



# Western Maryland 4-H/FFA District Show

Allegany County

Garrett County

Washington County

Saturday, May 9, 2026  
Garrett County Fairgrounds  
McHenry, MD

Show Ring		Livestock Barn	
9:00 am	Swine Show	9:00 am	Dairy Cattle Show
12 Noon	Beef Cattle Show Or following the conclusion of the swine show	9:30 am	Sheep Show Or Following the conclusion of dairy cattle show
		11:00 am	Meat Goat Shows Or following the conclusion of the sheep show
Rabbit Barn			
9:30 am Rabbit Show			

**Entry Deadline ~ Friday May 1, 2026**

**Paper registration on last page**

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The Western Maryland 4-H/FFA District Show is one of the four regional Spring Livestock Shows for Maryland 4-H and FFA members. Although this show is judged, it is designed as a learning experience.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to the Maryland Agriculture Fair Board for their financial support for premiums and ribbons. We thank the Garrett County Fairgrounds for the use of their grounds and buildings. And a special thank you to the show coordinators for their assistance.

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## Premium Payment

Beef Cattle.....	\$25.00
Dairy Cattle .....	\$25.00
Dairy Goats .....	\$15.00
Meat Goats .....	\$15.00
Sheep .....	\$15.00
Swine.....	\$15.00
Rabbits.....	\$10.00

# General Rules

Rules stated herein are for the Western Maryland 4-H/FFA District Show only.

1. All entries must be received by **May 1, 2026** on the included form.
2. All Garrett County exhibitors must weigh animals **Friday night**; Allegany/Washington County exhibitors may weigh in Friday night, or Saturday morning, but must be **weighed by 7:30 a.m.** Saturday, to allow sufficient time preparing show order.
3. All market animals being exhibited must have a Maryland 4-H market ear tag, and all species must have the appropriate USDA/RFID ID tag.
4. All animals must have the appropriate health papers completed in order to participate in the show.
5. Lambs and goats that are part of a flock must also have a flock check done at the farm. This flock check must be completed before the animal being shown can be checked and given its health papers at the time of weigh-in and tagging.
6. A show committee consisting of volunteer show coordinators, a 4-H Educator, FFA advisor and a veterinarian will make decisions regarding the status of animals with medical considerations or uncontrollable animals.
7. Participants in market classes will be judged strictly on the condition and conformation of the animal. Steers will not be fitted and are to be washed, clipped and blown out prior to entry into the ring. No fitting products (show foam, adhesive, show glow, etc.) are to be used on the animal. Lambs should be shorn. Market goats should be clipped and horns blunted.
8. Breeding animals entered in registered breed classes must be purebred and registered in exhibitor's full name with the breed association; registration papers will be checked. Breeding animals entered in the commercial breeding class must be tagged with a MD 4-H breeding tag.
9. The exhibitor of any breeding animal for which registration papers have not been received by the day of the show must have proof that an application for the animal's registration has been received by the breed association. Bill of sale will not be accepted.
10. Every attempt will be made in scheduling the shows to accommodate youth exhibiting more than one species.
11. Each exhibitor will be responsible for any bedding needed. Youth are responsible for cleaning their areas of the barns/pens **before** leaving the grounds. **Exhibitors are responsible for removing all bedding materials from the premises.**
12. Water will be available at the barns and at the wash racks.
13. Show ring attire for all shows will be: Black, white, khaki, or dark-color slacks/jeans are required. Girls may substitute dark color white or khaki colored skirts.  
White or dressy shirts with sleeves and a collar are required.  
No hats may be worn in the show/sale ring. Unacceptable attire includes t-shirts, shirts with inappropriate logos (such as advertising for alcohol, tobacco or farm names), faded or dirty jeans, and jeans with holes. Safe, appropriate attire, including footwear, is required at all times. No sandals or lightweight tennis shoes. Good work shoes or boots are best.  
Proper show items for your animal are required. Examples: Swine - hog cane or flapper and a brush; Beef - show stick, comb and show halter.
14. Exhibitor number must be worn by all exhibitors.
15. When exhibitors are divided by age, juniors will be those members 8-10 years old, Intermediates will be 11-13 years old, and seniors will be 14-18 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Clovers (pre-juniors) are not eligible for participation.
16. Participation premiums will be provided through support from the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board. Premiums may be reduced based on available funds from the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board.
17. Neither the show management nor the fairground will be held responsible for any accident or injury that may occur to any person, exhibit, or property.

