4-H Talk Newsletter
Late March-April 2015
Access 4-H Talk Online and upcoming 4-H events at: http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county and open up the 4-H & Youth Tab
“This issue of 4-H Talk Contains Important Information about the 2015 4-H Project Year”

4-H Achievement Night Thank You
Thanks to everyone who helped set up and clean up at 4-H Achievement Night. Also, thanks goes out to all the teen speakers. The achievement night results are available online at: http://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/_docs/Achievement%20Night%20Awards%202015.pdf
Congratulations to all of your 4-H achievements!

Winterfest Thank You
Thank you to everyone who helped teach at 4-H Winterfest. Over sixty youth participated in the fun afternoon of educational learning and activities. Thanks to the teens and volunteers that helped teach. It was a very successful day.

Project Enrollment Deadline
New members have until May 1st to register for 4-H. Current members have until May 1st to register for any projects that they plan to enter in the Cecil County and Maryland State Fair. Members and volunteers who were enrolled in 2014 and have not turned in the required paperwork for 2015 should get their reenrollment forms into the Extension Office ASAP so as not to miss out on any 4-H opportunities.

4-H Paper Clover Fundraising Program at Tractor Supply
Tractor Supply has partnered with the 4-H program to raise money for both national and local programs by implementing the 4-H Paper Clover fundraising promotion in all stores to run from April 22-May 3, 2015: 60% of the proceeds will go to our local 4-H program, 10% will go to the State 4-H program and 30% will go to the National 4-H Council. We are lucky to have a Tractor Supply located in Elkton and will be able to participate in this fundraising effort. We will only receive monies collected at the Elkton Tractor Supply to support our local program. If any 4-H group is interested in promoting 4-H during this fundraising event at Tractor Supply, please contact April in the Extension Office.
Eggstravaganza 2015
Eggstravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2015 at the Calvert Grange in Calvert. Entries are to arrive between 9-9:45 AM. At Eggstravaganza youth can participate in demonstrations, educational and fun activities and the all-popular food preparation contest. 4-H youth are invited to do demonstrations and enter the egg food preparation categories. Registration materials are posted online at [http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-4-h-eggstravaganza-2015](http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-4-h-eggstravaganza-2015). Registration is due postmarked by Monday, March 23, 2015.

Annual Sporting Clays Tournament to Benefit Maryland 4-H Youth Programs-March 28th
The Maryland 4-H Foundations 20th Annual Sporting Clays Shoot will be held on Saturday, March 28, (Rain or Shine) at Schrader’s Sporting Clay, 16090 Oakland Road, Henderson, MD. Registration will start at 9:00 a.m. with the clays competition beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants are welcome to begin the course anytime until 11:30 a.m. The 50-target clays course always proves to be great fun and a real challenge. Awards will be presented in 3 to 4 Lewis Classes (depending on number of shooters), Youth, Ladies and Teams. A Pit Beef Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Awards, door prizes and a drawing for a Beretta Model A300 Outlander 12 Gauge Shotgun ($5 each or 3 for $10) will wrap up the fun-filled day. Entry fees are: Adults –$60; 4-H & Youth –$40. Opportunities are available for donor support through program advertising, station signs and sponsorships. Come out for a great day and help support our Maryland 4-H Youth Programs. For additional information or to register call the MD 4-H Foundation at 301-314-7835; Brittany Hoffman at 301-314-7826; or Schrader’s Sporting Clays at 410-758-1824. Information can be found online at: [http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/maryland-4-h-foundation-annual-sporting-clays-tournament](http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/maryland-4-h-foundation-annual-sporting-clays-tournament)

State 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop
The 2015 Maryland 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training weekend is set for April 10-12, 2015. Early Bird Registration is due prior to March 30th. No registrations will be accepted after April 3rd. You must be a UME Cecil County 4-H Volunteer prior to attending the training. Registration materials are available by contacting April in the Cecil County Extension Office. Completed registrations are to be sent to the State 4-H Office.

Regional Tractor Safety Training-Rescheduled Date
The regional 4-H Tractor School that was canceled in February has been rescheduled for April 10 – 12, 2015 at a new location – The Caroline County 4-H Park, Denton. If you did not register in February, contact April in the Cecil County Extension Office to receive a registration form and additional information.

Maryland 4-H Engineering Camp
Registration forms are now available for the 2015 Maryland 4-H Engineering camp. The engineering camp will be held April 17-19, 2015 at the Rocks 4-H camp in Harford County. For those who are not familiar with the Engineering camp this is the 6th year. The engineering camp provides youth ages 12 – 18 with the opportunity to explore various facets of the engineering field from mechanical engineering (engine repair) and materials engineering (welding) to Robotics and Aerospace. The campers also develop teamwork and critical thinking skills while completing design and build challenges throughout the weekend as part of a small engineering team. Registration materials can be found online at: [http://extension.umd.edu/news/events/fri-2015-04-17-1830-maryland-4-h-engineering-camp-2015](http://extension.umd.edu/news/events/fri-2015-04-17-1830-maryland-4-h-engineering-camp-2015)

Maryland Day 2015
Grab your family, friends and neighbors and head out to the University of Maryland College Park on April 25th for Maryland Day 2015. The University of Maryland’s popular open house is family-friendly and is filled with learning, exploration and fun. There are more than 400 hands-on exhibits, workshops and live performances. Come enjoy our global village. In our college, the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, our annual Ag Day will be buzzing in and around the animal science courtyard and barns. In the plant science building and on the mall near Symons Hall, the State 4-H Communications event will begin at 10 AM. Also 4-H will be highlighted in the Science, Engineering and Technology Zone in the Animal Science Courtyard. Parking and transportation on campus are free. The event runs from 10 AM until 4 PM. For more information visit the website at: [www.marylandday.umd.edu](http://www.marylandday.umd.edu)

State Communications Event
We will highlight the speaking abilities of our 4-H youth at the State Communications Contest held during Maryland Day, Saturday, April 25th from 10 AM until 1 PM. The speaking awards will be announced in a central location in the afternoon.
at 3 PM. This year there will be locations for prepared, extemporaneous and interpretative speeches as well as radio spots. ALL county champions are encouraged to participate. If any youth would like to serve as room monitors or announcers, and if any adults would like to serve as judges, contact Sandy Corridon at corridon@umd.edu.

