2015
Animal Science Project Guide Book

Breeding Market Lease Performance

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DEADLINES TO FOLLOW TO SHOW AT ALLEGANY COUNTY FAIR

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

2014

☐ November 22 – Winter Tagging & Weigh In (market steers only) – 8:00-10:00 a.m. @ Cessna Farm
  • Breeding beef optional, but mandatory by Spring Tagging & Weigh In

☐ December 1 Due – Market Steer 4-H/FFA Livestock Registration – No Exceptions to Deadline
  • Forms can be found at http://www.extension.umd.edu/allegany-county-4-h-livestock-forms
  • County Bred Entry Cards and/or Bred & Owned Entry Cards for Market Steers DUE

2015

☐ February 1 Due:
  ☐ Current 4-H Member re-enrollment form (Fees Due May 1) (New member enrollment & fee due May 1)
    • FFA Membership Dues – Due March 1.
  ☐ Maryland 4-H Behavioral Expectations (and/or FFA)
  ☐ 2014 4-H Project Records (required) and 4-H Record Books (optional)
    • Allow time prior for club leaders to review and sign off – No Exceptions to Deadline
  ☐ 2014 FFA SAE Record Books due to FFA Advisor for review

☐ April 25 – Spring Tagging & Weigh In – 8:00 am- 12:00 pm @ Fairgrounds
  • For all market animals (except market steers, chickens, rabbits)
  • For all breeding animals not registered with a breed association

☐ May 1 Due: All 4-H/FFA Livestock Registration Forms – available at:
  http://www.extension.umd.edu/allegany-county-4-h-livestock-forms
  ☐ 4-H/FFA Livestock Registrations (all species, market, commercial breeding, purebred registered breeding) - No Exceptions to Deadline
  ☐ 4-H/FFA Chicken Registrations - No Exceptions to Deadline
  ☐ 4-H/FFA Market Rabbit Registrations - No Exceptions to Deadline
  ☐ 4-H/FFA Breeding Rabbit Registrations - No Exceptions to Deadline
  ☐ 4-H/FFA Horse Registrations - No Exceptions to Deadline
  ☐ Signed Maryland 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics (FFA members also sign)
  ☐ Breeding and Performance Animal Leases Due
  ☐ Market Animal County Bred Entry Cards –for sheep, goats, swine, and feeder steers
  ☐ Market Animal Bred & Owned Entry Cards –for sheep, goats, swine, and feeder steers

☐ July 1 Due:
  ☐ Completed AH&QA (Quality Assurance training) – via online – Opens Mar. 1
    http://www.agnr.umd.edu/ahqa/
  ☐ Completed Horsemanship Standards - study assistance can be found at
    http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/maryland-4-h-horsemanship-standards-0
    • Levels 1 & 2 Knowledge to show
    • Levels 1 & 2 Riding for riding classes

☐ C. Veterinarian Inspection and Self Certifications, Maryland Dept. of Agriculture (MDA)★
  • Must have completed prior to any fairs and shows
  • Guidelines and forms at http://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx

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Other Helpful Dates to Consider

2015

_______ May 16 – Western Maryland 4-H/FFA District Show – Garrett County

_______ June – Members are responsible for contacting veterinarians to schedule health checks on the farm; also sheep/goat flock checks if applicable.

_______ June – Begin sending and delivering buyers letters and promotional brochures

_______ June – Buyers passes will be sent out by the sale committee to all previously registered bidders. If you feel a potential buyer needs a buyers pass, please contact the sale committee.

_______ July 1 – Maryland State Fair Livestock Ownership Deadline (must be tagged by this date)

_______ July 14 – Fair and Livestock Pen Set-Up at Fairgrounds

_______ July 19 to 25 – Allegany County Fair

_______ July 25 – 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale – 5:00 p.m.

_______ July 26 – Fair Clean-up – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. All exhibitors should assist.

_______ July 31 – Maryland State Fair Livestock Entry Deadline

_______ August 28 - September 7 – Maryland State Fair

_______ September 1 – Thank you cards/letters to your buyers and award donors should be mailed.

_______ December – Complete 4-H record book and/or FFA SAE Record Book

**NEW**

**Note: Allegany County 4-H began required project records only with the full record book being optional for a trial 3 years, in hopes of the project record quality improving. No significant change was noticed, so we will be returning to how it was before the trial, in that, to show livestock at the fair, members must do the full 4-H record book with all necessary project records to exhibit at the 2016 fair.**

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4-H Rules and Guidelines

Membership Age: 4-H youth must be 8-18 years of age as of January 1 of current year.

