Only Pre-Entries will be accepted. All Pre-Entries are due August 21, 2015 by 4:00 p.m. to the 4-H Office.

1. No entry fee is required in the 4-H & FFA Department except for Livestock and Horse Shows - see 4-H Livestock rules.

2. Policy; all active members of 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapter in Anne Arundel County may submit work carried on since the last Anne Arundel County Fair. We will accept entries from the 5 Southern Maryland counties, however only AA County 4-H members will be allowed to sell at the livestock sale.

3. If an article has been entered the year before and you wish to enter same item again the following year, you must attach an explanation as to how the article was improved and the article will be judged on the improvements.

4. Entry forms will be available from the County Extension office in Gambrills or from the 4-H Department Chairperson. Computer printed entry tags will be available for pick up on Saturday, Fair Clean-Up Day, at the fairgrounds in the 4-H Department from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. only. Others can pick up tags on entry day from the 4-H Dept. Chairperson. Each exhibit must be tagged and recorded on the entry form to be accepted for judging.

5. All entries must be removed from the Fairgrounds between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the Monday after the Fair closes. The 4-H & FFA Department will not assume responsibility for any articles or exhibits remaining after 7:00 p.m. on that Monday.

6. No exhibitor can enter more than one article in any one class. You may not enter the same item in one class and another of the same item in other class.

7. Only exhibits for which there is a class listed will be accepted - No Exceptions.

8. Your 4-H Membership Card is your entry into the Fair.

9. No 4-H or FFA Member will be allowed to enter more than 5 entries without being present for judging.

10. Exhibitors will wait in a designated area until called for judging. Only the 4-H exhibitors being judged will be permitted in the judging area. No parents allowed in judging area.

11. All Indoor Exhibit Entries must be submitted between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2015. They will be judged when entered. No entries accepted before 4:00 p.m. or after 7:00 p.m. All judging sheets must be turned in at the desk after judging; if not, you forfeit all premium money. Everyone in line by 7:00 p.m. will get judged.

12. All premiums due 4-H exhibitors from the Anne Arundel County Fair will be paid from the Fair Office on Release Day. This includes premiums due from Horse Shows, Dog Shows, and contests as well as building exhibits. It will be the exhibitor's responsibility to claim any premiums due them. Premiums not claimed on that day are subject to the premium rule under the General Rules and Regulations in the Anne Arundel County Fair catalog.

13. Any person having won a state contest, may participate in the county contest in the same year, however he/she may not participate in the county contest again in that age level. He/she will be expected to help with the contest at the county level. This may be through workshops, coaching a team, or helping run the contest. At no time will any youth be put in a situation that could or would compromise his/her integrity or dignity.

14. There are no Clover classes in the 4-H Department. Clovers must enter in the Open Division. If there is a misrepresentation of age, exhibits will be disqualified and premiums forfeited. You must be 8 years old before January 1 of current year.

15. Exhibitors who do not obey rules, and/or behavior expectation standards of the Maryland 4-H and 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.

16. All grievances with the Anne Arundel County Fair 4-H Department (AACF4-HD) must first be referred to the AACF4-HD in writing. A $50 fee must accompany the written grievance. During the fair, grievances will be reviewed within 24 hours of receiving the grievance. The fair grievance committee shall consist of 4-H Fair Chairpersons, Anne Arundel County Fair President, 4-H Extension Educator, Fair Week Manager, and 4-H club leaders from clubs having project participants. The grievance committee shall have a minimum of 5 grievance committee members to have a vote. If a grievance is given not during fair time the issue will be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled meeting. The decision of the committee shall be final and binding. All grievances shall be submitted on the Protest Form included in these Rules and given to the Chairperson FIRST who will then report it to the 4-H Extension Educator and the Anne Arundel County Fair President. Should the protest not be sustained, the $50 fee will be forfeited to the AACF4-HD fund.
Anne Arundel County 4-H Fair Protest Form

Name: ________________________________________________

Date of Incident: _______________

Explanation of Incident:

$50 Protest Fee: Cash _____  Check Number _____

I understand that the Protest Form cannot be submitted without payment of the Protest Fee and that the Fee will only be returned if the protest is deemed to be valid by the Review Committee. Decisions of the Committee are final.

__________________________________________   ________________
Signature of 4-H Member     Date

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Printed Name of 4-H Member

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Signature of Parent or Guardian    Date

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Printed Name of Parent or Guardian
1. Exhibitors must comply with the State of Maryland Health Regulations for livestock and submit a copy of a MARYLAND health certificate with entries.

2. **Open and 4-H/FFA Entries close at 5 p.m. on August 21th on form provided by the Fair to the 4-H Office.** Priority will be given to A.A. County residents and previous exhibitors. **NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.** All entry forms must be filled out completely and legible, if not they will NOT be accepted and mailed back to you.

3. Only Anne Arundel County 4-Hers who have completed the Quality Assurance Program may show and sell at the Anne Arundel County 4-H Show. All animals to be shown must be registered with the 4-H Extension Office in the exhibitor's name by the following dates: 4-H Beef: January 3, all other livestock: May 16 of current year. All 4-H market livestock MUST have a Maryland 4-H ear tag. All ear tags must correspond to livestock registration information received. All Horse & Pony project cards must be into the 4-H Office by August 1 in order to show at County Fair only. We will accept livestock entries from the 5 Southern Maryland Counties, as space permits, but only Anne Arundel County 4-Hers may sale at the auction.

4. A copy of the standard County Fair Livestock Entry Form must be mailed to the Anne Arundel County 4-H Office by August 21st. A certifying statement on the pre-registration form stating that the work on the exhibit has been done by the exhibitor must be signed by parent/guardian and exhibitor.