**Maryland 4-H Foundation Bag & Basket Bingo Fundraiser**
The Maryland 4-H Foundation is hosting a bag and basket bingo to benefit Maryland 4-H! Come out to the Maryland State Fairgrounds on Sunday, April 26th and play over 20 games of bingo for a chance to win a filled Longaberger Basket or Thirty-One Purse. Tickets are $15 in advance or $20 at the door. Doors open at 1pm. We will have door prizes, a 50/50, food and much more! Check out the flyer and additional information online at: [http://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/calendar/2015-bag-and-basket-bingo](http://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/calendar/2015-bag-and-basket-bingo). If you are interested in sponsoring or filling a bag or a basket, contact Amanda Clougherty at akbrown@umd.edu or 301-314-7835.

**Cecil 4-H Horticulture Judging Information Meetings and Practices**
If you are interested in the Horticulture judging program practices will begin on Monday, April 27th at 7:00pm at Rosebank Church in Rising Sun. Starting in May, Horticulture judging practices will be held on Monday, May 4th, 11th & 18th at 7:00 PM at Rosebank Church, Rising Sun or Fair Hill Florist, Elkton. The county contest will be held on Sunday, July 19, 2015. For more information contact Ruth Brown at 410-658-6446 or 410-920-7838.

**Volunteer to Host a Costa Rican or Japanese Teen for 3.5 weeks**
Experience the richness of the world, without even leaving home. This summer the Maryland 4-H program is sponsoring 7 teens (ages 15-17) from Costa Rica and 10 middle school aged Japanese youth and 1 adult who come to Maryland for one month. The travel dates for the Costa Rica group are June 24-July 19 and the Japanese youth are July 25-August 22 (tentative). These eager youth want to experience American culture, make new friends and improve their English by staying with your family. Every family is welcome in this program-you don't have to be in 4-H. For more information and applications for hosting check out the State website link at: or contact Alisha Targonski at: alishat@umd.edu or call 301-314-7319. The state coordinator is hoping to place all students by May 15th. Visiting youth will spend 3.5 weeks in homestays learning about American culture, language, and daily life. The hosting experience enables families to become global citizens and learn about the world without traveling abroad. Families can host if they have a child of the same gender and similar age as a visiting youth.

**Maryland 4-H Day at Camden Yards**
Enjoy an afternoon at an Orioles baseball game with your 4-H friends and family on Sunday, June 28, 2015! You do not have to be in 4-H to purchase tickets to help raise money for the State 4-H program! A flyer with additional information is available online at: [http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/maryland-4-h-day-camden-yards](http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/maryland-4-h-day-camden-yards) and you can purchase tickets online at: [http://www.orioles.com/tix/maryland4h](http://www.orioles.com/tix/maryland4h).

**Cecil County Fair Updates**
- The Cecil County Fair will be July 24-August 1, 2015 in Fair Hill (Clean-Up Day August 2nd).
- The Fair is redesigning their website
- The Club Theme will be “Reaching Beyond the Stars with 4-H”
- The Fair Book will be out by late May
- The Fair Entry Deadline is July 1, 2015 (Animal, Engineering & Club Entries)
- The Cecil County 4-H program will be offering two Cecil County Fair “Ask an Expert” open sessions to help 4-H youth fill out their entry forms & entry tags and answer any fair related questions on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 and Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 6:30-8 PM and Thursday, June 18, 2015 from 6:30-8 PM.
- NEW 4-H Club Entry!!!! 4-H Promotional Board and the Rules
- Below are the rules:
  - A painted 4x4 plywood board to promote your 4-H club which will hang permanently in the home arts building.
  - The AA statement can be affixed on the back of the board on an index card prior to entry
  - Club name must be a prominent part of the promotional board
  - The 4-H Clover emblem must also be on the board.
  - Design must be on one side only and should be two-dimensional, expressing one idea to illustrate a phase of 4-H work.
Members can use any type of medium
o Members are responsible for constructing the board, although adults may assist.
• The Club Boards will hang in the home arts building for many years.
• Only one board per club
• Judging criteria will be the same as the 4-H Booths.

**Maryland State Fair Updates**

- Maryland State Fair takes place August 28-September 7, 2015
- The Maryland State Fair Book has been posted online at: [http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/4-h](http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/4-h)
- The Maryland State Fair 4-H newsletter is posted online at: [http://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/_docs/mdsffebnewsletter.pdf](http://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/_docs/mdsffebnewsletter.pdf)
- The online registration system will open up by the end of May and the system closes on July 31st at 11:59 PM
- Below are some descriptions of some new 4-H entry opportunities

**Knitting and Crocheting Classes:**
This year, Knitting and Crocheting is a new department! There are classes for all ability levels:
- 1st year item
- Clothing accessory
- Accessory for home
- Afghan

These are offered both for knit and crocheted pieces. Check out the Consumer & Family Science division book on the Maryland State Fair website for more information, or contact the superintendent, Jamie Lynne Hester, at jlynne62213@yahoo.com or 443-375-7082.

