New Show Attire Rule for 2015!

Please be aware of a show attire rule change for this year. For safety reasons, jewelry will not qualify as a neckpiece. A neck tie, bow tie, bolo tie, or a tied bandana are all approved neckpieces. All other requirements remain the same.

Please remember all shirts must have collars and no spaghetti straps, tank tops, or exposed midriffs will be allowed. Shirts must be tucked in. Also, caps or other headwear shall not be worn while exhibiting.

Exhibitors not adhering to the show attire requirements will be excused from the show ring. Please refer to the 2015 Rules and Regulations for more information regarding proper show attire.

***Indoor Entry tags will be available for pick up at your County Extension Office. Please have tags attached securely prior to drop off on Wednesday, August 26th!***
ATTENTION: New Parking and Admission Policies for 2015 Maryland State Fair!

This year, exhibitors and volunteers must have their 4-H member or volunteer card to get through the gate at the fairgrounds. These are available from your county 4-H educator. Any individual without an entry pass will be required to pay the standard State Fair admission fee. All exhibitors will receive their parking passes in the mail prior to the start of the fair.

Superintendents and youth workers will be required to wear a State Fair issued ID badge. This badge will serve as your entry pass to the fairgrounds. Due to increased security, only authorized individuals will be allowed access to the Administration Building during the duration of the fair. Superintendents and youth workers will be required to present their fair ID badge to gain access. Superintendents working the indoor entries before the fair begins are still required to wear an issued ID badge to identify yourself as a superintendent while on the fairgrounds.

All superintendent entry pass requests should have been sent in by July 30th. If you need more entry passes for judges and help, please reach out to Amanda or Ashley as soon as possible at mdsf4hffa@gmail.com.

No parking or entry passes are required for Wednesday, August 26th or Thursday, August 27. However, there will be staff available both days to park cars.

Guidelines Regarding Coolers and Backpacks...

Exhibitors are permitted to bring coolers and backpacks onto the fairgrounds. These items are subject to search at any time. We strongly encourage you to bring these items on the grounds with your trailers when unloading animals.

You are also encouraged to use ONLY the Land Street gate entrance during fair hours when bringing in coolers, bags, etc. into the fair. AVOID light rail, York Road, and Timonium Road entrances. When entering through these gates, bags must not exceed 18x18 inches and coolers must not exceed 15x15x15 inches.
It’s Not Too Late to Sign Up for 4-H Presents!

It’s not too late! We are still accepting 4-H Presents! entries at the State 4-H Office and on-site at the State Fair! If you are interested in sharing a talk, talent, or your Top Chef skills, send your 4-H Presents! Entry Form to the Maryland 4-H Center by August 20, or bring it to the 4-H/Home Arts Building at the State Fair. We want to show off ALL 4-H has to offer on the “big stage,” and we need fabulous Maryland 4-Hers to be the stars! So dust off that talk, radio spot, musical performance, comedy routine, or chef’s hat and come share it with the fairgoers. 4-H Presents! time slots are:

**4-H Presents! Talks, Talents & Performances**
- Friday, August 28th 5pm-8pm
- Sunday, August 30th 10am-1pm
- Monday, August 31st 5pm-8pm
- Tuesday, September 1st 5pm-8pm
- Wednesday, September 2nd 5pm-8pm
- Thursday, September 3rd 5pm-8pm
- Friday, September 4th 5pm-8pm
- Saturday, September 5th 4pm-8pm
- Monday, September 7th 5pm-8pm

**Top Chef Competition**

*Tailgate Throwdown*
- Friday, August 28th 6pm-8pm
- Saturday, August 30th 1:30pm-3:30pm

*Egg Challenge*
- Friday, September 4th 6pm-8pm
- Saturday, September 5th 1:30pm-3:30pm

Contact Cathy Porterfield with questions at cporterf@umd.edu or 301-314-7823.

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State Agriculture Department Prohibits Poultry Exhibits at Fairs & Shows

To do everything possible to mitigate the risk of High Path Avian Influenza (HPAI) from infecting Maryland poultry flocks, the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) will prohibit poultry exhibitions at all fairs and shows after Aug. 25. MDA has also issued a quarantine order requiring all hatching eggs and poultry entering from out of state to be tested within 10 days or come from certified clean sources. This quarantine order will remain in effect until at least June 30, 2016.

“This strain of avian influenza could very well bring economic disaster to our largest agricultural sector if we don’t take steps to protect the birds now,” said Agriculture Secretary Joe Bartenfelder. “We have every reason to believe that HPAI will enter Maryland this fall, and we are making every effort to keep it out of our commercial chicken houses and backyard flocks. I strongly encourage all flock owners and managers to take this disease as seriously as they have ever taken anything and to practice enhanced biosecurity at all times.”

HPAI entered the Pacific Northwest of the United States in December 2014 and has been marching east ever since. It is carried by migratory waterfowl, such as ducks and geese, among others. To date, HPAI has been confirmed at 223 locations in 15 states and has impacted 48 million birds. The virus does not live in hot temperatures so incidents of HPAI have declined over the summer, but animal health experts expect cases to appear again during the fall migratory season which starts in Maryland in early September.