18. The show will be held rain or shine.
19. Exhibitors must choose one animal, market or breeding, to use for showmanship per species.
20. 4-H/FFA exhibitors may show only **one** animal in each class. The maximum number of animals any exhibitor may show for the day is **five (5)**.
21. Classes will be divided at the discretion of the superintendent.
22. The Maryland 4-H/FFA Animal Science Code of Ethics will be in effect.

## **Swine Show**

### **9:00 am**

**Department: Swine**

**Rules:**

1. Exhibitors must comply with General Rules.
2. Each exhibitor must show his or her own animal.
3. Number of exhibits: 4-H/FFA exhibitors may show only **one** animal in each class. The maximum number of animals any exhibitor may show for the day at District Show is **five (5)**.
4. Pens must be cleaned at end of show. **Exhibitors are responsible for removing all bedding materials from the premises.**
5. Water will be the only substance that may be placed on the skin of the swine to enhance appearance.
6. No market swine can be shown in breeding class.
7. All swine must have a USDA official RFID ID tag.

**Showmanship:**

- Swine 101: Junior Swine Showmanship (age 8-10)
- Swine 102: Intermediate Swine Showmanship (age 11-13)
- Swine 103: Senior Swine Showmanship (age 14-18)

**Market Classes:**

- Swine 201: Market Hog

**Breeding Classes:** All breeds will show together; registered or commercial.

- Swine 301: Spring gilt - born after January 1 of current year

# Rabbit Show

## 9:30 am

**Department: Rabbit**  
**Rules:**

1. Exhibitors must comply with General Rules.
2. 4-H/FFA exhibitors may show only **one** animal in each class. The maximum number of animals any exhibitor may show for the day at District Show is **five** (5).
3. Exhibitors should bring their own cages.
4. Rabbits must be permanently tattooed in left ear.
5. Diseased or very poorly-conditioned rabbits will be sent home.
6. No rabbits under three months of age will be allowed except in market classes.
7. All rabbits must be pre-entered in the classes in which they will be judged (no substitutions).
8. To participate in fitting and showing, the rabbit must be entered in other classes.
9. This is not a sanctioned show; American Rabbit Breeders Association guidelines and show order will be followed.
10. On the registration form, it is important to list color. Other breed classes can be added as needed.

**Rabbit Age Guide:**

*Small Breeds:*

Junior Buck/Doe – a rabbit under 6 months of age

Senior Buck/Doe – a rabbit over 6 months of age

*Large Breeds/Meat Breeds:*

Junior Buck/Doe – a rabbit under 6 months of age

6/8 Month Buck/Doe – a rabbit between 6 and 8 months of age

Senior Buck/Doe – a rabbit over 8 months of age

**Rabbit Breeds:**

<p><u>Division A - Mini Lop</u></p> <p><u>Division B - Holland Lop</u></p> <p><u>Division C - Fuzzy Lop</u></p> <p><u>Division D – Jersey Wooly</u></p> <p><u>Division E – Netherland Dwarf</u></p> <p><u>Division F – Mini Rex</u></p> <p><u>Division G – Flemish Giant</u></p> <p><u>Division H – New Zealand</u></p> <p><u>Division I – Dutch</u></p> <p><u>Division J – Polish</u></p> <p><u>Division K – Mini Satin</u></p> <p><u>Division L – Giant Chinchilla</u></p> <p><u>Division M – Mixed Breeds</u></p> <p><u>Division N – Other Breeds (under 9 lbs)</u></p> <p><u>Division O – Other Breeds (over 9 lbs)</u></p>	<p><u>Market Pen – 3 rabbits</u> (under 10 weeks old and each under 5 pounds)</p> <p><u>Class</u></p> <p>1. Sr Buck</p> <p>2. Sr Doe</p> <p>3. 6/8 Buck</p> <p>4. 6/8 Doe</p> <p>5. Jr Buck</p> <p>6. Jr Doe</p> <p>7. Fur</p> <p><u>II. Fitting and Showing</u></p> <p>101 Junior (8-10)</p> <p>102 Intermediate (11-13)</p> <p>103 Senior (14-18)</p> <p>Grand Champion</p> <p>Grand Reserve Champion</p> <p>Best of Show</p> <p>Reserve in Show</p>
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**Sheep Show**  
**9:30 am**  
**Or following the conclusion of the dairy show**