**Graphic Art Design 4-H Promotional Classes**
Are you good with computers and have a talent for creativity? Consider entering a project in the new 4-H Promotional Graphic Design class! Each 4-H member can enter 1 design per class: County 4-H Promotion, Maryland 4-H Promotion and Open 4-H Promotion.

Designs should be no larger than 8”x10” and may be horizontal or vertical and must be computer generated. All artwork must be original—no images or photos from the internet are permitted except for the official 4-H Clover.

For more details, check out the Division T-4-H/FFA Promotion book posted on the Maryland State Fair website.

**4-H Tailgate Throwdown!**
Have a great tailgate party recipe? Sign up for the new addition to the 4-H Presents! program: 4-H Tailgate Throwdown. Contestants will develop a themed three-course menu consisting of an appetizer, main dish and dessert and will prepare ONE of the courses to be judged. Participants will have a 2 hour time frame to make the dish. The prepared dish and a printed description of the full three-course menu must be presented on a table space creatively decorated by the 4-Her, reflecting the theme. To sign up for the event, please visit the Maryland State Fair website. Under the “Exhibitors” tab, click on “4-H”. This should direct you to the Division Book listings. The sign-up sheet can be found in the Special Programs book and filled out and mailed to the Maryland 4-H Center. Questions about this new class? Contact Cathy Porterfield at 301-314-7823 or cporterf@umd.edu.

**Camp News**

**Camp Application**
The camp staff is planning another fun and memorable 2015 Cecil County 4-H Camp. Camp will take place on August 9-14, 2015 at the Harford County 4-H Camp at the Rocks outside Forest Hill. Camp is open to youth ages 8-14. Discounted applications are due by July 1, 2015. An orientation will take place on July 8, 2015 in the Elk Room at the Cecil County Administration Building (Date & Location Tentative). You can download a camp application and required materials online at [http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/4-h-camp](http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/4-h-camp).

**Animal Science Activities & Update**

**Animal Ownership Deadlines**

**2015 Animal Ownership Deadlines for Cecil County & Maryland 4-H**
- Enrolled in 4-H and applicable projects by May 1, 2015 to participate in 2015 Maryland State Fair and Cecil County Fair 4-H Events
- Registration papers MUST be in the full name of the 4-H EXHIBITOR ONLY in order to be eligible as a 4-H project.
- An animal can be tagged either commercial breeding or market but NOT BOTH
• Poultry/Waterfowl and Rabbit/Cavy Ownership Forms due June 1, 2015
• Dog and Horse Identification Cards due June 1, 2015
• Breeding and Performance Animal Leases due June 1, 2015 (3 components-Guidelines, Agreement, and Statement of Understanding and Release)
  o Breeding Animal Leases (Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine and Goats)-A member may not own and lease animals in the same general project area
  o Performance Animal Leases (Horse, Dog, Alpacas and Llamas)-An animal may be lease by up to two different 4-H members and can be exhibited in a single class by only one 4-H member.
• Commercial (tagged) and Purebred Beef Heifers owned by June 1, 2015
• Market Beef Steers owned by January 1, 2015 (Tagged & Weighed on 1/3)
• Beef Feeder Calves owned and tagged by May 15, 2015 (Tagged & Weighed on 5/14 or 5/15)
• Dairy Cattle owned by June 1, 2015
  o All Dairy Cows must have been owned/leased by the youth before first freshening or before 2 years of age, whichever comes first.
• Market Dairy Steers owned by January 1, 2015 (Tagged & Weighed on 1/3)
• Dairy Feeder Calves owned and tagged by May 15, 2015 (Tagged & Weighed on 5/14 or 5/15)
• Dairy Goats owned by June 1, 2015
  o All Dairy Goats must have been owned/leased by the youth before first freshening or before 2 years of age, whichever comes first.
• Commercial (tagged) and Registered Breeding Meat Goats owned by June 1, 2015
• Market Goats owned and tagged by May 15, 2015 (Tagged & Weighed on 5/14 or 5/15)
• Dog owned/leased by June 1, 2015
• Horse and Pony owned/leased by June 1, 2015
• Market Broilers and Ducks Intent form on file by May 15, 2015
• Poultry and Waterfowl owned by June 1, 2015
• Market Rabbit Intent Form on file by May 15, 2015
• Rabbits and Cavies owned by June 1, 2015
• Breeding Sheep owned by June 1, 2015
• Market Sheep owned and tagged by May 15, 2015 (Tagged & Weighed on 5/14 or 5/15)
• Breeding Swine owned by June 1, 2015
• Market Swine owned and tagged by May 15, 2015 (Tagged & Weighed on 5/14 or 5/15)

All the Cecil County 4-H Animal Science Forms can be found online at: http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/animal-forms

2015 Cecil County Fair Animal Ages and Weights

• Market Broilers-Pair of broilers, no weight limit, under 7 weeks old (Hatched on or after June 5, 2015) and each weighing 3 lbs. each *Submit copy of order receipt/shipping label
• Market Ducks-Pair of ducks, each weighing between 8-12 pounds (Hatched on or after March 15, 2015) *Submit copy of order receipt/shipping label
• Market Rabbits-3 rabbits, 3-5 pounds each, under 70 days old (Born on or after May 17, 2015)
• Market Goat-55-135 pounds (Born after 9/1/14 and must have milk teeth)
• Market Beef-minimum 1000 pounds (Born on or after 8/1/13)
• Dairy Steer-minimum 1000 pounds (Born on or after 8/1/13)
• Market Lambs-90-155 pounds
• Market Hogs-220-290 pounds
• Again, No Weight Tolerances in 2015!
• Youth are allowed to sell a maximum of 3 animals in the livestock sale and 2 per species

