General Rules and Regulations

1. The Allegany County Agricultural Expo, Inc. reserves the right to interpret all rules and regulations and resolve any situation that may arise; and is not restricted by the lack of or omission of a specific rule or regulation. The Ag Expo Board of Directors will review any questionable practice, behavior or conduct by any exhibitor. The decision of the majority of the convened board is final regarding expulsion or disciplinary action.

2. All reasonable precautions will be taken for the safety of people, but the Allegany County Agricultural Expo, Inc. shall not be responsible for injury to any person.

3. All reasonable precautions will be taken for the protection of exhibits, but the organization shall not be responsible for loss or damage; however, all exhibits will be under the control and direction of the management. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him/her and for its description as given in the catalog, and shall indemnify the Expo against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto.

4. The organization reserves the right to cancel any event without prior notice and without incurring any liability.

5. Participants must comply with the rules and regulations listed for each department, division and class.

6. The organization reserves the right to reject exhibits of obvious poor quality and appearance.

7. No exhibitor may enter more than one entry in a class for competition except where noted.

8. Exhibits must be the exact number called for in the class under which they are entered.

9. The exhibitor is responsible for correct classification of their entry. Exhibits entered in wrong classes will not be judged. An item cannot be changed from one class to another.

10. All baked goods and candy must be on disposable plates.

11. The published premium list reflects the maximum amount the organization will pay in any class. However, the organization reserves the right to reduce premium payments if warranted by financial conditions.

12. Premiums and ribbons will be forfeited if indoor exhibits are removed before Sunday, July 26, 2014.

13. All exhibits should be pre-registered by July 17th. Entry Form is in Premium Book and at the: University of Maryland Extension Of Allegany County, One Commerce Drive, Cumberland, Md. 21502.

14. Entry forms should be mailed to: Ruth Ann Lafferty 14207 Hazen Road NE, Cumberland, MD, 21502. Animals must be pre-registered by May 1, using appropriate forms from the Extension Office.

15. No exhibits will be accepted by mail. NO EXHIBITS WILL BE ACCEPTED PRIOR TO SUNDAY JULY 19th FROM 12:00 to 5:00 P.M.

16. Entry forms will be available in the county libraries as well as other sites in the county.

17. Questions should be directed to Mary Teter at 301-478-5368; Ruth Ann Lafferty at 301-722-1966, or, after July 1, 2015, at 301-729-3932.

18. Exhibits may be entered at the fairgrounds Sunday, July 19, 2015 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Exhibitors are asked to pick up tags for their entries and place them on the appropriate exhibit prior to entering the exhibit area.

19. For a NO MAINTENANCE EXHIBIT the exhibitor will get 2 passes for any day at the fair. For a maintenance exhibit (ex: Animals) the exhibitor will be given identification which enables him/her to enter the grounds everyday.
20. Exhibits may be picked up Sunday, July 26, 2015 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Checks will be presented at this time. Claim checks must be presented.

21. Pre-Registration Entry Drawing – All exhibitors who pre-register will be eligible for a $50.00 drawing. Two categories, one for open class and one for 4-H/FFA exhibitors. To enter, your pre-registration entry must be received by July 17, 2015. (dept 1, section 9, class 15) Drawing will be held Fair Week.

22. All Livestock Exhibitors must present a Homeowners Insurance Certificate of liability at the time of registration.

Judging
1. Judges will be secured from the State Fair Board’s approved list. These judges will make their decisions in accordance with rules and regulations of organization.
2. No one will be allowed to serve as a judge of any class in which he/she exhibits.
3. Judges are requested not to give awards to animals or articles where there is not sufficient merit to warrant an award.
4. Judges may remove from competition any exhibitor attempting to interfere during judging.
2015 Fair and Show Requirements

The Maryland Department of Agriculture's (MDA), Animal Health Section serves 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 below.

All exhibitors are encouraged to refer to the following website for the most up to date regulations in regards to animal health regulations, disease control, Self Certification, and any other requirements concerning registration, immunizations.

http://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx

The Allegany County 4-H/FFA livestock entries will follow the most up-to-date regulations as posted on the MDA website.

All questions should be referred to the Allegany County Cooperative Extension office, or the Ag Expo Livestock Committee.

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.