**Department: Sheep**

**Rules:**

1. Exhibitors must comply with General Rules.
2. Each exhibitor must show his or her own animal.
3. Number of exhibits: 4-H/FFA exhibitors may show only **one** animal in each class. The maximum number of animals any exhibitor may show for the day at District Show is **five (5)**.
4. Pens must be cleaned at end of show. **Exhibitors are responsible for removing all bedding materials from the premises.**
5. No market lamb can be shown in breeding class.
6. Animals should be shorn and have a USDA Scrapie ID.
7. No artificial coloring may be used.
8. All registered breeding animals must be registered with the breed association in the name of the exhibitor at time of show and registration papers and tattoos will be checked. Bill of sale will not be accepted.
9. All commercial breeding animals must be tagged with a MD 4-H breeding tag.
10. Lambs cannot be born before September 1 of the previous year.
11. Halters are optional.

**Showmanship:**

- Sheep 101: Junior Sheep Showmanship (age 8-10)
- Sheep 102: Intermediate Sheep Showmanship (age 11-13)
- Sheep 103: Senior Sheep Showmanship (age 14-18)

**Market Classes:**

- Sheep 201: Market Lamb

**Breeding Classes:**

Cheviot, Dorset, Hampshire, Shropshire, Montadale, Southdown, Suffolk, Colored Wool Sheep, and all other purebreds.

- Sheep 301: Ewe Lamb, Junior - born after January 1, 2026.
- Sheep 302: Ewe Lamb, Senior - born May 11, 2025 - December 31, 2025.
- Sheep 303: Ewe, Yearling – at least 1 year, but under 2 years of age.
- Sheep 304: Ewe, Aged - 2 years and older.

**Commercial:**

- Sheep 310: Commercial Ewe Lamb, never freshened (will show by weight)

One breeding champion and reserve champion will be selected from each breed show.

**Beef Cattle Show**  
**12 Noon**  
**Or following the conclusion of the swine show**

**Department: Beef**

**Rules:**

1. Exhibitors must comply with General Rules.
2. Each exhibitor must show his or her own animal.
3. Number of exhibits: 4-H/FFA exhibitors may show only **one** animal in each class. The maximum number of animals any exhibitor may show for the day at District Show is **five (5)**.
4. Pens must be cleaned at end of show. **Exhibitors are responsible for removing all bedding materials from the premises.**
5. All registered breeding animals must be registered with the breed association in the name of the exhibitor at time of show and registration papers and tattoos will be checked. Bill of sale will not be accepted.
6. All commercial breeding animals must be tagged with a MD 4-H breeding tag.
7. Beef steers will be shown by weight. Classes will be divided at the discretion of the Show Coordinator.
8. All cattle must have a USDA official RFID ID tag.

**Showmanship:**

- Beef 101: Junior Beef Showmanship (age 8-10)
- Beef 102: Intermediate Beef Showmanship (age 11-13)
- Beef 103: Senior Beef Showmanship (age 14-18)

**Market Classes:**

- Beef 201: Market Steer

**Breeding Classes: Angus, Charolais, Chianina, Hereford, Limousin, Maine Anjou, Shorthorn**

- Beef 301: Junior Heifer - born January 1, 2026 and after.
- Beef 302: Senior Heifer - born July 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025.
- Beef 303: Early Senior Yearling - born January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025.
- Beef 304: Late Senior Yearling - born July 1, 2024 – December 30, 2024.
- Beef 305: Cow (2 Years Old) with natural calf, nursing (born January 1, 2026 and after).
- Beef 306: Cow (3 Years and Older) with natural calf, nursing (born January 1, 2026 and after).

**Commercial:**

- Beef 310: Commercial Heifer (will show by weight)

One breeding champion and reserve champion will be selected from each breed show.

**Meat Goat Show**  
**11:00 am**  
**Or following conclusion of the sheep show**

**Department: Goat**

**Rules:**

1. Exhibitors must comply with General Rules.
2. Each exhibitor must show his or her own animal.
3. Number of exhibits: 4-H/FFA exhibitors may show only **one** animal in each class. The maximum number of animals any exhibitor may show for the day at District Show is **five (5)**.
4. Pens must be cleaned at end of show. **Exhibitors are responsible for removing all bedding materials from the premises.**
5. All registered breeding animals must be registered with the breed association in the name of the exhibitor at time of show and registration papers and tattoos will be checked. Bill of sale will not be accepted.
6. All commercial breeding animals must be tagged with a MD 4-H breeding tag.
7. All goats must be provided with a collar.
8. Market goats may be of a Dairy breed, meat breed or a crossbreed.
9. Market goats must be wethers or females.
10. Market goats should be clipped; horns blunted.
11. No market goat can be shown in breeding class.
12. All goats must have a USDA Scrapie ID.

