Online Entry System Now Open!

It’s not too early to get your Maryland State Fair entries in! Don’t wait until the last minute—entries close July 31st at 11:59pm and must be completed online. No entries will be accepted after this date.

Go to the Maryland State Fair 4-H website to register. Registration is located at the bottom of the page. You will need to create a new username and password for 2015.

REMINDER: Younger 4-Hers Given the Opportunity to Showcase Outfits at 2015 Fashion Revue

This year, Junior and Intermediate 4-Hers will have the chance to show off their fashion on the Fashion Revue stage from 12:30-1:30pm before the main show. Participants will receive a ribbon for their participation. Sign up to participate at your county extension office by July 31st! Questions? Contact Lacie Ashby at 301-724-3320/lashby@umd.edu.
Horticulture Demonstrations

If you have an interest in horticulture, consider entering a Horticulture Demonstration at the fair this year. Demonstrations can cover a wide variety of topics such as how to prepare horticultural crops for market or how to make an arrangement or corsage with cut flowers and other horticultural products.

Contestants will be scored by a panel of three judges following NJHA guidelines. Check out this link for more info.

Demonstrations must be pre-entered by your local 4-H Office. Contact your county 4-H Extension Educator to find out how to sign up.

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Science Display Boards: What You Need to Know!

Thinking about entering a Scientific Educational Display in the Environmental Science Division at the State Fair? Follow these guidelines for a Champion display! Exhibits should consist of one of the following: demonstration of a scientific idea, performance of an experiment, or presentation of a research topic.

Display format should follow these guidelines:

♦ Experiment-Based Displays
  ♦ Title
  ♦ Problem Statement (state as a question such as “What is the effect of _____ on _____?”)
  ♦ Hypothesis (if applicable)
  ♦ Data Analysis (consider using tables or graphs to summarize data)
  ♦ Conclusion (don’t say you have “proven” something; instead say the data supports or contradicts the hypothesis)
  ♦ List of References

♦ Information-Based Displays
  ♦ Title
  ♦ Statement of Importance (why is this topic important or of interest to people?)
  ♦ Main topic headings and supporting facts (bulleted lists recommended)
  ♦ Visual Aids such as charts, graphs, diagrams, etc. (they add interest and help convey information)
  ♦ List of References

Questions? Refer to the Environmental Science Division Book on the Maryland State Fair website.

Superintendents: Amanda Wahle (410-222-3900/awahle@umd.edu)
MDA Swine Health Alert!

The MDA has confirmed a new case of PEDv in central Maryland and is alerting swine producers across the state to take proper precautions to protect their herds. PEDv only infects pigs, poses no known public health threat, and is not a food safety concern. However, mortality rates, can be as high as 100 percent in suckling and early weaned pigs.

The MDA recommends swine exhibitors work closely with veterinarians and UMD Extension to practice strict biosecurity methods to prevent disease spread and to ensure proper documentation to assist disease trace backs in case of an outbreak. Also:

- Isolate new pigs and returning pigs from weigh-ins and exhibitions for a minimum of seven days up to 30 days.
- Purchase pigs with valid health certificates and entry permits, if applicable. Send only healthy pigs to exhibitions.
- Pigs for exhibition must have “official identification” with a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) properly issued by an accredited veterinarian. Note: tattoos and ear notches are NOT official identification.
- The exhibitor must fill out the swine health self-certification form stating the exhibitors’ swine have not been exposed to nor shown clinical signs of contagious or infectious disease of the last 21 days.
- Clean and disinfect all your show equipment when you return home.
- Do not share equipment with other exhibitors.
- Trucks and trailers used to haul pigs to and from exhibitions should be cleaned/disinfected and dried between each use.
- Change your clothes and footwear before entering your vehicle or entering your barns at home.

The MDA strongly urges swine exhibitors to report any swine with unusually high incidence of disease to the MDA’s Animal Health Office at 410-841-5810.

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Check out Edwin’s other State Fair photos at agnr.zenfolio.com or check out his webpage www.remsberg.com.
Upcoming Important Dates...

4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Practice Dates

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Contact Jeff Semler with questions or additional practices at 301-791-1304 or jsemler@umd.edu.

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