Membership Deadlines:
- Current members must be enrolled in a 4-H club by February 1 to show animals at the fair. First-year members showing market steer must also be enrolled by February 1.
- New First Year Members must be enrolled by May 1 in a 4-H club to show animals at the fair.

Record Keeping Deadline: 4-H project records are due February 1 to the University of Maryland Extension (UME) Office. No Exceptions. The UME Office will review 4-H records for completeness.

Record Keeping Requirements:
- A 4-H project record must be completed and submitted on each livestock project exhibited to be eligible to show any livestock at the next year’s fair.
  - Example: At the 2014 fair, Garfield showed a breeding sheep and a horse. Garfield should complete a 4-H breeding project record on breeding sheep and a horse 4-H project record on horse. If Garfield doesn’t, he will not be able to show at the 2015 fair.
- Project records must be complete by 4-H standards. Please refer to the UME 4-H Office for details on what constitutes a complete record.
- Complete 4-H Record books with project records are required for the 2015 year (due Feb.1, 2016) Note: Allegany County 4-H began required project records only with the full record book being optional for a trial 3 years, in hopes of the project record quality improving. No significant change was noticed, so we will be returning to how it was before the trial, in that, to show livestock at the fair, members must do the full 4-H record book with all necessary project records to exhibit at the 2016 fair.

Record Keeping Forms:
- 4-H Large Animal Market Project Record: Complete one per project type for market steers, feeder steers, market sheep, market goats, market swine.
  - Example: Garfield took a market steer, a feeder steer, and a market sheep. Garfield should have three market project records completed.
- 4-H Large Animal Breeding Project Record: Complete one per species for breeding beef, breeding sheep, breeding meat goats, breeding dairy goats, breeding dairy cattle, breeding swine.
  - Example: Garfield took a breeding sheep and a breeding beef. Garfield should have two breeding project records completed.
- 4-H Poultry Project Record: Complete one for all poultry – market chickens, fancy chickens, layer chickens, etc.
  - Example: Garfield took a pen of market chickens and a pen of fancy chickens. Garfield should have one poultry project record completed.
- 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Project Record: Complete one per category – market rabbits, breeding rabbits.
  - Example: Garfield took a pen of market rabbits and a pen of breeding rabbits. Garfield should have two rabbit project records completed.
- 4-H Horse Project Record: Complete one for all horses.
  - Example: Garfield took a horse to the fair. Garfield should have one horse project records completed.

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4-H Rules and Guidelines (Continued)

4-H/FFA Animal Registration Forms: Can be picked up at the UME 4-H Office, from your club leader or: http://www.extension.umd.edu/allegany-county-4-h-livestock-forms

There are several types of registration forms depending on the project you wish to register:

- 4-H/FFA Livestock Registration: one form per project area; to be used for all market and breeding animals (beef, feeder steers, meat goats, dairy goats, sheep, swine, dairy cattle).
- 4-H/FFA Poultry Registration: one form per member; to be used for all chickens (market and fancy).
- 4-H/FFA Market Rabbit Registration: one form per member; to be used for market rabbits
- 4-H/FFA Breeding Rabbit Registration: one form per member; to be used for breeding/fancy rabbits.
- 4-H/FFA Horse Registration: one form per member; to be used for all horses.

★ NOTE: All animals you intend to show must be on these registration forms, whether it is market, commercial breeding, purebred registered breeding- every individual animal you intend to show or think you might show must be listed.

★ Animals may only be registered to one member on the animal registration forms, with the exception of horses, which can be exhibited by a second member, as per MD State 4-H Guidelines.