**Showmanship:**

- Meat Goat 101: Junior Meat Goat Showmanship (age 8-10)  
Meat Goat 102: Intermediate Meat Goat Showmanship (age 11-13)  
Meat Goat 103: Senior Meat Goat Showmanship (age 14-18)

**Market Classes:**

- Meat Goat 201: Market Goat

**Breeding Classes:** Classes for Registered purebred/fullbloods and percentages. Fullbloods and percentages will show together.

- Meat Goat 301: Junior Doe Kid - born after January 1, 2026.  
Meat Goat 302: Senior Doe Kid – born May 11, 2025 - December 31, 2025.  
Meat Goat 303: Yearling – 1-2 years, never freshened.  
Meat Goat 304: Yearling – 1-2 years, freshened.  
Meat Goat 305: Doe – 2 years of age or more.

**Commercial:**

- Meat Goat 310: Commercial Doe, never freshened (will show by weight)

## Dairy Cattle Show

9:00 am

**\*\*Must have 10 animals preregistered, or show will be cancelled\*\***

### Dairy Rules:

1. Exhibitors must comply with General Rules.
2. Each exhibitor must show his or her own animal.
3. Number of exhibits: 4-H/FFA exhibitors may show only **one** animal in each class. The maximum number of animals any exhibitor may show at District Show is **five (5)**.
4. Each exhibitor will be responsible for any bedding needed. Youth are responsible for cleaning their areas of the barns/pens **before** leaving the grounds. **Exhibitors are responsible for removing all bedding materials from the premises.**
5. All exhibitors are expected to abide by the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA) Show Code of Ethics.
6. All cattle must have a USDA official RFID ID tag.

### Showmanship:

- Dairy 101: Junior Dairy Showmanship (age 8-10)  
Dairy 102: Intermediate Dairy Showmanship (age 11-13)  
Dairy 103: Senior Dairy Showmanship (age 14-18)

### Breeding Classes: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn

- Dairy 201: Spring Heifer Calf - Born March 1, 2026 - April 30, 2026.  
Dairy 202: Winter Heifer Calf - Born December 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026.  
Dairy 203: Fall Heifer Calf - Born September 1, 2025 through November 30, 2025.  
Dairy 204: Summer Yearling Heifer - Born June 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025.  
Dairy 205: Spring Yearling Heifer - Born March 1, 2025 through May 31, 2025.  
Dairy 206: Winter Yearling Heifer - Born December 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025.  
Dairy 207: Fall Yearling Heifer - Born September 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024.  
Dairy 208: Cow, Jr. 2 yr. old - Born March 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024.  
Dairy 209: Cow, Sr. 2 yr. old - Born September 1, 2023 through February 28, 2024.  
Dairy 210: Cow, 3 yr. old and under 4 - Born September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.  
Dairy 211: Cow, 4 yr. old and under 5 - Born September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.  
Dairy 212: Aged Cow 5 yr. old and over - Born prior to September 1, 2021.  
Dairy 213: Dry Cow Class (must have freshened at least once).

**Western Maryland 4-H/FFA District Show**  
**MEAT GOATS, CATTLE, SHEEP and SWINE**  
**ENTRY FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of January 1) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (complete) \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**List all class entries below including showmanship.**

(Registration Papers must be presented at Check-in.)

DEPARTMENT	CLASS	4-H TAG #	SHOWMANSHIP YES OR NO	Breeding Animal Information			
				BREED	REGISTRATION NUMBER or TAG #	DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF ANIMAL

**IMPORTANT: ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED IN YOUR LOCAL COUNTY 4-H OFFICE ON OR BEFORE May 1, 2026. Drop off or email entries to [mharman2@umd.edu](mailto:mharman2@umd.edu)**

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I am familiar with the rules and regulations relating to 4-H/FFA Exhibits and Exhibitors at this show. I am an active member of 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ FFA \_\_\_\_\_.

I certify that this member is eligible to exhibit in the 4-H/FFA classes at this fair.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Member's Signature) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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 (Parent or Guardian's Signature) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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