Other Cecil County Fair Animal Changes

• 4-H Livestock Orientation will take place on Monday, July 20, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Fairgrounds
• Breeding Meat Goat Doe Classes will be separated into two divisions: ABGA Registered & Commercial (4-H Tagged)
• All market lambs/sheep & meat goats/market goats must be clipped/slick-sheared prior to arrival at the Fairgrounds. (Trimming is permitted)
• Meat Goat/Market Goat show will take place on Monday, July 27, 2015 starting at noon
• Sheep show will take place on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 starting at 9 AM
• Swine Fitting & Showing will take place on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 starting at 6 PM
• Dress Attire Change Approved neckpieces include: neck tie, bow tie, bolo tie, or a tied bandana. Jewelry does not qualify as a necklace—no exceptions (loose necklaces are not to be worn in the show ring)
• Meat Goat Specific Rules: During the show, goats must have all four feet firmly placed on the ground and Prong/pinch collars are not permitted for use

Cecil County Fair Mandatory Livestock Sale Meeting Dates Have Been Set
The Cecil County 4-H Livestock Sale Meeting is mandatory every other year. All new sellers and all youth who did not attend a meeting in 2014 along with a parent are required to attend a meeting in 2015, if they would like to sell an animal in the Cecil County Fair 4-H Livestock Sale. The meetings are scheduled for the following evenings:
  o Tuesday, May 19, 2015-Rising Sun Library, Rising Sun, 6:45 PM
  o Wednesday, June 3, 2015-UME-Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton, 7 PM

Hands-On Animal Science Classes
We will be offering fun, hands-on Animal Science classes for 4-Hers on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton. You do not have to attend all the class topics. Please RSVP online at: http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-county-4-h-hands-animal-science-classes or call 410-996-5280 the day prior to each scheduled class so that enough supplies can be gathered and materials prepared in advance.
The dates and topics are as follows:
  • March 24th—“Bones, Bones, Bones” we will be learning about a mammals skeletal system, will be putting bones together and searching for bones in an owl pellet.
  • April 28th—“Animal Genes & Reproduction” we will be learning about genetics & reproduction and observing a cows reproductive tract.
  • September 22nd“Animal-ology-Test Your Animal Knowledge” we will be learning and participating in a skillathon event.
  • October 27th “Mighty Muscles” we will be learning about muscles and dissecting chicken wings
All the classes will be very fun and energetic as all the sessions will be hands-on.

4-H Companion Animal Fun Day
4-H Companion Animal Fun Day will be held on Friday, April 3, 2015 with check in beginning at 8:30 AM and activities running from 9:00 AM-3:30 PM at the Calvert Grange on Rt. 273 in Calvert (2357 Telegraph Road, Rising Sun, MD 21911). A flyer containing registration information is included in this newsletter or you can register online at: http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-county-4-h-companion-animal-fun-day. Registration is due by March 30th. This year there will be a variety of companion animal related educational topics and participating in animal science learning stations on a variety of topics. Participants will also have the opportunity to partake in ice breaker games, animal related games, a hands-on craft or activity and socialize with other 4-H Companion Animal members. Pizza, drinks and snacks will be provided.

Maryland 4-H Horse Judging Clinic
The Maryland 4-H Horse Judging Clinic will be Saturday, April 19, 2015 at Damascus Equine Associates in Mt. Airy. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for Maryland 4-H youth to acquire skills and knowledge about conformation and judging of horses. This years’ clinic will be an introductory workshop to horse judging. Participants will hear talks from industry professionals with breakout sessions. Participants will learn valuable information that they can use when showing their own horses. Registration information can be found on the Maryland 4-H website at: https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=ha7q1bFDNzaBD32zS4Uodw#. Registration is due by April 14, 2015.

Eastern Shore Spring Show
Eastern Shore Spring Show information will be emailed or mailed in to all who participated in 2014 and will be available online at the Queen Anne’s County Extension website at http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/eastern-shore-spring-show-0. The show is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2015 at the Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park in Centreville. Entries are due postmarked by Monday, April 20, 2015.
Rabbit and Poultry Judging and Avian Bowl Workshops

The Maryland 4-H Animal Science Program is pleased to offer a series of Rabbit and Poultry Judging and Avian Bowl Workshops for new and experienced 4-H members, parents, and coaches during January thru May 2015!

Two upcoming workshops are scheduled on:
- March 28-Allegany County-Martin’s Community Room, Cumberland
- May 23-Harford County 4-H Camp at the Rocks (NEW date and location!)

The Agenda is as follows:
9:00 am Registration and Refreshments
9:30 am Welcome / Introduction to Judging and Bowl Events
10:00 am Breakout Sessions – divide into Poultry and Rabbit Groups if group size permits
12:30 pm Adjourn

Topics include: What to Expect at Judging and Bowl Events, What to Look at When Judging a Class, Resources to Help You Learn More

A $5.00 registration fee covers workshop handouts and refreshments. The registration flyer can be found online at: http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/rabbit-and-poultry-judging-and-avian-bowl-winter-workshop-series

Cecil County Breeders Fair

Cecil County Breeders Fair information will be emailed or mailed to those Cecil 4-H’ers who participated in 2014 and is available online at http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-county-breeders-fair. The Breeders Fair Livestock, Rabbit, Cavy & Dog Shows are scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 2015 and the Horse Shows are scheduled for Sunday, May 31, 2015 at Fair Hill. Entries are due by May 1st. Cecil County 4-Hers are encouraged to take advantage of a great opportunity to participate.