MDA Headquarters: 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401
(410)-841-5810

Frederick Animal Health Lab: 1840 Rosemont Ave., Frederick, MD 21702
(301)-600-1548

Salisbury Animal Health Lab: 27722 Nanticoke Rd., Salisbury, MD 21801
(410)-543-6610
2015 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale
Saturday, July 25, 2015
Starting at 5:00pm

Selling: Rabbits, Chickens, Hogs, Lambs, Goats, Feeder Steers, and Steers

Buyers will need to get a bidder number and show I.D. upon arrival.
Businesses will need to provide name of representative on company letterhead.

Processors will be available sale night.

Buy back program (*if available*) will be announced at the start of the sale.
Please contact sale committee members for bidder sheets.

**Sale Committee Members:**
Tracey Brotemarkle: 240-727-4156
Tracy Snider: 240-727-3169
Tammy Stonestreet: 301-268-3342
Danielle Stonestreet: 301-268-2134
Diane Parker: 301-697-3843

Buyers can donate an animal to organization or individual, please make arrangements with organization or individual for the removal of animal.
Department 8 - 4-H /FFA Animals

FFA Advisor— Brittany Green  4-H Educator—Lacie Ashby

Rules:

1. To participate in these exhibits, youth must be enrolled in a 4-H or FFA Club in Allegany County. If you participated in the previous year’s livestock exhibits, you must have completed a project record(s) for each project exhibited. All 4-H/FFA members must comply with general rules.

2. No professional fitters. (This means no one who gets paid for fitting animals, whether it is our fair or other shows). This is done by the exhibitor or by another 4-H/FFA member. All projects will be shown UNFIT.

3. Exhibitors must show their own animals. Requests for a substitute showman must be approved prior to the show by the UME Educator and Superintendent. Acceptable reasons are for cases of illness or emergency only: such as a previous injury preventing the 4-Her from exhibiting (member must be present at ringside and have an obvious injury or a doctor’s note); or if the member is unexpectedly injured or becomes acutely ill while at the fair. The replacement showman should be in the same age division or younger. In the event that an exhibitor has two entries in the same class, the exhibitor must report to the appropriate superintendent and the additional showman shall be in the same age division or younger.

4. In order to exhibit all animals must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor, owned, and registered on the 4-H/FFA Livestock/Horse/Poultry/or Rabbit registration form by the corresponding deadline with the 4-H Office/FFA Advisor in the name of the exhibitor. In addition: market animals must have been tagged with a Maryland 4-H Livestock tag. Rabbits require a tattoo, and Chickens require leg ID bands. Commercial breeding animals must have been tagged with a Maryland 4-H Livestock tag. Registered breeding animals must have registration papers with the breed association in the exhibitor’s name by May 1 and must also have a matching tattoo. Original registration papers will be checked at weigh in Sunday at the fair. No copies will be accepted. Other additional regulations exist if the breeding or performance animal is being leased.

5. Each exhibitor can show 8 market animals, 2 of each type: goat, hog, lamb, feeder steer or market steer. Each exhibitor can sell only 6 animals with a limit of 2 in each type.

6. All 4-H/FFA members must complete the Livestock Quality Assurance Training Program to exhibit and/or sell an animal.

7. Animals undeserving of merit in the opinion of the judges will not be awarded premiums.

8. Each exhibitor will supply his/her own feed and bedding. Exhibitors are responsible for the care and cleanliness of their animals and stall areas while on exhibit.

9. Mistreatment/neglect of any and all livestock will result in disciplinary action to be decided by the oversight committee. Such mistreatment/neglect is punishable by, but not limited to, removal from the fairgrounds and/or forfeiture of all premiums. Exhibitors who do not obey the rules, and/or behavior expectation standards of the Maryland 4-H/FFA Programs will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action as
established in the Code of Conduct in effect for each organization. 4-H members who are disciplined and removed from the fair forfeit all premiums.

10. No 4-H or FFA member will be permitted to consume alcoholic beverages or use tobacco products or drugs on the fairgrounds. Violations may result in forfeiting of premiums and/or being expelled from the grounds.

11. All radios, CD/tape players, showing lights, etc. must be turned off by midnight and shall not be played excessively loud at other times.