4-H Animal Registration/Tagging Deadlines: Animals should be your property and in your primary care by the ownership deadline listed

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★ 4-H/FFA Livestock Registration Forms may be turned in at the weigh-in and tagging to the 4-H table or other dates prior to the deadline. However forms must be submitted to the UME 4-H Office by close of business on the deadline to show at fair, no exceptions. Receipts are available upon request.

4-H/FFA Animal Registration Limits:

Any number of Market, Breeding, or Performance Animals can be registered on the 4-H animal registration forms. At fair time, if an animal is not on your 4-H/FFA registration form, it cannot be shown. The purpose of this is to learn decision making, that you are specifically identifying your project(s) and following through with your decision. Allegany County Ag Expo places limits on the number of each species that may be exhibited at fair. Please see the Ag Expo section for these limits.
4-H Rules and Guidelines (Continued)

4-H/FFA Weigh-In & Tagging/ Registration Information

- **Market**: A member may tag any number of market animals of each type. Members will be given two tags for each type, any additional tags will need to be purchased by the member at a cost of $1.00 per tag from the Sale Committee Treasurer. It is mandatory that market animals be identified by a MD 4-H ear tag by the established deadline to show at fair. Animals must be registered on the correct forms with the UME 4-H Office by the established deadline to show at fair.

- **Breeding**: A member may register/tag any number of breeding animals of each type and must be listed on the correct 4-H registration form with the UME 4-H Office by the established deadline to show at fair. This includes all commercial and purebred breeding animals.
  - **Commercial Breeding**: All commercial breeding animals (those not registered with a breed association) must be identified by a MD 4-H ear tag by the established deadline to show at fair. Members must purchase MD 4-H tags at a cost of $1.00 per tag from the Sale Committee Treasurer.
  - **Purebred/Registered Breeding**: those animals registered with a breed association, having a registration number and an ear tattoo. No MD 4-H tag is necessary, and these animals do not need to attend weigh-in. These animals still register with the 4-H Office on the Livestock registration form. Breed registration papers must be in exhibitor’s name and dated by the ownership deadline to show at fair; no farm names.

- **Horse**: A member may register any number of horses. Horses are not tagged and do not need to attend any weigh-ins. Animals must be registered on the correct forms with the UME 4-H Office by the established deadline to show at fair.

- **Chickens**: Chickens are not tagged and do not need to attend any weigh-ins. Animals must be registered on the correct 4-H Registration forms with the UME 4-H Office by the established deadline to show at fair. Chickens will have a leg ID band attached at fair check in by the superintendent.

- **Rabbits**: Rabbits are not tagged and do not need to attend any weigh-ins. Animals must be registered on the correct 4-H Registration forms with the UME 4-H Office by the established deadline to show at fair. Rabbits must be tattooed on your own prior to fair check-in.

**Lease Animal Notes**: Lease animals must follow all lease agreement guidelines in addition to 4-H rules. Please refer to the “Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Lease Program” document or the “Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Lease Program” document; available at the UME Office. Although owned animals, and lease animals follow slightly different guidelines, there is no differentiation of owned and leased animals at the fair.

If a tag is lost prior to fair weigh-in, contact the UME 4-H Office immediately to arrange for retagging. If lost tag is found please keep it and tell the UME 4-H Office.

**Winter Weigh-In**: For all market steers

- **Market Steer**: These animals must be the bona fide property of the youth by this date. Steers will be tagged, and weighed. Weights will be used to calculate rate of gain for the fair. All animals must be castrated prior to weigh-in and able to be handled. Vaccines/wormer available upon request.

- **Breeding Beef**: Breeding beef needing tagged (commercial breeding) may be tagged at the winter weigh-in or the spring weigh-in, owner’s choice. All animals must be able to be handled.
4-H Rules and Guidelines (Continued)

**Spring Weigh-In:** For all other market animals (except chickens/rabbits) and any breeding animals needing a 4-H tag (those not registered with a breed association).