Maryland Animal Health Requirements 2015

The complete Maryland health regulations and forms are online at http://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx

Again this year—All animals except Rabbits will need to have an official identification. In most cases, this means the animal will have to be identified using an official USDA or MD tag that is associated with a registered premise. Health certificates will be three carbon copy pages and again will no longer need to be stamped by MDA as it will be your veterinarian’s responsibility to send the approved copy to MDA to be filed. Exhibitors will still be expected to do the Animal Health Self-certification for Livestock, Poultry, Rabbits and Horses. Papers will still be due within 60 days of your first show, and if your animal required vaccinations, they should be vaccinated at least 15 days prior to the first show so that the vaccinations are effective.

Animal Science Tidbits

- The State Horse Jamboree is scheduled for June 26-28, 2015 at the Frederick County 4-H Camp and Activity Center in Frederick
- The poultry and waterfowl testing date will be Sunday, July 12, 2015. The cost will be $1 per bird.
- Cecil County 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Practices will be on Monday evenings at various locations beginning at the end of April. If you have questions contact Wayne Carlisle at 443-907-2339.
- If you are interested in Dairy Goat Judging contact April at the Extension Office by May 1st.

Maryland 4-H On-Line Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance Training Program

ALL ANIMAL PROJECT MEMBERS MUST COMPLETE –THE DEADLINE IS JULY 1, 2015

The Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance Training (AH&QA) program must be completed individually by all 4-H members enrolled in alpacas, beef (dairy steer), dairy, goats, horse and pony, poultry, sheep, swine and rabbits projects for eligibility to exhibit their project animals in Maryland County 4-H and State 4-H Shows in 2015. The Maryland 4-H Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance training will be online again in 2015.

All new youth who exhibit animal projects or those intermediate and senior aged youth who completed the program in the past and have added new projects for 2015 (alpaca, beef, dairy, goats, horse & pony, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine) must complete the online training. In addition, youth need to take the training online once as a Junior member (4-H age 8), once when they become an Intermediate member (4-H age 11) and once when they become a Senior member (4-H age 14). The training will be available on April 1 and will remain open until July 1 at https://webtools.moo.umd.edu/AHQA/

There are two major parts to the program:
• Part 1 is completed by all members (Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors)
• Part 2 contains specific information for each animal species – Intermediate and Senior aged members will need to complete Part 2 of the program for each species project they are enrolled in and wish to exhibit.

Junior Sheep & Goat Skillathon
The 2015 Junior Sheep & Goat Skillathon will be held Sunday, May 3, at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival. The Festival is always held the first full weekend of May at the Howard County Fairgrounds in West Friendship. Registration for the contest begins at 8 a.m. The contest starts at 9 a.m. Awards will be presented at approximately 1 p.m. A small donation is requested to cover the cost of lunch (pizza and sodas). The event provides youth with the opportunity to blend knowledge and skills acquired in livestock judging, demonstrations and care and exhibition of animals into a single activity. It consists of a series of stations where youth are tested on their knowledge and abilities related to livestock. In the Sheep & Goat Skillathon, all stations will pertain to sheep and/or goats. The skillathon is open to any youth between the ages of 8 and 18. Individuals and teams (of 3 or 4) from any county or state may compete. Youth compete according to their age as of January 1st of the current year. Youth ages 8 to 10 compete as juniors; youth ages 11 to 13 compete as intermediates; and youth 14 to 18 compete as seniors. Pre-registration of individuals and teams for the 2015 Junior Sheep & Goat Skillathon is requested by April 28. Pre-register by sending names, ages and team affiliations via e-mail to Susan Schoenian at sschoen@umd.edu (or via fax at (301) 432-4089). Online registration is possible at www.sheepandwool.org. For more information, contact Susan at (301)432-2767 x343 or visit the web site at http://www.sheepandgoat.com/programs/skillathon/skillathon.html.

Cecil 4-H Market Animal Tagging and Weigh-In Information
Cecil County 4-H will be tagging and weighing all 4-H Market Goats, Market Sheep, and Feeder Calf projects on Thursday, May 14, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 P.M. and Friday, May 15, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 P.M. at the 4-H Scales at the Cecil County Fairgrounds in Fair Hill, MD.

First State Livestock Jackpot Preview Show
The event will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2015 for Market Beef Steers, Lambs, Swine and Meat goats in Harrington, DE. Registration materials can be downloaded online at https://extension.udel.edu/4h/files/2012/02/Jackpot-show-entry-form-2015.pdf and paper copies can be obtained from the Cecil County Extension Office. The entry fee is $25 per animal. All proceeds benefit the Kent County, Delaware 4-H Livestock Program. For more information contact Susan Garey in the Kent County Delaware Extension Office at 302-730-4000.

Cecil County 4-H Horse Hoopla
Cecil County 4-H Horse Hoopla is back for another year. Hoopla will be held on June 16-18, 2015 in Fair Hill. This three-day program features workshops, fun activities and competitive events in the horse project area. Many exciting activities and events are planned and are open to all Cecil 4-Hers ages 8-18 as of 1/1/2015. The Horse Hoopla registration materials will be available online under upcoming programs at by April 1, 2015.

Leaders & Volunteers Updates
University of Maryland Extension 4-H Volunteer Trainings
Are you interested in becoming a University of Maryland Extension Volunteer or do you know anyone that might be interested? Don’t wait because now is the time April and/or Vicki will be conducting upcoming UME Volunteer trainings on the following evenings:
• Tuesday, April 14, 2015 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM
• Wednesday, May 20, 2015 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM
• Thursday, June 4, 2015 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM
If you are interested in becoming a 4-H Volunteer please register online at http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-ume-volunteer-training-registration or e-mail adhall@umd.edu or call 410-996-520 to confirm your attendance.

