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Carroll County 4-H & FFA Entries

We are closing in on our favorite week of the year...the 2026 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair! Take time before Fair week arrives to go through the schedule for all of the set-up times, entry times and events so your families are prepared beforehand. Double check all of the rules including the Fair general rules and individual department rules that 4-Hers in your household are preparing for. Read through the Maryland 4-H Code of Conduct as a reminder for appropriate behavior during the week. A copy has been attached to this *Tribune*.

Remember, the Fair relies on volunteers and EVERYONE’S help is needed for set-up, working food concessions/events throughout the week and clean-up afterwards. You will find opportunities in the next several blurbs for opportunities to sign up to volunteer. We will continue to send out reminders about more volunteer opportunities as they are shared with us.

Here are some important dates to put on your calendars to help with set-up and clean-up of the fairgrounds:

Fair Grounds Set-Up—Sunday, July 26th starting at 8am

**Fair Grounds Clean-up—Saturday, August 8th starting at 9am and
Sunday, August 9th**

Exhibitor Packet/Parking Pass Pick-Up Reminders—Don’t forget that ALL exhibitors MUST provide a signed **Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Liability Release Form, and **Code of Conduct**, which also needs to be signed by your parent/guardian. We’ve moved the forms to Google Forms and links are below that need to be completed by each fair exhibitor and parent/guardian prior to Fair packet pick up on July 26, 2026.**

Release of Liability—<https://forms.gle/x9UiLpbWmUTHX3Nq6>

MD 4-H Code of Conduct—<https://forms.gle/5gGspzQL8tVihE468>

Fair Schedule Updates!

Have you checked out the 2026 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair schedule? If not, make sure to take a look at the schedule for those changes, especially in the indoor building. Here are a few changes that we are highlighting:

Inclusive Entry Day—This will be held on **Tuesday, July 28th, 2-6pm at the Extension Office**. See more information below on how to register.

Ag Commodities— Will be entered on Friday, July 31st instead of Saturday like many previous years.

Art Department—There will be conference judging this year!

Canning - Will be entered on **Wednesday, July 29th from 2—5 PM**.

General Department—Make sure to pay attention to the times to enter in the General Department as **Legos can be entered from 2-4 PM and all other classes can be entered from 3-5 PM**.

Drop Off Departments— The following departments will be drop off during the hours of 2—8 PM on Wednesday, July 29th and 7—9 AM on Thursday, July 30th. Departments include: **Family Life, Garden Products, Home Environment, Silk & Dried Flowers**.

Indoor Building Exhibit Release—**NEW THIS YEAR!** - Exhibits will be released on **Friday, August 7th from 9—10 PM, along with Saturday, August 8th from 9—11 AM**.

Mini Fashion Revue - Mini Fashion Revue has moved their time from previous years. This year's Mini Fashion Revue will be held on **Monday, August 3rd at 2pm in the Activities Tent!**

Livestock Updates:

Market Swine Arrival—Market Swine exhibitors have 2 options to bring in their animals to the fair. The first is **Sunday, August 2nd from 8—10 PM or Monday, August 3rd from 6—8 AM**. If you are a family who will also be showing heifers, a list has been given to the Swine Committee so they are aware of who may need to weigh early or at the end of weigh-in.

Beef Heifer Show—The Beef Heifer Show will start at **11 AM on Monday, August 3rd**.

Livestock Sale Reminders!

As the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale is quickly approaching, please make sure to read through all of the rules! Make sure to read through the 2 fliers attached to the online Tribune! There is important information in regards to the livestock sale buyers picnic and what each family is responsible to provide, along with information on what you need to wear for the sale. **DO NOT RUIN YOUR FAIR T-SHIRTS YOU RECEIVE AT PACKET PICK UP!** You will need those for the sale! There is also information about processors and delivery of animals.



Children's Day at the Fair

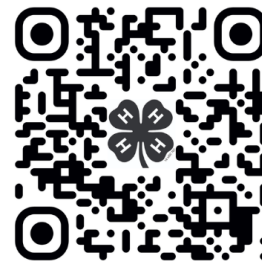
Children's Day at the Carroll County Fair will be held Tuesday, August 4, 2026, from 9:00 AM–2:00 PM, and we are looking for Carroll County 4-H clubs to help make the day a success!

Clubs are invited to host a make-it-and-take-it craft, educational activity, game station, or volunteer during the event. Donations for prizes, goodie bags, and craft supplies are also welcome. To help provide a safe environment for all attendees, we ask that all activities, games, and informational tables be latex free.