- **Market:** These animals must be the bona fide property of the youth by this date. Animals will be tagged and weighed. Weights will be used to calculate rate of gain for the fair.
  - **Swine:** A market swine must be a barrow or gilt. Males must be castrated prior to weigh-in.
  - **Feeder Steers:** Feeder steers must be castrated prior to weigh-in and able to be handled.
  - **Sheep:** A market lamb may be a ewe or wether. Males must be castrated prior to weigh-in and all lambs’ tails should be docked.
  - **Goats:** A market goat may be a doe or wether. Males must be castrated prior to weigh-in.

- **Breeding:** These animals must be the bona fide property of the youth by this date. Commercial breeding animals must be tagged with a MD 4-H tag. Those breeding animals registered with a breed association (not needing a MD 4-H tag) do not need to attend the weigh-in.
  - * Beef Cattle
  - * Meat Goats
  - * Sheep
  - * Dairy Cattle
  - * Dairy Goats

**Horsemanship Standards:** The Maryland 4-H Horsemanship Standards are designed to help 4-H members progressively develop knowledge of horse care, horse management, and horsemanship skills. The Horsemanship Standards are divided into Knowledge, English Riding, and Western Riding Standards each containing six levels. The Riding Standards encourage members to become safe, effective and confident riders with a sound knowledge of equipment and tack. The Knowledge Standards develop proper horse handling and husbandry skills. While it is realized that not every 4-H member would want to master all levels, the first two levels of the Knowledge and Riding Standards require 4-H members to learn the basics of horse safety, care, and riding.

Allegany County 4-H members must:
  - Complete Levels 1 & 2 Knowledge to show a horse at fair
  - Complete Levels 1 & 2 Riding to exhibit in riding classes at fair

These tests must be administered by a certified examiner. For a list of certified examiners in Allegany County, please contact the UME 4-H office.

Full Horsemanship Standards & Study Guides can be read at: [http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/maryland-4-h-horsemanship-standards-0](http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/maryland-4-h-horsemanship-standards-0)

**Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance (AH&QA) (formally QA):** The new on-line program gives youth the opportunity to fulfill the Quality Assurance training requirement via internet from their home, school or local library.

**Program Requirements**
  - All 4-H members enrolled in alpacas, beef, dairy, goats, horse and pony, llamas, poultry, sheep, swine and rabbits MUST complete the training to be eligible to exhibit their project animals in Maryland County 4-H and State 4-H Shows.
  - 4-Hers will complete the on-line training program when they reach each 4-H age division (juniors (8-10), intermediates (11-13), seniors (14-18) – all as of January 1 of the current year) OR when as intermediates and seniors they choose to carry a new animal science project. Therefore, each time members enter a new age division, they will be required to complete the training; PLUS if an intermediate or senior 4-H member chooses to show a new species since last completing the program within an age division, they must return to the program and complete the section for the new species area.

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4-H Rules and Guidelines (Continued)

- There are two different levels to the program. Members will automatically be taken to the appropriate level according to their birthday entered on the registration screen.
  - Junior Level
    - There is one part to the Junior Level, no species specific information as in the Intermediate/Senior Level
  - Intermediate and Senior Level
    - Part 1 is completed by all intermediate and senior members.
    - Part 2 contains specific information for each animal species - members will need to complete Part 2 of the program for each species project they are enrolled in and wish to exhibit.
- Members MUST complete the AH&QA training no later than **July 1**.
- Upon registering for the program members are assigned a passcode. Passcodes from 2013 remain valid. Members who were assigned a passcode prior to 2013 will need to register for a new passcode. Members should write their Passcode down and keep it in a safe place! The program takes about 60 minutes to complete. If a member needs to stop the AH&QA training in the middle of the program, he or she may return to the program where they left off by entering their Passcode on Page 1 of the program.
- Upon completion of the individual specie section, members will have an opportunity to print a Certificate of Completion for their records. We suggest keeping the Certificate of Completion just by chance, that the statewide system does not report back to the county correctly, that you have proof you completed the necessary sections.
- Each member’s progress will be kept in a statewide database and their County 4-H staff will receive notification that they have completed the AH&QA training.