12. Youth must be at the family camper by midnight. Adult leaders will be on the fairgrounds at the 4-H and FFA areas. ONLY YOUTH WITH ANIMALS CAN STAY OVERNIGHT WITH A LEGAL GUARDIAN THE WEEK OF THE FAIR. OTHERS ARE NOT PERMITTED.

13. All sheep, Goats, Swine, and Cattle must be on the grounds before 7:00 am Sunday. Horses must be on the grounds by Saturday at 6 pm. Rabbits and Chickens must be on the grounds by Sunday at noon (12 pm). If a question arises over the weight of an animal, that animal will be taken off the scale; the scale will be checked and balanced; and the animal will be reweighed immediately. If an exhibitor leaves the scale area without registering a protest, the scale weight will be assumed to be correct. Only two of each species per exhibitor may cross the scale. Each animal may cross the scale only one time. Scale weight is final.

14. If an animal is under weight at official weigh in time, that animal will not be allowed to show in market classes or be sold through the livestock sale. This animal can be shown in fitting and showing classes.

15. Each exhibitor may participate in Fitting and Showing and/or Rate of Gain only once for each species.

16. Thank you notes must be written and mailed to the buyer before payment for the animal is received by the exhibitor.

17. NO donated animal can go back into the ring to be resold.

18. Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions must be sold. Feeder steers will have the option to sell.

19. Animals cannot be taken home before designated times (Midnight Friday night) or premiums will be forfeited.

20. In the event that a carcass of a livestock sale animal is tampered with or condemned by the USDA inspectors, within 5 days of the sale, the buyer will be given a full refund of the sale price by the exhibitor.

21. All Cattle must have a collar tie or other means of security besides a halter.

22. All stall cards are to be completed and placed on pens after weigh-in on Sunday.

23. Breeding animals will be limited to pen space. Sheep and goats are limited to one (1) pen space (2 animals, meat or dairy) per exhibitor. Cattle are limited to (2) breeding per exhibitor (beef or dairy)

24. NO ANIMALS ARE PERMITTED OUT OF PENS AFTER 4 P.M. DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS FOR THE PUBLIC.

25. All male market animals must be castrated by tag day.

26. All pens will be assigned by barn superintendents.
27. Bred and Owned Class – Exhibitor must be owner of the dam at time of conception of the animal exhibited; and complete a breeding project record the year prior to showing in this class and declare animal as bred and owned by spring registration deadline. Exhibit must be properly registered with the 4-H Office by the deadline.

28. County Bred Class – Animal must have been born and bred in Alleghany County. Exhibitor must declare if animal is county bred by species registration deadline. Exhibit must be properly registered with the 4-H Office by the deadline.

29. All exhibitors must sign and comply with the Maryland 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics.

30. Exhibitors must comply with the Health Regulations for Livestock exhibited in Maryland, as set forth by the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

31. An alternate animal will be chosen for each market species in case a Grand or Reserve Champion should be disqualified. It will remain in a sealed envelope with the extension educator until after the livestock sale. If not needed, it will then be destroyed.

32. Pictures for the buyer posters are taken by a local photographer at designated times. The exhibitors must have their pictures taken with the animal at the scheduled time or the animal will not sell at the Livestock Sale.
4-H and FFA Show Attire

Rules:
1. No farm names or other identification shall appear on show uniforms.
2. Caps shall not be worn in show ring.
3. Safe, appropriate attire, including footwear is required at all times.
4. The following show attire is required for all shows, fitting and showing, and the livestock sale.
1. Dairy Goats and Dairy Cattle:
   4-H Boys: White slacks, white shirt with green, or black tie.
   4-H Girls: White slacks/skirt, white shirt w/ green / black neck piece.
   FFA: Official dress.
   4-H Boys: Tan or green slacks, white or tan shirt, with green or black tie.
   4-H Girls: Tan or green slacks or skirt, white or tan shirt with green or black neck piece.
   FFA: Official dress.
3. Horses:
   Boys and Girls: Appropriate riding clothes and head gear.

SECTION 1 - SPECIAL HERDSMAN AWARD

4-H / FFA

Special recognition will be given to members maintaining the neatest livestock area and voluntarily assisting others. These herdsman awards will be given in the following divisions. DO NOT REGISTER FOR THIS CLASS

The premium will be awarded to the first, second, and third places in each species, with all age divisions being judged together. Special attention will be given to cleanliness and cooperation with other club members and adult leaders.