HPAI is not known to threaten human health. It can, however, wipe out flocks of chickens in days. MDA encourages all flock owners of all sizes to exercise enhanced biosecurity measures and to be vigilant in ensuring others on their farms do so as well.

The prohibition on poultry exhibits will impact the Maryland State Fair as well as at least seven other major fairs scheduled after August 25. Many poultry exhibits will be replaced with poultry displays. MDA’s requirements for shows and fairs were revised in May. Those guidelines prohibited all waterfowl from being shown at fairs and shows, and required all poultry to be tested within ten days if they did not come from a clean or monitored flock.

Poultry auctions are not currently impacted by the order because MDA Animal Health officials are onsite at auctions, examining and testing birds. However, if HPAI is suspected in the region, poultry auctions will be closed down.

MDA has created a page on its website dedicated solely to HPAI information and news. It also contains information on biosecurity measures flock owners should take to protect their birds. See www.mda.maryland.gov/AvianFlu
Animal Orientation Meetings

Please note that Animal Orientation will be done differently this year. All species will have their own orientation!

**Thursday, August 27th**
- 9:30 am  Meats Goat—Swine/Goat Barn
- 1:00 pm  Swine and Dairy Goat—Swine/Goat Barn
- 4:30 pm  Beef—Cow Palace

**Friday, August 28th**
- 7:30 pm  Sheep—Sheep Barn
- 7:30 pm  Alpaca—Cow Palace
- 8:30 pm  Dairy Steer—Cow Palace

**Friday, September 4th**
- 7:30 pm  Dairy—SW Corner of Cow Palace

Food Booth Hours and Dinners

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Programs supported by the 4-H Program are available to all persons regardless of race, age, sex, color, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, or national origin, marital status, genetic information, political affiliation, or gender identity and expression.
Thursday, August 27, 2015
8 am  Livestock Weigh-ins
8:30 am  Dog Show
9 am  Horse & Pony Show—Junior and
      Intermediate English
9 am-5 pm  Building Exhibit Judging
9:30 am  Meat Goat Orientation
1 pm  Tractor Operators Safety Event
1 pm  Swine and Dairy Goat Orientation
4:30 pm  Beef Orientation
6 pm  Beef Steer Show
6pm  Dairy Goat Judging Contest

Friday, August 28, 2015
8 am  Market Lamb Show
8:30 am  Dairy Steer Orientation
9 am  Dairy Steer Show
9 am  Horse & Pony Show—Senior English
10 am  Poultry Show
11 am  Beef Heifer Show
2 pm  Market Goat Show followed by Meat Goat
      Breeding Show
6 pm  Market Hog Show
6:30 pm  Shepherd’s Lead Contest
7 pm  Miss Maryland Agriculture Contest
7:30 pm  Sheep and Alpaca Orientation
7:30 pm  Costume Animal Parade
7:30 pm  Dog Agility and Obedience
         Demonstration

Saturday, August 29, 2015 (Continued)
4 pm  Dairy Goat Showmanship
7 pm  Livestock Sale
7:30 pm  Team Dairy Goat Fitting Contest

Sunday, August 30, 2015
8 am  Breeding Swine Show
8 am  Dairy Goat Breeding Show
9 am  Robotics Contest
9 am  Horse & Pony Show—Junior and
      Intermediate Western
12 noon  Breeding Sheep Show
6 pm  Animal Exhibits Release

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9 am  Horse & Pony Show—Senior English
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         Demonstration

Saturday, August 29, 2015
7:30 am  Alpaca/Llama Exhibitors Meeting
8 am  Alpaca Showmanship & Performance
8 am  Meat Goat Showmanship
8:30 am  Swine Showmanship
9 am  Horse & Pony Show—Senior Western
9:30 am  Learn/Earn & Safety (Lawn Tractor)
10 am  Photo Challenge
12 noon  Sheep Showmanship
12:30 pm  Beef Showmanship
1 pm  Rabbit Meat Pen Show followed by Rabbit
      and Cavy Show
1:30 pm  Electricity/Energy Event
1:30 pm  Small Engine Event
1:30 pm  Bicycle Safety Event

Sunday, September 4, 2015
7:30 pm  Dairy Cattle Exhibitor Orientation

Saturday, September 5, 2015
8 am  Horticulture Judging Contest
1 pm  Horticulture Demonstration
8:30 am  Dairy Judging Contest
8:30 am  Poultry Judging Contest
8:30 am  Rabbit Judging Contest
9 am  Livestock Judging Contest
4 pm  Judging Awards Program
      (Poultry, Rabbit, and Horticulture)
7 pm  Judging Awards Program
      (Livestock, Dairy Goat, & Dairy)

Sunday, September 6, 2015
12 noon  Fashion Revue Preliminaries
12 noon  Dairy Cattle Showmanship
12:30-1 pm  Fashion Revue Showcase (Juniors
            and Intermediates)
5 pm  Fashion Revue

Monday, September 7, 2015
9 am  Dairy Show—All Breeds
6 pm  Dairy Released
8 pm-10 pm  Home Arts Building Exhibits
            Released

Tuesday, September 8, 2015
9 am-7 pm  Home Arts Building Exhibits
            Released