This is a great opportunity to promote 4-H, agriculture, and healthy living while engaging with youth and families from across Carroll County.

To sign up, visit—[Children's Day Volunteer & Activity Sign-Up Form](#)

Questions? Contact Kylie Olsen at kolsen4@umd.edu or 410-386-2760.



Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Talent Show

Hey 4-Hers! Do you have a talent that you want to show the world? Play an instrument? Juggle? Sing? Pat your head and rub your belly? This is the event for you! We are looking for 4-Hers of all ages to come out on Saturday, August 1, 2026 at 3pm to show off their talents on the stage of the Activities Tent. This event is open to all enrolled 4-H & FFA members of Carroll County. There will be a required "try out" opportunity on July 12 beginning at 2pm at the Extension Office just to make sure that all talent performances are appropriate for the Fair audience. (Please no songs with foul language or alcohol or suggestive references.) After sign-ups close, participants will receive a link to the sign-up genius to register for a time on July 12. If you have any questions, please email the volunteer coordinator, Jamie Hester at jlynne62213@yahoo.com.

Register at: <https://forms.gle/5dvSWEuMyNYK8Jgv6>



Inclusive Entry Day

Inclusive Entering Day is back for a third year! This opportunity will provide 4-Hers with disabilities, sensory needs, or those who are new to entering to enter in a calm environment with reduced sensory input. 4-Hers who participate will sign up for a time slot(s) to be able to enter ALL of their indoor entries (excluding foods) at one time on one day with only two judges and any necessary accommodations provided. The Inclusive Entering Day is set to take place on July 28th from 2-6pm at the Extension Office. To sign up, visit the Sign Up Genius and be sure to read the directions regarding sign up!

Register at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EA8A92CABFCC61-64292010-inclusive>

For any questions, email Makenna Steele at makennasteel2024@gmail.com



Fair Silent Auction

The Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Silent Auction Committee is currently accepting items for this year's silent auction at the fair! Individuals and clubs are encouraged to donate a basket, item, tickets to local events (festivals, sports, etc.) to support 4-H members and the fair! If you didn't know, the silent auction funds ALL of our 4-H member's state contest fees and national trips too! We highly encourage families to give back in supporting the silent auction in anyway that they can! More information can be found in the attached letter from Elizabeth and Danette, Silent Auction Chairs.

If you are a 4-H family who has had members participate in any of the state 4-H events like livestock skillathon, horse bowl, dairy bowl, judging programs (dairy, horse, livestock, poultry, rabbit), engineering events (bicycle, tractor operator, small engines, lawn tractor) and shooting sports (archery, shotgun), please consider donating. The Silent Auction Committee is also committed to helping cover the cost for 4-H national trips in the future. If you have been on a national trip (judging programs, bowl teams, leadership trips, congress, conference, etc.), please consider donating an item to the silent auction, find a business to donate a service or support the auction by buying something yourself! We are truly grateful of the support the 4-H program has had from the Silent Auction for many years for our members to participate in state contest and national trips!

Fair Information Booth

We're looking for volunteers to help keep things running smoothly throughout Fair week. While working in the booth, your responsibilities may include:

- Answering questions from fairgoers
- Giving directions
- Making announcements
- Selling t-shirts and raffle tickets

Volunteer shifts are scheduled in two-hour increments, and we require **at least one adult (18+)** in the booth during each shift. The booth is located next to the Activities Tent and can accommodate **two volunteers per time slot** due to limited space.

Inside the booth, there will be a set of written instructions to guide you during your shift, and I'll stop by periodically to check in and provide support. I truly appreciate your willingness to donate your time to help make the fair a success!

Sign-up to take a shift at the information booth—<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044BADAF29A2F94-64636593-information>

Barnyard Olympics at the Fair!!

Barnyard Olympics is back for another exciting year of fun competitions for fair exhibitors! Barnyard Olympics will be held on **Friday, August 7th, 12pm in the Buck Miller Arena**. Teams **MUST** be registered to participate!! Teams will consist of 4 members made up of 1 senior, 1 intermediate, 1 junior and the 4th team member can be any age from 5-18 years old! Teams are encouraged to wear matching or themed shirts as well as keep in mind that they will get messy! The winning team will receive a pizza party. Please email Jennie at jchameli@umd.edu or see a member of Junior Fair Board if you have any questions. Register at: <https://forms.gle/qrngAkcNUouyvHxM8>

Dairy Judging Practices

It won't be too long before our annual 4-H Dairy Judging Practices begin. 4-Hers who participate in the dairy project, even if you don't show dairy, can still come out to judging practices. You will have the opportunity to learn more about how to place a class of cows/heifers, along with dairy terms to use while putting together a set of reasons!

