March 31, 2015

Garrett County
Weigh – In
May 15th & May 16th, 2015

All youth participating in the Western Maryland District Livestock Show must weigh their animal on Friday evening, May 15th. This includes steers, sheep, swine & market goats.

Schedule
Friday Evening, May 15th – 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

- Weigh-in and tagging of sheep, swine, and market goats.
- A veterinarian will be available to do the health checks for sheep, swine, market goats and commercial beef heifers. Steers should be checked at the one of the two health check days that Casselman Veterinary has coordinated for April and July (see page 2 & 3) or with a veterinarian of your choice. Remember that health checks should be done within 60 days prior to your first show.
- Steers will be weighed after all small animals are completed.
- Youth weighing and tagging animals on Friday evening will be able to leave their animals at the fairgrounds Friday night. Every reasonable precaution for safekeeping of animals and equipment will be taken, but the show coordinator will not be responsible for loss or damage from any cause.
- Hoof Trimming: Will be available, a fee will be collected for each animal for this service. Please call the 4-H office at 301 334-6960 to register.
- Lamb Shearing: Will not be available this year.
- Complimentary food will be served by the Garrett County Livestock Association on Friday evening.
- The Garrett County Livestock Association meeting will be held on Friday, May 16th starting approximately at 8:00 pm at the Garrett County Fairgrounds show ring. Reminder to all youth, attending this Livestock Association meeting may serve as a make up meeting for 4-H club attendance.

**** Commercial Beef Heifer & Commercial Lamb Class at the Garrett County Agricultural Fair
Commercial heifers & commercial lambs will need to be tagged at Spring Weigh – In with an official Maryland 4-H/FFA livestock tag. Refer to the 2015 fair book for rules regarding the contest. Exhibitor will need to contact the 4-H office at 301-334-6960 for the Commercial beef heifer and/or sheep ID Card. Each exhibitor will be allowed one commercial heifer and commercial lamb at the fair. Registered beef heifers do not need to be tagged and will follow the same procedures as in previous years.

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Saturday Morning, May 16th - 7:00 am to 9:00 am

- 7am – 7:30am Priority will be given to out-of-county animals to be weighed. ( Allegany & Washington).
- 7am – 9am Weigh-in and tagging of sheep, swine, and market goats-all other animals.
- Weigh-in for steers not participating in the Western Maryland District Livestock Show. (optional)
- A veterinarian will be available to do the health checks for sheep, swine, market goats and commercial beef heifers. Steers should be checked at the one of the two health check days that Casselman Veterinary has coordinated for April and June or with a veterinarian of your choice. Remember that health check should be done within 60 days prior to your first show.

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**Important:**

- All market sheep, swine, and goats must be weighed and tagged on May 15th or May 16th.
- In consideration of proper handling of animals and safety, we ask that each member/family be responsible for assisting with the unloading/loading of their animals.
- Any 4-H members showing or selling an animal are required to complete the Maryland 4-H Quality Assurance Training Program.

**Health Form** – A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for Show is required for all market animals. **MDA has informed us that an exhibitor can use one health form for all animals that are health checked on the same day.** Health forms are available at the University of Maryland Extension, Garrett County Office. If your lamb or goat is part of a flock at the 4-H/FFA member’s home/farm, a flock check must be completed prior to weigh-in. Please refer to your 2015 Market Animal Guide Book for details about health requirements.

**Animal Health Check Clinics**

Casselman Veterinary Service (CVS) is willing to schedule two Health Check days where a veterinarian from their practice will make farm calls to complete health papers. They request that exhibitors needing health checks on these days call the University of Maryland Extension, Garrett County Office to schedule an appointment. On these days, CVS is offering a reduced farm call fee of $15 and a $5 fee per species for the health chart preparation. In order to obtain this discounted rate, the fees must be paid at the time of the visit. If CVS must bill for the service, their regular rates will apply. Health forms must be filled out in full by the owner; with the vaccination (type & date), identification, date and physical address location of first show. Example: Fairgrounds: 270 Mosser Road, McHenry, MD

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

**Who should schedule a health check for April:** 1) Beef exhibitors showing at the Western Maryland District Show. These same health papers will be good for the GC Fair with completion of the self-certification. 2) Sheep and goat exhibitors requiring a flock check (farms with sheep or goats other than those that will be weighed-in and tagged for 4-H shows). These same health papers will be good for the GC Fair with completion of the self-certification.

- April 15 (Southern End) health check day
- April 17 (Northern End) health check day

Deadline to schedule an April appointment is April 13, 2015
Who should schedule a health check for June: All beef & breeding exhibitors showing at the Garrett County Fair who did not already have a health check. These same health papers will be good for the GC Fair with completion of the self-certification.

- July 8 (Southern End) health check day
- July 10 (Northern End) health check day

Deadline to schedule a June appointment is July 2, 2015.

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

Enclosed – Please find:

- **ID Cards:** Green = Sheep; White = Swine; Yellow = Goats. These cards may be filled out at home and brought to weigh-in or if you have questions, please contact the University of Maryland Extension, Garrett County Office. **Important:** County Bred section will need to be signed by the breeder. Do not come to the scales without a completed identification card. If you do not have your card, your animal will not be weighed.

- **State Registration Form** – All youth with market animals must complete a State Registration Form for each animal. Please list each market animal on a separate sheet - beef, sheep, swine, and goat.

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**Western Maryland 4-H/FFA District Show** events will begin at 9:00 am on Saturday, May 16th at Garrett County Fairgrounds – The registration information will be available at the University of Maryland Extension, Garrett County Office or online at [http://extension.umd.edu/garrett-county/4-h-youth](http://extension.umd.edu/garrett-county/4-h-youth)

**A Show Supply Trailer** will be available again this year at the show on Saturday.

If you have any questions, please call the University of Maryland Extension, Garrett County Office at (301) 334-6960.

Sincerely,

![Signature]

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Enclosures