**Fair Notes**

**Show Attire:** Official 4-H dress is required. Official 4-H dress includes: khaki pants/long skirt, white shirts with sleeves and collar, and a necklace. Dairy exhibitors may show in white pants/long skirt, white shirts with sleeves and collar, and a necklace.

**Animal Care:** The daily care, grooming, and show preparation of all animals is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Exhibitors may receive guidance from immediate family members, other Maryland 4-H youth and county adult leaders. Violations of this policy could potentially result in immediate disqualification of the exhibitor from all 4-H livestock shows and competitions at the Allegany County Fair and dismissal from the grounds.
4-H Rules and Guidelines ( Continued)

Other General Notes:
• Begin working with your animal as soon possible. Regular practice improves your performance in shows.
• Animal health care is very important. Before giving any medication, remember to read the label carefully and administer under the advisement of a veterinarian. Check your animal regularly for signs of internal and external parasites, warts, ringworm, etc. and treat appropriately. These conditions could result in dismissal from the fair.
• Be sure your animals always have water, our fair is very hot.
• Always handle your animal properly and safely for both you and the animal, remember at the fair, the public is watching, and we want to set a good example.
• Respect the safety of all exhibitors. Animals that cannot be controlled during the show will be removed from the show ring. If an animal is uncontrollable, tranquilizers may not be used.
• No market, breeding/lease, or performance animal can be substituted because of death, illness, or injury after they have been weighed, tagged, and/or registered with the 4-H office by the assigned deadline.
• Exhibitors must show their own animal. 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.
• For assistance and information about grooming and showing, please contact your club leader or the 4-H Extension Educator.
• Exhibitors must comply with the Maryland 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics and the 4-H Behavioral Expectations.
• If you have a disability or a special need that requires special assistance for your participation, please contact the UME 4-H Office at 301-724-3320.

Maryland State Fair:
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 at a county sale; it is no longer eligible for show at any other 4-H shows in the current 4-H year. Market animals sold at a county fair may not be exhibited at the State Fair in any class in that same year. At the conclusion of the county fair, a copy of market animals sold and their 4-H market animal tag numbers are sent to the State 4-H Office.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to call us and ask.

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FFA Rules and Guidelines

Membership Age: FFA members must be a dues paying member in good standing of an Allegany County FFA Chapter. A member may exhibit in FFA as long as they are 18 years of age or younger as of January 1.

Show Attire: Official FFA dress is required for the following livestock shows: Swine, Sheep, Beef Cattle, Meat Goats, and Rabbit Showmanship. Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goat showmen may choose between FFA official dress and traditional dairy attire (white pants/skirt, white collared shirt, and neckpiece).

FFA Official Dress: Official FFA jacket, black pants, white collared shirt, tie/scarf, and appropriate footwear.

Rules and Guidelines: For the 2015 year, Allegany County FFA members shall follow the same rules, guidelines, and expectations set forth by the Allegany County Ag Expo and Allegany County 4-H. All fair registration and project paperwork for FFA members will be the same as that of 4-H members for the 2015 year.

Record Books: FFA members will maintain a FFA record book. This record book is online through the Agriculture Experience Tracker at www.theaet.com. This FFA record book will be required to compete in the fair the following year. Students in both 4-H and FFA must choose at least one record book and have it up to date by the February 1 deadline.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Brittany Green
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## Market Animals

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**Fair Arrival:** Livestock arrival may begin on Friday, beginning at 12:00 p.m.
- All Livestock must be on the grounds by Sunday at 7:00 a.m. (unless noted otherwise below)
- Horses must be on the grounds by Saturday at 6:00 p.m.
- Rabbits and Chickens must be on the grounds by Sunday at 12:00 p.m. Noon

**Clipping:** All Sheep and Goats must be sheared/clipped PRIOR TO ARRIVAL at the fairgrounds. This is a step to decrease problems and spread of club lamb fungus.
- Sheep should be slick shorn – defined as no longer than ¼ inch.
- Goats should be clipped – defined as uniformly short hair, no more than 3/8 inches long above the knees and hocks

Cattle and Swine are recommended to be clipped prior to fair as well, due to safety reasons.
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All animal entries will be assigned a stall space by the superintendent of that department. Animals must remain in the assigned space unless approved by the superintendent of that department of a change.