For more information on dairy judging practices, please reach out to Kelly Zepp at 443-340-0809.

Livestock Judging!

It's not too late to join the livestock judging program as they kick off with their summer judging schedule. Learn all about judging livestock from evaluating to defending your placings by giving reasons. This is a great opportunity to learn more about livestock in general, but to enhance your knowledge and help you as you select your next livestock projects to show in 4-H! Judging practices will start at 7pm:

July 9—The Zepp's—Cattle—2500 Old New Windsor Rd, New Windsor, MD 21776

July 12—MD State Fair Judging Practice—3 species, 6 classes—MD State Fairgrounds

July 13—The Harrison's—Swine—6500 Day View Drive, Woodbine, MD 21792 (long lane)

July 23—The Lucabaugh's—Sheep—4823 Maple Grove Rd, Hampstead, MD 21074

July 28—The Nusbaums' - Swine—8248 Forest and Stream Club Rd, Keymar, MD 21757

August 5—Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Contest

August 15—Howard County Practice—Howard County Fairgrounds, Time to be determined

September 5th—Maryland State Fair Contest, MD State Fairgrounds, 8am

Remember, to be eligible for the state team/alternate you must attend at least 1 of the 3 species practices and the Carroll County Fair Contest is MANDATORY!

If you have questions about judging, reach out to Kathy Gordon at kgordon80@aol.com

Attention Poultry Judging Enthusiasts!

Have you ever wondered how to tell which of your chickens is the best layer? Why you'll love it:

Be the Judge: Learn how to spot a champion and grade eggs like a pro. You'll never look at an egg the same!

Talk the Talk: Gain the "main character" confidence needed to succeed at public speaking.

Travel & Compete: Level up from clover opportunities at the county level, local contest to state and national competitions!

Stand Out from the Crowd: Master skills that most people don't even know exist!

Judging Practices will be held at 7pm at the Extension Office on July 21st and July 28th. If you are interested and/or have any questions, please contact Elsie McKenzie at efarmgalore@yahoo.com





NEW Rabbit Judging Program!

We are excited to announce the launch of a Rabbit Judging Program here in Carroll County. This program is for youth who want to learn more about show rabbits or who are interested in starting a serious breeding program. Participants will develop the skills needed to evaluate rabbits based on ARBA breed standards, body type, condition, and overall quality...similar to livestock judging. They will also learn breed identification and how to give oral reasons, explaining their decisions clearly and confidently, which builds public speaking, critical thinking, and decision-making skills.

What this program is:

- A hands-on learning experience where youth develop skills in evaluating rabbits and understanding what makes a high-quality animal.
- An opportunity to learn about rabbit breeds, conformation, health, wellness, and husbandry skills.
- Structured, educational, and fun, focused on growth, confidence, and becoming a knowledgeable judge of rabbit quality.
- Fully interactive, with active participation in judging exercises, discussions, and practice sessions.

What this program is not:

- This is not a 4-H club or club meeting.
- It is not a program for pet rabbits. This focus is on rabbits for show, exhibition, or serious breeding, working toward the ARBA Standard of Perfection.
- It is not a rabbit show or breeding program itself, though participants will learn about these topics.
- It is not a competition requiring top-quality, but the goal is learning to evaluate and judge quality.

The program is a great way for youth to develop expertise, confidence, and a deeper appreciation for rabbits as exhibition animals while gaining practical skills in judging and improving their own stock.

Rabbit Judging Practice Dates will all take place on the following Friday nights from 6:00—8:00pm at the Extension Office:

July 10th

County Contest will be held on July 24th for state fair team selection.

Practices will then resume after the fair on the following dates:

August 7th, August 14th, August 28th and September 4th

4-H judging programs are open to all interested youth between the ages of 8-18 years old as of January 1, 2026.



Maryland State Fair

The Maryland State Fair entries are NOW OPEN! The majority of entries will be completed through the Maryland State Fair website (www.marylandstatefair.com). Just go to the “Get Involved”, click on “competitions” and you will find the information for the 4-H departments. Entries need to be completed by **July 15th!**

However, if you are planning to participate in the following departments at the Maryland State Fair, you will need to complete these entries through 4-H Online (v2.4honline.com)

Club Booths and Banners—Club leaders MUST complete their club entries through their own 4-H Online Account!