A. Beef Cattle
B. Meat Goats
C. Rabbits
D. Sheep
E. Swine
F. Horses
G. Dairy Cattle
H. Chickens
I. Dairy Goats

Rules:
1. Each 4-H and FFA exhibitor is eligible to compete.
2. Club members rather than adult leaders and parents, will be expected to do the work in keeping the livestock area clean and caring for the animals.
3. Exhibits will be judged at least once a day and a running point total kept during the Ag Expo. All livestock exhibitors are automatically entered. No one needs to register for this class.
SECTION 2 - FITTING AND SHOWING

Rules:
1. A Fitting and Showing Contest will be held for the Cattle, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goat, Dairy Goat, Rabbit classes.
2. Exhibitors in this contest must have cared for the animal shown for the duration of the project.
3. Participants in Showmanship will be judged strictly on their showmanship in the ring. Judging Criteria: Performance in the show ring (60); Knowledge (30); and Personal Appearance (10). Showmanship animals will not be fitted and may only be washed, clipped, and blown out prior to entry in the ring. No fitting products (show foams, adhesives, coloring agents, paints, etc.) are to be used on the animal. The judge may ask questions of the contestants during the class.
4. The fitting and preparation of all animals for exhibit is the responsibility of the Exhibitor. Exhibitors may receive guidance only from immediate family members. Maryland 4H/FFA Members and appointed UME Volunteers / FFA Advisors.
5. Showmanship Divisions:
   4-H Junior (ages 8-10)
   4-H Intermediate (ages 11-13)
   4-H Seniors (ages 14-18)
   FFA
6. Proper Showmanship attire is required.
7. A plaque will be awarded to the champion showman in each division.
8. Animals may be washed, clipped and blowed out prior to contest. **ANIMALS MAY NOT BE FOAMED, NO PROFESSIONAL FITTERS.** The judge may ask questions during the class. The combined results of fitting and showing will determine the final placing.
SECTION 3 – 4-H HORSES
Superintendent – Tracey Brotemarkle

Rules:
1. Required Coggins Test checked by the superintendents before horses are unloaded.
2. All 4-H/FFA members must comply with general rules.
3. All 4-H/FFA members must complete the Livestock Quality Assurance Training Program.
4. No Stallions allowed on fairgrounds.
5. Exhibitors must show their own animals or have a lease agreement on file with the extension office prior to May 1 of each year.
6. Riding is permitted only in designated areas.
7. This show follows the rules as stated in the Maryland State 4-H rule book.
8. Decisions of the Show Steward will be final.
9. Proper attire is suggested but not required. However entrants must wear helmets, long pants, hard soled shoes with heels, and ASTM protective headgear when mounted. RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK.
10. All Horses are to be in stalls when midway is open to the public. Horses are not to be moved through the barn when other animals are being moved.
11. All exhibitors must successfully complete the Level 1 and Level 2 Knowledge and Riding "4-H Horsemanship Standards Testing" required.

Premiums:
$30.00 per head

Class:
4450

Classes:
1. FFA Grooming & Showmanship
2. Sr. Grooming & Showmanship
3. Inter. Grooming & Showmanship
4. Jr. Grooming & Showmanship
5. FFA Halter
6. Sr. Halter
7. Intr. Halter
8. Jr. Halter
9. Pony All Day
10. Jr. Walk Trot
11. English All Day
12. Western All Day
13. Green Horse (Walk, Trot – Horse in 1st or 2nd year of showing)
14. English Pleasure
15. Western Pleasure
16. Pony Pleasure
17. Hunter Over Fences – 18" Crosses
18. Hunter Over Fences – 24" Verticals
19. Hunter Over Fences – 18” Combination
20. Trail
21. English/Western Horsemanship – Walk, Jog/Trot, Lope/Canter pattern

Grand Champion: Sr. Jr. Inter. Reserve Grand Champion: Sr. Jr. Inter

Allegheny County 4-H/FFA Members Only May Enter The Horse Show

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**SECTION 4 - LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION AWARDS**

The following rules will apply:

1. Animals will be officially weighed and tagged at a set weigh date early in the project year for each species. The final weight used to calculate project animal rate of gain will be taken at official weigh-in.