At the Fair: All animals must be in accordance with the Maryland State Health Regulations.

Weigh-in/Check-in Times:

*Weigh-in for Market Animals:* Market animals will be checked in and weighed at the scale area in the following order. Exhibitors should bring their animal to the scale area as that type begins weighing.
- Sunday 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.: Swine, Beef, Sheep, Goats
- Chickens will be weighed in Sunday from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the chicken area
- Rabbits will be weighed in on Sunday from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the rabbit area

*Check-in for Breeding Animals:* Breeding animals will be checked in with the superintendent of that department following the market animal weigh-in (see weigh-in times above). Exhibitors should be at their pens at 1:00 p.m. waiting for superintendents to come around to check in.

*Check-in for Horses:* Horses will be checked in with the superintendent in the horse area upon unloading from the trailers.

Market: Superintendents have the authority to check animals for castration at the time of fair weigh in or check in. If concerns are found, the animal will be sent home immediately.

- *Market Steers:* Must weigh a minimum of 900 lbs. at the fair weigh-in, with no top limit. All cattle must also have a USDA ID Tag (see MDA guidelines).
- *Feeder Steers:* Must weigh no more than 700 lbs. at the fair weigh-in. All cattle must also have a USDA ID Tag (see MDA guidelines).
- *Market Sheep:* Sheep must weigh a minimum of 90 lbs. at the fair weigh-in with no top limit. Market lambs must be slick shorn (no more than ¼ inch). All sheep must have a USDA Scrapie ID Tag (see MDA guidelines).
- *Market Goats:* Must weigh a minimum of 40 lbs at the fair weigh-in, with no top limit. Market goats may be of a meat breed, a crossbreed or dairy breed. Market goats’ horns must be blunted, and hair should be uniform in length, no more than 3/8 inch above the knees and hocks. Market goats must be less than 1 year in age. All goats must have a USDA Scrapie ID Tag (see MDA guidelines).
- *Market Swine:* Must weigh a minimum of 220 lbs. at the fair weigh-in with no top limit. It is recommended that swine have a minimum of one half inch of hair at market weight. All swine must also have a USDA ID Tag (see MDA guidelines).
- *Market Rabbits:* May enter up to two (2) market pens. Each pen must consist of three (3) rabbits of the same breed and variety and must be of a commercial breed, and must be no more than ten (10) weeks of age. Each rabbit in the pen must weigh between three (3) to five (5) pounds. Rabbits must be permanently tattooed in left ear prior to arriving at fair.
- *Market Chickens:* May enter only one pen of market chickens. Pen should consist of two white birds of meat type. After birds are blood tested prior to fair, leg ID bands will be placed on each bird. Birds must meet the age and weight requirements as listed in the fair book.

*Remember clipping/shearing of Sheep and Goats must be done PRIOR TO ARRIVAL at fair to prevent problems and spread of club lamb fungus. Cattle and Swine are recommended to be done prior to arrival also due to safety concerns.*

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**Breeding:** Superintendents will check 4-H/FFA livestock registration forms, ear tags, tattoos, leg bands, and registration papers, and class entries at the time of check-in for breeding animal entries. Animals must have either the breeding MD 4-H tag or a tattoo matching registration papers to be eligible to show. In addition, all cattle, swine, sheep, and goats must also have a USDA ID Tag (see MDA guidelines).

**Horse:** Superintendents will check registration forms and coggins tests (see MDA guidelines) and class entries at the time of check-in for horse entries.

**Weighing:** No animals will be weighed for the livestock sale after the date and time for weigh-in set at the county fair. Animals not meeting the required weights at fair weigh-in will not be permitted to enter market classes, only showmanship.