Dogs— With the Dog Show being held a little closer to the fair, we are asking for anyone interested in participating at the Maryland State Fair Dog Show to register! Please note that you have to qualify as each county has limited spots and the county will approve entries for those based on what we are sent from the Dog Show at the county fair of who qualifies. Please have your rabies and MD 4-H Dog Card on hand and ready to be uploaded as part of the entry process.

Engineering Events—This includes Bicycle, Small Engine, Lawn Tractor, Tractor Operators Contest (seniors only). Please register even if an event has a limit on participants from a county. This way, once the Extension Office receives the results, they can approve those who qualify.

Fashion Revue— Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors are eligible to participate. Please make sure to read the rules for additional items that need to be completed and sent to the superintendents.

Judging Contest (Dairy, Livestock, Poultry and Rabbit)— If you have been participating in the spring/summer judging practices, please register for the state contest. Your registrations will be approved after team selections are provided to the Extension Office.

4-H Presents! - 4-Hers who have a demonstration or speech can register for 4-H Presents, which takes place on August 29th or September 5th.

Top Chef—The theme for this year is Celebrate Maryland’s Bounty of Fruits and Vegetables! Two contests will be held for you to choose from on August 30th and September 6th.

Complete all entries by July 15th!

2026 4-H and UME Cards

4-H Member and UME Volunteer Cards have been mailed directly to each family household. Please be on the lookout for your cards.

Notify the Extension Office before Friday, July 17th if you do not receive your 4-H member/UME Volunteer Card.

NO CARDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT FAIR WEEK! NO EXCEPTIONS!



Ambassador Service Project

The 4-H Ambassador Team is starting off the year strong and already kicking off their year with a countywide service project. The team decided to continue their service project with collecting soda can tabs (any type of aluminum tab will work from soup cans to pet food cans!) for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Tabs can be dropped off anytime from now until Mid-March at the Extension Office. We will deliver the tabs to the Ronald McDonald House and provide families a 4-H experience while there. Anyone is able to collect and donate, so think of places you might be able to put a collection box!

Maryland State Fair—Youth Workers

The Maryland State Fair is seeking youth workers (ages 14-18) to work at the State Fair in the following buildings:

4-H/FFA Home Arts Building - This is in the main 4-H/FFA Exhibit Hall where non-animal exhibits are on display for the public to view. Youth workers will assist with the receipt, placement, care and release of exhibits, and general upkeep of the building. There will be extensive interaction with the public; youth workers will be required to advocate for 4-H/FFA and lead youth activity station.

U-Learn Barn—This educational exhibit will connect animals and agriculture to food & fiber consumers can purchase at the grocery store. Youth workers will assist with the care and feeding of the animals on exhibit as well as the general upkeep of the facility. There will be extensive interaction with the public and animals; youth workers will be required to advocate for 4-H/FFA and agriculture and lead youth activity stations.

U-Learn Farm—This is an educational space where the public can learn about and explore agriculture in Maryland. Youth workers will assist with the activity stations, and general upkeep of the facility. There will be extensive interaction with the public; youth workers will be required to advocate for 4-H/FFA and agriculture and lead youth activity stations.

If you are interested in applying to be a youth worker, you can apply at: https://umdsurvey.umd.edu/jfe/form/SV_7Vyv85DHidPRd2e

MD 4-H Volunteer & Teen Forum

The Maryland 4-H Volunteer & Teen Forum will be held in Ocean City, Maryland on Friday, November 13th through Sunday, November 15th. This is a great opportunity to network with others from across the state and learn more about the 4-H program! The forum provides opportunities to attend workshops, along with fun time to spend with your family! There are classes for clovers and 4-H aged youth to attend during the forum too! If you are interested in learning more about the Maryland 4-H Volunteer & Teen Forum, visit: <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/youth-and-adult-leadership/>



2026 Fall Program Dates

We might be in full swing of our summer programs, but before too long, it will be time to be signing up for our fall program line up! Mark your calendars now for the great opportunities that we have planned already. Plus there may be some additional programs added too!