2. Exhibitors will be limited to entering only one animal in each species for production awards, and are automatically entered into this class. The animal with the highest rate of gain will be used for each exhibitor if the exhibitor has more than one of that species.

3. The following recognition system and criteria will be used.

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In addition, a special award will be given to the exhibitor with the Rate of Gain Champion in each of the species.
SECTION 5 - 4-H/FFA BEEF CATTLE
Superintendent – Chad Cessna

Rules:
1. Beef breeding classes will be established for 4-H/FFA members carrying projects. Registration certificates for each animal must be furnished and available at any time during the fair. They will be checked prior to show day. If certificates are not in order the animal cannot be shown. Foxes or photocopies will not be accepted.
2. Beef steer classes will be established for members with animals that have been owned on or before January 1 of the current year.
3. Exhibitors must comply with all general rules and rules for livestock exhibits.
4. Classes for steers will be divided as equal in numbers as possible according to weights of steers.
5. Minimum weight limits on market steers will be 900 pounds

Premiums:
1st $20.00  3rd $16.00  5th $12.00  7th $9.00
2nd $18.00  4th $14.00  6th $10.00  8th $5.00

Classification:
1. Registered Breeds, each breed will show in its own class, classes will be added as needed. Registration papers must be in member's name by May 1.
   A: Angus   B: Hereford   C: Min Hereford   D: All Other Breeds

2. Commercial Breeds

Class:
Part I. Beef Breeding
3200 Junior Heifer - January 1, 2015 and after
3201 Yearling Heifer - July 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014
3202 Early Senior Yearling - January 1, 2014 - March 31, 2014
3203 Late Senior Yearling - April 1, 2014 - June 30, 2014
3204 2 Years and Older - December 31, 2013 and before
3205 Cow and Calf -natural calf - nursing - born 1/12 and after

Part II. Market Steers
4500 Market Steer
   County Bred (Banner) Bred and Owned (Banner)

Part III. Feeder Steer
4506 Feeder Steer
   County Bred (Banner) Bred & Owned (Banner)

Feeder Steer Rules:
1. Steer calves only (heifers will show in breeding classes). Calves must be castrated (no bull calves).
2. Weight limit is 700 lbs. and under. Animal must be born after Jan 1 of current fair year.
3. Animals must be tagged by spring tagging date.
4. Grand and Reserve Champion have an option to be sold.
5. Feeder Steers will count towards the total of six large animals sold at the Livestock Sale. Exhibitors may show two market steers and two feeder calves.
6. Classes will be organized according to weights.
Dairy Cattle Rules and Regulations

1. Exhibitors and exhibits must comply with the “General State Fair Rules & Regulations”, “General 4-H and FFA Rules & Regulations”, “Animal Rules & Regulations”, the “Maryland 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics”, the “Health Regulations for Livestock Exhibited in Maryland”, these “Division Rules & Regulations” and the applicable “Section Rules & Regulations”.

2. Ownership: All animals exhibited must be owned and registered in the Exhibitor’s name only by May 1 of the current year. Entries received with papers pending will not be accepted.
   a. Dairy animals in the Maryland 4-H Dairy Cattle Leasing Program must be assigned to the Exhibitor by May 1 of the current year. The Exhibitor must comply with the rules stated in the Maryland 4-H Dairy Cattle Leasing agreement.
   b. Registration certificates for each animal must be furnished and available at any time during the fair. **They will be checked prior to show day.** If certificates are not in order the animal cannot be shown. Faxes or photocopies will not be accepted.

3. Superintendent may, at his discretion, break or combine classes. Any female class with less than six animals entered may be combined with the next older class at the discretion of the Superintendent(s).