**Show Attire:**
- Official 4-H or FFA Dress
- Proper show attire is required for all fitting and showing, breeding shows, market shows, performance animal shows.
- Safe, appropriate attire, including footwear, is required at all times. No sandals or lightweight tennis shoes. Good work shoes or boots are best.
- No hats in the show ring.
- Faded or jeans with holes are not allowed.
- Horse exhibitors must also wear helmets, long pants, hard soled shoes with heels, and ASTM protective headgear when mounted.

**Fair Dismissal:** Market and breeding animals will be released after midnight Friday night until noon on Saturday. No animals should be removed from the fairgrounds prior to these times. Any exhibitors who have breeding or a 4-H market animal not selling must make their own arrangements to have the animal removed from the fairgrounds.

**Fair Clean-up:** Clean-up will be Sunday morning following the fair from 8:00 am until noon. All exhibitors should plan to attend and assist in clean-up.

**Livestock Sale:**

**Pictures:** Pictures for buyer posters and exhibitors are taken by a local photographer. The member must have their picture taken with the market animal at the fair at the designated time or they cannot sell the market animal. Breeding animal pictures are only taken of the champions. Performance animal pictures are arranged by the department superintendent.

- Pictures will be taken following each show. Please have your ribbons/banners, etc ready with you for pictures. Exhibitors must remain in official show dress for these pictures.

**Livestock Sale Entry Notification:** If the member is not entering his/her market animal into the sale Saturday night, the member must notify a sale committee member by Thursday by 6:00 p.m.

**Livestock Sale Buyers:** We urge members to contact buyers for your market animals. 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/donate the animal back to an exhibitor. Buy backs and purchases following the sale are acceptable. 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 Allegany County Fair revoked.

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**Buyers Passes:** Buyers passes will be sent out by the sale committee to all previously registered bidders. If you feel a potential buyer needs a buyers pass, please contact the sale committee.

**Required to Sell:** Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of each market type must be sold at the sale. This includes Market Steers, Market Lambs, Market Goats, Market Hogs, Market Chickens, and Market Rabbits. All Feeder Steers will have the option to sell.

**Sale Order:** The department superintendent will determine the sale order for all animals by class placing. Species order will be Market Rabbits, Market Chickens, Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Market Goats, Feeder Steers, and Market Steers.

**Night of Sale:**
- In case of carcass condemnation by the meat processor, the 4-H or FFA member selling the animal is responsible. The buyer will be refunded sale money. In the case of market chicken death following the sale, the bird may be replaced by another bird.
- Sold market steers, feeder steers, market lambs, market goats, and market swine will be transported to the appropriate location following the sale according to the sale committee.
- Market Rabbits leave the grounds with the buyer night of the sale.
- Market Chickens sold through the sale will return home with the exhibitor following the sale. On a designated date (TBA one month prior to fair) during the week following the fair, exhibitors, superintendents, and volunteers will carpool the chickens to the processing facility. The exhibitor is responsible for paying the processing costs per bird, on average ranging from $3.00-4.00 per bird. Following processing, birds are picked up by the buyers at the fairgrounds.

**Thank You Cards:** Thank you cards should be completed to buyer(s) and/or award sponsor(s) by September 1.

**Sale Check Payment to Members:** Sale check payment for animals will start after September 1st and continue as funds are collected. Checks will be mailed to the exhibitors after full payment has been received from his/her buyer(s). This may take several months following the fair.

**Class Information:** Proper show attire is required for all fitting and showing, breeding shows, market shows, performance animal shows, pictures, and the livestock sale. Please be on time for your shows and sale. Times are listed in the fair book. Exhibitors that miss their show will not be allowed to show in a different class or time. **If a market animal is not shown it cannot be sold during the Livestock Sale Saturday night.**

**Market Class:** Each market animal must show in its assigned class to be eligible to sell at the livestock sale. The animal must be shown by the exhibitor/owner. Reasons for a substitute showman must be approved prior to the show by the superintendent and UME Educator.
- If the exhibitor has more than one market animal in the same class, a replacement exhibitor may also be used for the second animal.
**Bred & Owned Class:** Only market steers, feeder steers, market swine, market lambs, and market goats are eligible for this class. This class is not available for market chickens or market rabbits. This class is also currently not available for breeding animals.