Friday, September 18th—Chef Academy (4-H Cooking Class), 6pm

October 4—10, 2026—National 4-H Week

Wednesday, October 14th—Senior Portfolio Workshop, 6pm

Friday, October 16th—Chef Academy, 6pm

Thursday, October 22nd—Annual 4-H Club Leaders Meeting, 7pm (working on a guest speaker at 6pm)

Friday, October 23rd—Clover Halloween Party

Sunday, October 25th—CC Ag Center Trunk or Treat, 2pm

Friday, October 30th—Chef Academy, 6pm

Friday, November 20th—Chef Academy, 6pm

Monday, November 30th—4-H Project Records Due to Extension Office

Friday, December 4th—4-H Warehouse Sale! (more information to come)

Saturday, December 5th—Project Record Judging

Chef Academy

Chef Academy promises to be a fun night of learning the basics of cooking skills! 4-H members 8 years old and older will be able to participate in the new program focusing on learning different skills in the kitchen! You can participate in just 1 or multiple Chef Academy workshops offered this fall!

The first of this 6-part series will focus on making breakfast foods! 4-H members will learn how to make pancakes from scratch, cook an egg, bacon in the oven, brown sausage and go home with a breakfast casserole and a homemade pancake mix. We will enjoy a pancake, egg and bacon dinner as a group too! Don't miss out on this fun activity!

The program is limited to the first 12 who register. Cost for the Chef Academy—Breakfast Workshop will be held on September 18th, 6pm at the Extension Office \$40 cash/check or \$41.63 for online payment and includes everything above.

Registration is now open for Chef Academy—Breakfast at—<https://forms.gle/DS6SsPtGr6pR88ZZ9>

We will open registration for the remaining classes in the September and October Tribunes, but keep an eye out on the following Chef Academy Workshops!

October 16th—Crockpot Meals

October 30th—Homemade Pizza

November 6th—Quick Breads

November 20th—Homemade Pasta

December 11th—Holiday Desserts



UME Volunteer Training

If you are interested in becoming a UME Volunteer, please email Becky (bridgeway@umd.edu) to start the process. She will send an email with the requirements that must be completed as part of the on-boarding process. You can register as a volunteer in 4-H Online, but until you complete all of the required trainings and background check, you are not certified to serve as an official volunteer for the 4-H program. The training can all be completely done from the comfort of your home.

Jr. Fair Board—Corn Hole Tournament

The Junior Fair Board will be hosting a Corn Hole Tournament Fundraiser on **Sunday, July 26th, 6pm at the Carroll County Agriculture Center**. Check-in for the tournament will start at 5pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a pop-up tent and chairs. Funds raised will help support activities run by the Junior Fair Board and support activities of the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair.

There is a \$50 entry fee per team. Teams will consist of 2 people per team over the age of 12. You must sign up as a team. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams. 1st place will receive \$100, 2nd place received \$75 and 3rd place receives \$50.

A total of 60 teams will be allowed to enter the tournament. You will have at least 2 games before we start elimination rounds. Elimination rounds will be double eliminations. Registration can be completed at: <https://forms.gle/XZEgbR6rrzHm4JnH6>

Fair Reminders

Everyone is welcome to participate in Fair Board meetings held at the Extension Office/Ag Center. The next meeting will be on **July 15th at 7:30pm. Fair Evaluation—August 12th, 7:30pm**

2026 Fair Dates— July 31—August 8, 2026

2026 Fair Theme— Celebrating 250 Years of American Freedom, Farming, and Future Leaders

Too many ribbons? Don't throw them away. If they are in **good** shape, drop them off at the Extension Office and we will recycle them for next year. Ribbons should not be wrinkled, written on or missing strings. We cannot accept State Fair ribbons.

Indoor Building Reminders— The fair will be here soon. Are you ready? Make sure to check out the fair schedule (www.carrollcountyfair.com). The fair starts on Friday, July 31st this year meaning 4-Hers will begin entering their indoor entries on Wednesday, July 29th (July 28th for Inclusive Entry Day).

Departments that are entered and judged on Wednesday include arts, crafts, photography, canning and general. Home environment, family life, plants and flowers, silk and dried flowers and garden products can be dropped off on Wednesday (2-8pm) or Thursday (7-9am) and they will be judged at a later time. Items on July 29th entered and judged include, clothing, lost arts, natural resources, shoebox floats and club entries. Booths, banners and shoebox floats will have conference judging for clubs. There will be a few departments entered on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. That's why it's important to verify days and times on the schedule. Please remember to reach out to the department superintendents if you have questions about entering in a specific department. Department rules and contact information can be found on the fair website.