BREED CLASSES
All breeds except where noted in class description

4510 Heifer, Spring Calf, born Mar 1 - Apr 30, 2015
4511 Heifer, Winter Calf, born Dec 1, 2014 - Feb 28, 2015
4512 Heifer, Fall Calf, born Sep 1 - Nov 30, 2014
4513 Heifer, Summer Yearling, born Jun 1 - Aug 31, 2014
4514 Heifer, Spring Yearling, born Mar 1 - May 31, 2014
4515 Heifer, Winter Yearling, born Dec 1, 2013 - Feb 298 2014
4516 Heifer, Fall Yearling (not in milk), born Sep 1 - Nov 30, 2013
4517 Cow, 2 year old, born Mar 1, 2013 - Feb 28, 2014
4518 Cow, 3 year old, born Mar 1, 2012 - Feb 28, 2013
4519 Aged Cow-4 years old & older, born before Sep 1, 2011
4520 Dry Cow-must have calved at least once

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SECTION 6 - 4-H/FFA SWINE
Superintendent – Bill McKenzie & Troy Anderson

Rules:
1. Exhibitors must comply with all general rules, and rules for livestock exhibits.
2. Exhibits must be raised and cared for by club members.
3. Exhibitor will be limited to two entries.
4. Minimum weight limit will be 220 lbs.

Premiums:
1st $15.00  4th $12.00  7th $6.00  10th $5.00
2nd $14.00  5th $10.00  8th $5.00
3rd $13.00  6th $8.00  9th $5.00

Class:
4550 Market Swine
   Bred and Owned (Banner)  County Bred (Banner)

SECTION 7 - 4-H/FFA GOATS
Superintendent – Karen McKenzie and Eddie Ott

Special Rules For Meat Goats
1. Meat goats will be allowed to have horns, but must have them tipped blunt. Blunting (also called tipping) simply means removing the pointy tip of the horn. This can be done with a pair of hoof trimmers. Only a small amount of horn should be removed to prevent bleeding. For the safety of the exhibitors, sharp horns will not be allowed.
   The disbudding of meat goats is encouraged, but not required.
2. Meat goats may be shown with a collar, halter, or harness under the chin.
3. All meat goats must have official Scrapie ID. Per USDA regulations, a registration tattoo will suffice if the goat is accompanied by its registration papers. No Papers Pending.

Rules & Regulations
1. Market Goats must weigh a minimum of 40lbs. Market Goats will be shown by weight, not by breed. Market goats will be weighed and divided into weight classes at the Superintendent’s discretion. The number of classes may vary from year to year.
2. Only wether and doe kids can be shown in the market class. Doe kids entered in the market classes are not eligible to compete in the breeding classes.
3. All wether kids must be completely healed. At the Superintendent’s discretion, wether kids showing signs of testicle presencewill be examined further to determine eligibility.
4. Market Goats must be less than 1 year in age and have their milk teeth and may not show any breaking or eruption of either of the two permanent front teeth.
5. Market goats must be shown in uniformly short hair, no more than 3/8 inches long above the knees and hocks.

Premiums:
1st $15.00  3rd $13.00  5th $10.00
2nd $14.00  4th $12.00  6th $8.00

Class:
4600 Market Goat
   Bred & Owned (Banner)  County Bred (Banner)
**BREEDING GOATS**
(If pens are available)

**Rules & Regulations:**
1. Exhibitors are permitted to make 1 entry in each class. Limit of two breeding goats may be entered. Goats shown in breeding classes MAY NOT BE SHOWN in the market classes.
2. Breeding animals must be shown in the proper age category. Kids may not be moved up.
3. The breeding show will be divided into two shows: commercial and registered. Any breed or crossbreed will be allowed to compete in the commercial show. Registration papers are not required in the commercial show. Registered full bloods and percentages will compete in the registered show. All breeds will compete together in their respective divisions.
4. Registered goats that have registration papers will not need to have MD 4-H tags, so long as the registration papers match the goat’s tattoo or ear tag and meet the ownership deadlines. Unregistered breeding goats must be tagged with a MD 4-H Livestock tag by May 1st at the fairgrounds and must meet ownership guidelines.
5. All animals exhibited must be born prior to May 1st and registered with the extension office.

**Classes:**

4700 Meat Goat Junior Doe Kid – Born on or after February 1, 2015
4750 Meat Goat Yearling Doe (May or May not have kidded) – Born between Aug. 1, 2013 and July 31, 2014.
4775 Meat Goat Does 2 years and older - Born on or before July 31, 2013.