- **Bred & Owned Class Requirements:** Exhibitor must be the owner of the dam (of the market animal exhibited) prior to breeding (conception) and complete a 4-H/FFA breeding project record on that species the year prior to showing in this class to the UME 4-H Office by February 1.
- Bred & Owned eligible animals must be entered on the class entry card by the corresponding 4-H/FFA Animal Registration form Deadline (Dec. 1 or May 1) to the UME 4-H Office, and meet the requirements of eligibility.
- This class will be placed simultaneously to the market class; with the highest placing bred & owned animal being used for selection of Bred & Owned Champion. If an Overall Champion is also bred & owned, that animal will automatically be the Bred & Owned Champion.

**County Bred Class:** Only market steers, feeder steers, market swine, market lambs, and market goats are eligible for this class. This class is not available for market chickens or market rabbits. This class is also currently not available for breeding animals.

- **County Bred Class Requirements:** Market animals that are bred and born in Allegany County.
- County Bred eligible animals must be entered on the class entry card by the corresponding 4-H/FFA Animal Registration form Deadline (Dec. 1 or May 1) to the UME 4-H Office, and meet the requirements of eligibility.
- This class will be placed simultaneously to the market class; with the highest placing county bred animal being used for selection of County Bred Champion. If an Overall Champion is also county bred, that animal will automatically be the County Bred Champion.

**Breeding Class:** Each breeding animal must show in its assigned class based on age of the animal. The animal must be shown by the exhibitor/owner. Reasons for a substitute showman must be approved prior to the show by the superintendent and UME Educator.

- If the exhibitor has more than one breeding animal in the same class, a replacement exhibitor may also be used for the second animal.

**Horse Class:** Each horse must show in its entered class. The animal must be shown by the exhibitor/owner.

**Showmanship:** Only beef, swine, lambs, meat goats, dairy goats, dairy cattle, rabbits, and horses are eligible for this class. This class is not available for chickens. Showmanship is optional for exhibitors, except with market rabbits. Market rabbit exhibitors must do rabbit showmanship. Exhibitors may enter showmanship with either breeding or market animals of the appropriate type. Exhibitors may only enter showmanship with one animal per type.

- For example: The exhibitor has entered two market lambs. The exhibitor must choose only one lamb to do showmanship with.
- Exhibitors must own/lease animals they are showing. Exhibitors may not use another exhibitor’s animal to enter showmanship.

**Note:** If you are not participating in showmanship, let the department superintendent know so your name can be removed from the class at least two (2) hours prior to show start.

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Allegany County Fair Oversight Committee: The Allegany County Fair Oversight Committee has the overall responsibility and authority to rule on any and all violations of rules and regulations relative to 4-H/FFA events and activities at the Allegany County Fair.

• All complaints or concerns must be submitted to the committee chair of the Allegany County Fair Oversight Committee in writing by a superintendant, exhibitor, or parent/guardian. If a minor is the complainant, a parent/guardian must also sign the written complaint. The written complaint must be accompanied by a $100.00 fee unless submitted by superintendant(s). The fee will be returned upon the validation of the complaint. Otherwise the fee is forfeited to Ag Expo. Written complaints must be presented to the committee chair within 24 hours following the incident. The reasons that prompted the appeal must be clearly stated and supported by facts. Complaints will be read and reviewed by the oversight committee. The committee will review the rules and regulations pertaining to the incident and/or 4-H Behavior Expectations. Decisions of the committee will be issued in writing within 24 hours of receiving the complaint. Decisions of the committee are final.

• Committee consists of two volunteers, barn superintendents, FFA Advisor, UME AG Educator (chair on odd years), Ag Expo President or Representative (chair on even years), Recording Secretary, and UME 4-H Educator.

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The Maryland Department of Agriculture’s (MDA), Animal Health Program strives to safeguard 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 detailed at [http://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx](http://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx).

Please read thoroughly for each species you exhibit, as requirements vary slightly between Maryland and Out of State.

If you have any questions or need assistance understanding the MDA policies regarding Animal Health and Inspection requirement, please just ask.