to see if project animals are covered under the policy. If not, and a member would like insurance information, contact the Extension Office.

Additional Resource Material: Contact the UME Garrett Office at 301 334-6960 for additional project resource materials.
Health Information

Fall Weigh-In

The fall weigh-in date is too early to have fair/show health papers completed. This needs to be done within 60 days of the first show.

Vaccination of beef for the bovine respiratory complex and BVD may be given at fall weigh-in. Remember, if a killed BVD vaccine is used, a booster needs to be given 10 to 14 days after the first shot. Immunity should be adequate through the summer show season.

Veterinarians do not carry the Maryland Health Papers (CVI) with them. Please make sure you have the health form completed prior to the veterinarian visit. You may obtain the health papers at the Extension Office or at the Veterinarian’s office. It is recommended that you schedule your health checks at least 4 weeks prior to your show date. If health problems are found on an animal at any time, do not wait until the last minute to have the condition treated, start as soon as the condition if found.

Maryland Department of Agriculture 2014 Fair and Show Requirements

The Maryland Department of Agriculture’s (MDA), Animal Health Section strives in safeguarding Maryland’s animal industries at our Fairs and Shows. With an increased potential of disease transmission occurring when large numbers of animals gather for exhibition, MDA has set forth requirements for exhibitors to follow at Maryland Fairs and Shows. As an exhibitor you can help reduce the potential risk of introduction and spread of infectious and/or contagious diseases by following the species specific health requirements as specified on their website at: http://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx

Questions

If you have any questions or are unsure of any of these animal health requirements for Maryland fairs and shows, please contact your MDA Regional Health Offices during normal business hours.

*Maryland Law provides penalties for violations of Animal Health Law and Regulations.

*Livestock failing to meet Health Requirements will be denied entry or removed from the exhibition.

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