Registered Champion and Reserve Commercial Champion and Reserve

**Dairy Goats**

4780 Dairy Goat Junior Doe Kid – Born on or after April 1, 2015
4781 Dairy Goat Senior Doe Kid – Born between Jan. 1, and Mar. 31, 2015
4782 Dairy Goat Yearling, Dry – Born between Jan 1 to Dec 31 2014
4783 Dairy Goat Milking Yearling – Under two (2) years old (Jan—Dec 2014)
4784 Dairy Goat – Does 2 years to 3 years – Born Jan 1, 2011 - Dec 31, 2013
4785 Dairy Goat – Does 4 years and older - Born before Dec 31, 2011

Bred and Owned (Banner) County Bred (Banner)

**Showmanship**

Exhibitor may show any animal entered in the exhibitor’s name. Showmanship classes will be Senior, Intermediate, Junior and FFA in each species. Plaques will be awarded for each age grouping.
SECTION VIII — 4-H—FFA SHEEP
Superintendent—Tammy Stonestreet & JoAnn Flinn

1. Exhibitors must comply with all general and livestock exhibit rules.

2. Per Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs and Show the Maryland Department of Agriculture, all lambs and sheep MUST be slick-shorn PRIOR TO ARRIVAL at the fairgrounds. This is a step to decrease problems from Club Lamb fungus. (Slickshorn is defined as no more than 1/4")

3. Prolapse: any lamb or sheep that exhibits a rectal prolapsed at a 4-H activity will be ineligible for that activity and will be sent home as soon as possible, by the Extension Educator, sheep superintendents, or other appropriately deemed individuals. The following will be used as a guideline for making the determination: a rectal prolapsed is defined as an inversion of the rectum that protrudes 4cm (1.6") 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 a rectal prolapsed (by one of the above people), and in future is not observed with a rectal prolapsed, it is still classified as having a rectal prolapsed at that event.

4-H Market Lambs

Rules:
1. Exhibitors will be limited to two entries.
2. Minimum Weight Limit will be 90 lbs.

Premiums:
1st $15.00  4th $12.00  7th $5.00  10th $5.00
2nd $14.00  5th $10.00  8th $5.00
3rd $13.00  6th $8.00  9th $5.00

Class:
4800 Market Lamb
Bred & Owned (Banner) County Bred (Banner)

Breeding Sheep

Rules:
1. All breeding sheep must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and must have been owned and registered with the Breed Association or tagged with a 4-H breeding tag as commercial breeding in the full name of the exhibitor by May 1st of the current year and registered with the extension office. Initials of exhibitor on registration or bill of sale are not acceptable.
2. Registration papers and ear identification tag/tattoo will be checked at entry. No papers pending.
3. One entry per exhibitor in each breeding class. No breeding animals will be sold.

Classifications:
A. Registered Breeds
B. Commercial
Premiums:
1st $9.00  2nd $8.00  3rd $7.00  4th $6.00  5th $5.00

Class:
4860 Jr Ewe born on or after 1/1/15
4865 Sr Ewe Born between 8/1/2014—12/31/2014
4870 Yearling Ewe Bcn 8/1/2013—7/31/2014
4875 2 yr & older Ewe Born on or before 7/31/2013

Grand Champion Ewe                         Reserve Grand Champion Ewe

Section 9 - 4-H/FFA Rabbits
Superintendent - Kelly Marsh & Debbie Marsh

Rules:
1. Exhibitors will be limited to two entries per class per breed for a total of 8 entries. In addition each exhibitor may also enter 2 market pens.
2. Diseased or very poorly - conditioned rabbits will be sent home at the discretion of the superintendents.
3. General rules and regulations also apply.
4. Rabbits must be permanently tattooed in left ear. Rabbits without tattoos at check—in time will not be accepted. Ear tattooing will not be provided.
5. Exhibitor must enter Fitting and Showing to claim exhibit premiums.
6. Rabbits must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor by May 1st.
7. There will be classes in the following breeds recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association.