Cecil 4-H UME Volunteer Development Series
Volunteers and teen leaders are encouraged to enhance their skills by registering for the Cecil County 4-H Volunteer Development Series. You can pick and choose which topics you would like to attend. The topics and dates are as follows:
- 3/26-Food Safety
- 4/7-Positive Youth Development & Serving Your Community
Life Skills Development and Fun Activities to Do at Club Meetings
5/16-Food Safety Training (Time: 10 AM & Location: Ebenezer UM Church, Rising Sun)
6/2-Preparing Diamond Clover Service Project Applications and Other Teen Opportunities
9/29-Animal Science Planning Meeting
10/6-Club Management & Program Planning and Youth Adult Partnerships and Working with Your Officer Team

The programs take place from 6:30-8 PM in the University of Maryland Extension Cecil County 4-H Office at 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton in Suite 1500. If you would like to attend, please register online at https://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-4-h-volunteer-development-series or call the Extension Office at 410-996-5280.

4-H Leaders and Volunteers Meeting
The next Cecil County 4-H Leaders and Volunteers meeting will be on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 7 PM in the Cecil County Extension Office. The main topics of discussion will be upcoming 4-H programming including the Cecil County Fair and Cecil County Breeders Fair programs. Additional 2015 Leaders and Volunteers meetings will take place on Monday, September 21st and Monday, November 23rd.

Attention Club Leader-All Club Forms and Resources Available Online
All 4-H Club Leaders Resources can be found at http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/leader-forms including the fundraiser approval request that we ask you to submit at least 30 days prior to your planned fundraiser.

Educational Videos, Learning Kits and Materials Available For Loan
The Cecil County 4-H Office has some educational videos, learning kits, curriculum and equipment which club leaders can borrow from our office on a variety of topics. If you are interested in borrowing videos, learning kits, curriculum or equipment stop by the Extension office.

Club and Special Interest Group Updates
Fundraiser to Benefit Cecil County 4-H Horse Program
There will be an all-day fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 100 South Main Street, Newark, Delaware to benefit the Cecil County 4-H Horse Program - So you can stop by for lunch, dinner or late night! Check out the upcoming programs to download the takeover voucher. By turning in the voucher 20% of your check will be donated to the Cecil County 4-H Horse program. The voucher is posted online at: http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-county-4-h-buffalo-wild-wings-fundraiser.

Cecil County Poultry Bingo Fundraiser
The Annual Poultry Bingo (to raise funds for the Cecil County Fair Poultry Show) is right around the corner. It will be Saturday, March 28, 2015 at the Calvert Grange. The doors open at 5 PM and the games begin at 6 PM. The cost is $10 at the door and $5 for special bingo game cards. A flyer is posted online at: http://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/docs/locations/cecil_county/Poultry%20bingo%20flyer%202015.pdf Please feel free to email or text Kara Barnhart with any questions at Cher_balt@yahoo.com or 443-567-3510.

Kids of the Future Yard Sale
The Kids of the Future 4-H Club will be hosting a yard sale on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at the Ebenezer Methodist Church Social Hall, Rising Sun. The event runs from 8 AM-2 PM and is Rain or Shine. Contact Susan Knight for additional information.

Making Strides 4-H Club Fundraiser
The Making Strides 4-H Club will be at the University of Delaware Ag Day on Saturday, April 25, 2015 doing a Children’s Craft and selling water bottles in addition to having an educational exhibit & demonstrations. Half of the proceeds will go towards completing a Diamond Clover project for “A Buddy for Life”.

Diamond Clover Project Fundraisers
Erricka Maule will be doing two fundraisers in April to raise money to purchase supplies to make receiving blankets for her Diamond Clover Level 6 project for the Cecil County Pregnancy Center. She will be doing a Wawa Shorti-sub
coupon sale from April 1-30, 2015 and will be doing a bake sale on Saturday, April 18, 2015. Please contact Erricka if you have any questions.

**Scholarship Opportunities**

**Cecil County 4-H All-Star Book Scholarships**
The Cecil County 4-H All-Stars will be awarding a select number of book scholarships to 4-Hers who are 4-H members and plan to enroll in or are enrolled in a 2- or 4-year college or technical school for the 2015-2016 academic year. You can download application online under the 4-H & Youth Tab by clicking on the Upcoming Programs sidebar and clicking on the Scholarship tab or from the Cecil County Extension Office or you can request an application from Mark Barczewski at 302-743-9950 or mrbarczewski@gmail.com. The completed application is due May 15, 2015.

**Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarships**
Scholarship applications are available online for the Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship. They will be awarding over 30 scholarships with a minimum of $1,000 each. All applicants must have participated in Maryland 4-H for 2 years and be pursuing a post-secondary degree or certification. Visit the Maryland 4-H Foundation Website for all the details at [http://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/_Assets/pdf/MD4H-Scholarship-Application-2015.pdf](http://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/_Assets/pdf/MD4H-Scholarship-Application-2015.pdf). Applications are due postmarked by June 1, 2015.

**Cecil County Farm Bureau Scholarships**
Cecil County Farm Bureau, Inc. is offering four $1,500 scholarships: two Ray Mueller Scholarships and two Steve Carson Young Farmers’ Scholarships. The deadline for submitting the scholarship application is March 30, 2015. Guidelines and application forms are available by contacting calling the Cecil County Farm Bureau Office at 410-392-4226 or downloading the application at [http://cecil.mdfarmbureau.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2015/02/2015-CCFB-SCHOLARSHIP-APPLICATION-FORMS.pdf](http://cecil.mdfarmbureau.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2015/02/2015-CCFB-SCHOLARSHIP-APPLICATION-FORMS.pdf)

**$2000 Scholarship Available to Student Pursuing Studies in Horticulture & Related Fields**
April 15, 2015 is the deadline to apply for the $2000 annual Robert & Shirley Mangum Memorial Scholarship for students pursuing collegiate studies and a career in horticulture and related fields. Administered since 2004 by the Montgomery County Farm Bureau, the scholarship honors the contributions of lifelong Montgomery County residents, Robert & Shirley Mangum, who were pioneers in the local ornamental horticulture and interior landscape contracting industry. For further information, the website: [http://mangumscholarship.com/](http://mangumscholarship.com/) has been created containing information about eligibility, application, deadlines and contact information. Information must be submitted prior to deadline for consideration.