5. The Fair has established entry fees for 4-H Livestock show entries as follows: $1.00 per animal, except $0.50 per poultry or rabbit.

6. Stalls and pens will be allotted on a space available basis. Check in time is Tuesday Fair week from 3:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. Pigs will be weighed in as they are unloaded between 3pm and 7pm. Weigh-in for all other animals will be at 7pm in the following order steer, goats then sheep. Check out time is Sunday Fair week 6:30 p.m., nothing can be removed from pens or stalls prior to this time.

7. Where there is but one animal in a class, the award shall depend upon the merit of the animal and is left to the discretion of the judge. Premiums will not be awarded where there is no merit.

8. Exhibitors will be expected to comply with the arrival, release and show times specified for their respective departments.

9. All 4-H animals must be owned by the exhibitor or be a Fair approved leasing program. All groups of animals must be owned by the exhibitor if shown as such.

10. No exhibitor can win more than two monies in one class. No more than two entries or exhibits per class.

11. Registration and health certificates for each animal must be furnished and available anytime during the Fair. Certificates will be checked prior to check in. The County 4-H Office must have a copy of Animal Ownership and Registration by June 1, 2015.

12. All animals must be registered in the name of exhibitor. All animals, in order to be eligible for the group classes, must be entered and shown in their respective individual classes. Exhibitors must show their own animals unless they are in the ring showing another animal, in which case an exhibitor in the same age category or younger may show the animal.

13. Proper Fitting and Showing attire must be worn in all classes and during the livestock sale.
   a. 4-H Boys: Tan, green, or white slacks; white or tan shirt with green, brown, or black tie.
   b. 4-H Girls: Tan, green, or white skirt, slacks, or culottes; white or tan shirt with green, brown, or black necklace.

14. Participants in fitting and showing will be judged while fitting in the ring. Beef may be washed and clipped only prior to the contest. Sheep must be washed and dry and have a minimum of 1 inch of fleece. Swine must be clean and dry.

15. Animals sold at the 4-H Livestock Auction must comply with the Anne Arundel County 4-H Livestock Auction Rules. All grand champion market animals must be sold at the livestock sale.

16. All 4-H market animals must have been weighed and tagged at the official weigh-in at the beginning of the project. The 4-H Office will verify this.

17. All 4-H members showing Livestock must have submitted a Project Record for the previous year, unless this is the first year in 4-H.

18. Animals cannot be cross entered in market and breeding classes.

19. Sanitary conditions must be maintained in the barns, wash rack and tie-out areas at all times. Proper bedding must be kept in pens/stalls at all times and ready for viewing one hour before opening daily.

20. Tie-out times are from the time the fair closes until one hour before the fair opens the next day. Animals are to be ready for viewing by fair goers one hour later.

21. Initial bedding will be provided or you may bring your own Fair approved bedding. Additional bedding will be for sale at Fairgrounds. All exhibitors are responsible for the cleaning of pens/stalls. Premiums will be withheld for non-compliance. **NO walking of animals during the time the fair is open to the public is allowed with the exception of to and from the wash rack and show ring.**

22. The Anne Arundel County Fair reserves the right to send any animal home that they believe should not be shown.

23. Participants must comply with the Rules and Regulations listed for each department, division and class.
24. Non-compliance with any rules, regulations, or directives from the Livestock Superintendent may result in forfeiture of premiums and expulsion from the Fairgrounds.

25. The Anne Arundel County Fair extends the privilege to 4-H exhibitors to also compete in the open division of all livestock classes. See Rule #2 for entry procedures.

26. The rights to modify, merge, and/or cancel any division or class is reserved to the Anne Arundel County Fair Week Committee or specific division chairperson.

27. 4-H and 4-H Volunteer enrollment cards are considered passes to the Anne Arundel County Fair. Other passes are available at the discretion of the Livestock Superintendent.

28. Exhibitors are limited to 6 head of cattle per breed and 10 sheep or goats per breed.

29. The Anne Arundel County Fair reserves the right to cancel any event or contest without notice at any time prior to the actual holding thereof, without liability except for return of any entry fee.

30. Management assumes no responsibility for loss or damage from any causes.

31. During the week of the fair: NO pets, exotic animals, alcohol, drugs, or firearms on the fairgrounds.

### DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSONS

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### CHAIRPERSON

1. Chairpersons are responsible for making their departments ready to receive and place animals and articles in their department. Pen assignments are to be made NO LATER than Labor Day.

2. Chairperson will have care and complete supervision of their departments and to make sure all rules and regulations are followed.

### JUDGES

1. Decision of the judges will be final.

2. No exhibitor shall attempt to interfere with the judges in any manner, subject to forfeiture of any or all rewards.

3. Judges will not award any animal a premium unless in their opinion it is so merited.

4. Animals will be judged at a time and place designated by the Fair Association.

5. When there is but one exhibitor in a class the judges will award only the premium merited in the opinion of the judges.
# Livestock Premium Schedule

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## Livestock Rate of Gain Requirements

Beef steers, market lambs, and market pigs will have minimum rate-of-gains required to show. This means that market animals will have to gain a certain amount per day from Tag-In Day to the County Fair. All livestock exhibitors are expected to turn in a ROG Form. Only those meeting the criteria will receive premiums, must show math on back of ROG Forms, done by 4-Her only – not a parent.

Rate of gain premiums will be awarded for completed production records and judged in accordance with standards set for the Maryland State Fair, as follows: Blue - $2.00, Red - $1.00, White-Ribbon Only. These records must be turned into the 4-H staff at the fair. See chart below.

- **Sheep** - 0.3 lbs. per day
- **Swine** - 1.5 lbs. per day
- **Steer** - 2.0 lbs. per day