Classification:

A - Mini Lop: Solid
B - Mini Lop: Broken
C - Holland Lop: Solid
D - Holland Lop: Broken
E - Mini Rex: (Agouti)
F - Mini Rex: (Self)
G - Mini Rex: (Broken)
H - Dutch
I - Jersey Wooly (Agouti)
J - Jersey Wooly (Self)
K - Angora (English, French, Etc.)
L - Rex: (Solid)
M - Rex: (Broken)
N - New Zealand
O - Polish
P - Californian
Q - Satin (Solid)
R - Satin (Broken)
S - Harlequin
T - Flemish Giant
U - Netherland Dwarf (Agouti)
V - Netherland Dwarf (Self)
W - Netherland Dwarf (AOV)
X - Other Breeds under 9lbs.
Y - Other Breeds 9lbs & over

Class:
4900 Senior Buck  4902 Junior Buck  4904 6-8 Month Buck
4901 Senior Doe  4903 Junior Doe  4905 6-8 Month Doe
4906 Market Pen (3 rabbits, 10 weeks & under)
4907 Breed Fur (limit 1 entry per exhibitor, per breed)

AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO BEST OF SHOW
4-H/FFA RABBIT MARKET PENS

Rules:

1. Each exhibitor may enter up to 2 market pens.
2. Market pens are to consist of 3 rabbits of the same breed and variety, and must be of a commercial (meat type) breed — no mixed breeds.
3. Each rabbit in the market pen is to be between 10 weeks of age & under and is to weigh 3-5 lbs each.
4. Market pens are to be bred and raised by the person exhibiting them.
5. Market pens may be sold at the livestock sale.
6. Champion and Reserve Champion market pens must be sold.
The Champion and Reserve Champion Market Pens will be chosen from the 1st place winner's of class 4906 entered under each commercial (meat) breed listed above.
Champion — Rosette
Reserve Champion — Rosette

Rabbit Fitting and Showing

Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions: Show dress attire required. A separate judging area will be designated. The judge and recorder will be in this area. No parents or spectators. Interview judging technique will be used.
1. When the contestant is called for their turn, they will walk (carrying the rabbit) into the judging area.
2. Contestant must know breed of rabbit, birth date, management practices, breeding record and physical traits.
3. The judge will ask the contestant questions.
4. The judge will not touch the rabbit.
5. Questions will be the same basic set for all contestants
6. Contestants will be judged on handling rabbits properly.
7. When finished, the contestant and rabbit is dismissed but does not return to the grooming/waiting area.
8. After all are judged, the awards (based on scores) will be announced.
SECTION 10 – 4-H/FFA CHICKENS
Superintendents – Kelley Marsh & Debbie Marsh

Rules:
1. Exhibitors will be limited to two exhibits in fancy class. In addition each exhibitor may also enter 1 market pen.
2. Chickens showing signs of disease or poorly conditioned will be sent home at the discretion of the superintendents.
3. All exhibitors must show proof at check-in that poultry have been tested negative for Pullorum – Typhoid and Avian influenza not more than 90 days before the exhibition.
4. All testing must be completed before arrival at the fairgrounds.
5. Chickens (with the exception of market birds) must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor by May 1st.
6. General Rules and regulations will also apply.
7. All chickens must have individual ID leg or wing band.

FANCY CHICKENS

Premiasts:
1st $5.00  2nd $4.00  3rd $3.00  4th $2.00  5th $1.00
A. Large Fowl – Feather Leg
B. Large Fowl – Clean Leg
C. Bantam Fowl – Feather Leg
D. Bantam Fowl – Clean Leg

5000 - Cock – Male over 1 year old
5001 - Hen – Female over 1 year old
5002 - Cockerel – Male under 1 year old
5003 - Pullet – Female under 1 year old

4-H/FFA MARKET CHICKENS

1. Each exhibitor is limited to one market pen.
2. Market pens are to consist of two birds.
3. Birds are to be white and of meat type (Cornish, Cornish X Rock, etc.)
4. All market chickens are to be washed and parasite free.
5. Each exhibitor may sell 1 market pen of chickens at the livestock sale.
6. Champion and Reserve champion market pens must be sold.
7. Must be individual ID with leg or wing bands.

Premiasts:
1st $5.00  2nd $4.00  3rd $3.00  4th $2.00  5th $1.00

Class:
5004 Capon: a surgically unsexed male chicken under 5 months of age.
5005 Cornish: a bird of either sex that is less than six weeks old.
5006 Fryer: a bird of either sex that is under 3 months of age and weighing more than 2 1/2 pounds dressed weight.
5007 Roaster
The Champion and Reserve Champion Market Pens will be chosen from the 1st place winner’s of the Capon, Roaster, Fryer and Cornish Classes.