**Maryland Grain Producers Scholarship**
The Maryland Grain Producers offer a scholarship to Maryland residents interested in pursuing an agriculturally related career. The scholarship deadline is June 1, 2015. The scholarship can be downloaded online at: [http://www.marylandgrain.com/Scholarship%20Program.htm](http://www.marylandgrain.com/Scholarship%20Program.htm)
4-H Calendar of Events

March 2015
21 4-H Demonstration and Communications Day, Calvert Grange, Calvert, 9:00 AM
22 Sewing Workshop, 1-4 PM, Trinity Church, Elkton
24 Hands-On Animal Science Class-Bones, Bones, Bones, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
25 Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser to Benefit the Cecil County 4-H Horse Program, Newark, DE (Patrons must present a voucher for the Horse program to receive 20% of the proceeds)
26 Volunteer Series: Food Safety, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
27 Regional Communications Event, 6 PM, Easton High School, Easton
28 Maryland 4-H Foundation Shooting Clays Fundraiser, Schrader’s Bridgetown Manor, Henderson
28 Camp Staff Training, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Ebenezer Methodist Church, Rising Sun
28 Eggstravaganza, Entries received between 9-9:45 AM, Calvert Grange, Calvert
28 Poultry Bingo Fundraiser, Door opens at 5 PM and Games begin at 6 PM, Calvert Grange, Calvert
23 & 30 Cecil County 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices, 7:00 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton

April 2015
1 Maryland 4-H Online Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance Program Opens
3 Companion Animal Day, Calvert Grange, Registration 8:30 AM, Program Begins 9:00 AM
7 Volunteer Series: Positive Youth Development an Serving Your Community, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
10-12 Camp Staff Training Weekend, Harford County 4-H Camp at the Rocks
10-12 State 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training, Camp Thendara, Hurlock
10-12 Regional 4-H Tractor Safety School, Caroline County 4-H Park, Denton
14 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
17-19 State 4-H Engineering Camp at the Rocks, Harford County
18 State 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest, College Park
18 State 4-H Horse Judging Clinic, Damascus Equine Associates, Mt. Airy
18 Kids of the Future Yard Sale, 8 AM-2 PM, Ebenezer UM Church, Rising Sun
20 DEADLINE: Eastern Shore Spring Show Entries
22-May 3 Tractor Supply 4-H Paper Clover Fundraiser and Promotion
25 Maryland Day at University of Maryland College Park
25 State Communication Contest, College Park
25 Making Strides Fundraiser at the U of DE Ag Day, Newark
26 Sewing Workshop, 1-4 PM, Trinity Church, Elkton
26 Maryland 4-H Bag & Basket Bingo, Doors Open-1 PM, Games-1:45 PM Maryland State Fairgrounds, 4-H Home Arts Building, Timonium
27 4-H Horticulture Judging Practice, Rosebank Church, Rising Sun, 7 PM
28 Hands-On Animal Science Class-Animal Gens & Reproductive Tract Dissection, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
6 & 13 Cecil County 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices, 7:00 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton

May 2015
1 DEADLINE: New Member Enrollments in the Extension Office
1 DEADLINE: Projects Enrollment for New and Current Cecil County Members in the Extension Office
1 DEADLINE: Cecil County Breeders Fair Entries
2-3 Sheep and Wool Festival, West Friendship
2 Sheep & Goat Skillathon, West Friendship
5 Volunteer Series: Life Skills Development & Fun Activities to do at Club Meetings, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
9 Eastern Shore Spring Show, Centreville
14 & 15 Tagging, Weigh In & Ownership Deadline of Market Goats, Sheep, Swine and Feeder Calves, 6-8 PM, Fair Hill
15 DEADLINE: Market Rabbit, Market Broilers & Market Duck Intent Form Due in Extension Office
15 DEADLINE: Cecil County 4-H All-Star Book Scholarship
16 Camp Staff Training Makeup, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Ebenezer Methodist Church, Rising Sun (Food Safety, CPR, First Aid)
16 Volunteer Series: Food Safety, 10 AM, Ebenezer Methodist Church, Rising Sun
16 First State Livestock Jackpot Preview Show, Delaware State Fairgrounds, Harrington
18 Cecil 4-H Leaders and Volunteer Meeting, 7:00 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
19 Cecil County Fair 4-H Livestock Sale Meeting, 6:45 PM, Rising Sun Library, Rising Sun
20 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
23 Rabbit & Poultry Judging and Avian Bowl Workshop, Harford County 4-H Camp at the Rocks
24 Sewing Workshop, 1-4 PM, Trinity Church, Elkton
30 Cecil County Breeders’ Fair Livestock, Rabbit & Dog Shows, Fair Hill
30 State 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology Contest, College Park
31 Cecil County Breeders’ Fair Horse Shows, Fair Hill
4, 11, 18 4-H Horticulture Judging Practice, Rosebank Church, Rising Sun or Fair Hill Florist, Elkton, 7 PM

**June 2015**

1 DEADLINE: Horse/Dog Identification Cards and Rabbit/Cavy & Poultry/Waterfowl Registrations Due in Extension Office
1 DEADLINE: Performance/Breeding Animal Arrangements Due in Extension Office
1 DEADLINE: Ownership Deadline for Commercial Breeding Animal Projects
1 DEADLINE: County Ownership Deadline for Registered Breeding Animal Projects
1 DEADLINE: Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications
2 Volunteer Series: Diamond Clover & Other Teen Opportunities Workshop, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
3 Cecil County Fair 4-H Livestock Sale Meeting, Elkton, 7:00 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
4 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
10 Cecil County Fair “Ask an Expert” Open Session, 6:30-8 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton (to help 4-H youth fill out their entry forms & entry tags and answer any fair related questions)
18 Cecil County Fair “Ask an Expert” Open Session, 6:30-8 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton (to help 4-H youth fill out their entry forms & entry tags and answer any fair related questions)
16-18 Horse Hoopla, Fair Hill
26-28 State Horse Jamboree & Communication Contest, Frederick
29 Maryland 4-H Day at Camden Yards, Game Starts at 1:35 PM, Baltimore

**July 2015**

1 DEADLINE: Registered Breeding Animal Project Ownership Deadline for the Maryland State Fair
1 DEADLINE: All Cecil County Fair Animal, Club and Engineering Entries
1 DEADLINE: Maryland 4-H Quality Assurance Online Website Closes for Cecil County 4-H for participation in the Cecil County and Maryland State Fairs
1 DEADLINE: Cecil County 4-H Camp Registration to receive a discounted rate
8 Cecil County 4-H Camp Orientation, County Administration Building, Elk Room Elkton, 6:30-8 PM (Tentative)
11 Cecil County 4-H Bicycle Event
12 Cecil County Fair Poultry Testing, April & Mark Barczewski’s, Fair Hill (Maryland Residents), Location TBA (Pennsylvania Residents), Location TBA (Delaware Residents)
19 Cecil County 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest
20 Cecil County Fair 4-H Livestock & Poultry Orientation & Set Up, Cecil County Fairgrounds, Fair Hill, 6:00 PM
24-8/1 Cecil County Fair, Fair Hill
31 DEADLINE: Online ALL Maryland State Fair 4-H Entries (Online Entry System closes at 11:59 PM)

**August 2015**

9-14 Cecil County 4-H Camp, Rocks
27-9/7 Maryland State Fair, Timonium

**September 2015**

1 Deadline: 4-H Diamond Clover Level 6 Proposals to UME-Cecil 4-H Office
5 Most State 4-H Judging Contests at the Maryland State Fair
5 State 4-H Smallbore Rifle Match, Marriottsville
15 Deadline: 4-H Diamond Clover Level 6 Proposals in State 4-H Portal
19 State 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Update (for instructors certified & trained prior to 2013), Patuxent River 4-H Center, Upper Marlboro
21 Cecil 4-H Leaders and Volunteer Meeting, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
22 Hands-On Animal Science Class, 6:30-8 PM, Animal-ology-Test Your Animal Knowledge, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
29 Cecil 4-H Animal Science Planning Meeting, Elkton, 7:00 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton

**October 2015**

3 AGNR Open House, CMREC, Clarksville
3 or 10 State 4-H Archery Match, Hurlock
4-10 National 4-H Week
6 Cecil 4-H Open House & Project Showcase, Elkton (Tentative)
6 National 4-H Youth Science Day Activity, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
9 Deadline: National 4-H Conference Portfolios Due to UME-Cecil 4-H Office
19 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
November 2015
2    Volunteer Series: Club Management, Program Planning & Working with your Officer Team, Elkton, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
10   University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
20-22 Maryland 4-H Volunteer Forum, Ocean City
23   Cecil 4-H Leaders & Volunteer Meeting, Elkton, 7:00 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton

December 2015
5     Holiday Craft Workshop, Fair Hill
5     Countywide 4-H Benefit Auction, Fair Hill

***For more information about any event, call, email or stop by the University of Maryland Extension Cecil County 4-H Office. If you need special assistance to participate in any of our programs, please contact the University of Maryland Extension, Cecil County Office, at 410-996-5280 at least 1 week prior to the scheduled program.

4-H Club Meeting Dates
Rabbit Wranglers-2nd Sunday
Tailwinds Trotters -2nd Sunday
Making Strides-3rd Sunday
Puddle Jumpers -2nd Monday
Stars & Stripes -2nd Monday
Calvert Boys & Girls Clovers-2nd Monday
Kids of the Future-2nd Tuesday
Junior Council -3rd Tuesday
Kibbles-N-Kids-2nd Wednesday
Rising Sun Milk Squirters-2nd Wednesday
Cecil Sliders-2nd Thursday
Young Guns Shotgun Practice-Every Thursday
Kuntry Livestock-1st Thursday
Calvert Boys and Girls-3rd Thursday
Krazy Kritters-3rd Thursday
County Archery Practice-1st & 3rd Thursday
C-Line 1st Placers-2nd Friday
Tri-State Trotters-2nd Friday
Reaching for the Stars-2nd Saturday
Robotics-Varies

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The following documents are attached and located on the Cecil County Extension website at http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/upcoming-programs

- Achievement Night Results
- Eggstravaganza Registration
- Cecil County 4-H Camp Application
- Cecil County 4-H Companion Animal Fun Day Flyer
- Cecil County Breeders Fair Booklet & Registration
- Eastern Shore Spring Show (ESSS) Booklet & Registration
- Rabbit & Poultry Judging and Avian Bowl Workshop
- Cecil County Poultry Bingo Flyer
- Cecil County 4-H All-Star Book Scholarship Application
- Maryland 4-H Day at Camden Yards

(If you would like to receive a printed copy of the newsletter or any of the registration forms, please contact Micki in the Extension Office)