Good Luck with all your entries at the fair. The most important thing is what you have learned from making your project and not the color of the ribbon you earn. Have fun at the fair. Sandra Stonesifer—
Indoor Superintendent



Dates to Remember

July 1	Fair Project Day—Clay Hand Building, CC Extension Office 10am-2pm
July 2	Fair Project Day—Sewing, CC Extension Office, 9am
July 3	CC Extension Office CLOSED for Independence Day
July 13-15	Clover Fun Days, CC Extension Office, 9am-4pm
July 13-17	Residential Camp (Older Week), Hashawha
July 21	Poultry Judging Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
July 23	Fair Project Day—Canning, CC Extension Office, 9am
July 26	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Set Up, CC Ag Center, 8am
July 26	CC 4-H & FFA Junior Fair Board Corn Hole Tournament, CC Ag Center, 6pm
July 28	Poultry Judging Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
July 31-August 7	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair
August 8	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Clean Up, CC Ag Center, 9am
August 12	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair—Evaluation Mtg, CC Extension Office, 7:30pm
August 27-30	Maryland State Fair (Beef, Sheep, Meat Goats and Swine)
September 3-7	Maryland State Fair (Dairy Cattle and Judging Contest)
September 7	CC Extension Office CLOSED for Labor Day
September 10-13	Maryland State Fair (Dogs, Dairy Goats, Engineering Contest)
September 18	Chef Academy (Breakfast), CC Extension Office, 6pm
October 4—10	National 4-H Week
October 12	CC Extension Office CLOSED for Columbus Day
October 14	Senior Portfolio Workshop, CC Extension Office, 6pm
October 16	Chef Academy (Crockpot Meals), CC Extension Office, 6pm
October 22	Annual 4-H Club Leaders Meeting, 7pm
October 23	Clover Halloween Party, CC Extension Office, 6pm
October 25	Trunk or Treat, CC Ag Center, 2pm
October 30	Chef Academy (Homemade Pizza), CC Extension Office, 6pm
November 6	Chef Academy (Quick Breads), CC Extension Office, 6pm
November 11	CC Extension Office CLOSED for Veteran's Day
November 20	Chef Academy (Homemade Pasta), CC Extension Office, 6pm
November 26-27	CC Extension Closed for Thanksgiving



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The Carroll County 4-H Website. Find the *Tribune* online, plus other forms and information for youth and leaders.

<http://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county>

The MD 4-H Youth Development Website, news & information from all over the state, plus forms and information for youth & volunteers.

<http://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development>

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Livestock Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health

I, the undersigned, hereby verify the following:

(Parent or guardian must sign for children under age 18)

- 1. I am the owner/authorized caretaker/transporter... 2. I understand that animals showing any signs of... SKIN: Visible evidence of skin infections... HEAD: Discharge from the eyes or nose... RESPIRATORY: Infectious respiratory disease... 3. I have read and understand the above guidelines. 4. I have visually examined the animals I am presenting for exhibit. 5. I agree not to present for exhibition animals showing any signs of contagious or infectious disease...

Date of inspection: _____ Number inspected _____ Signature _____
Printed Name _____ Event _____
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EXHIBITORS:



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE CARROLL COUNTY 4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK SALE

All livestock sale exhibitors are to wear their fair shirt provided it is unaltered and clean with Khaki pants. You may also wear your 4-H Show clothes and khaki pants with appropriate shoes to sell in the livestock sale.



Please use the QR code to direct you to the Livestock Sale portion of the website where you will find all the information we have provided thus far about our sale. The Sale order will be posted on this section of the website once the sale packet is complete.

ALL LIVESTOCK SOLD IN THE SALE WILL NEED TO BE TAKEN HOME WITH THE EXHIBITOR AT THE END OF THE LIVESTOCK SALE.

PLEASE READ the LIVESTOCK SALE RULES found on the website.

FYI: Many livestock from the sale will be going to processors on Monday, August 10th. Please read the Processor sheet carefully when it comes out!!! If you need help transporting your animals contact a hauler from the list provided OR contact another family on the sheet that is heading to the same place. (It is your responsibility to compensate any haulers.)

All Resales will go to Four States Livestock Auction on Tuesday, August 11th. If you are willing to transport a load from your area, please let Deanna Geiman know ASAP so she can plan accordingly.

ALL buyer Add-ons will be accepted the week of the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair until Monday, August 10th. NO late add-ons will be accepted. Add-ons can also be applied during the sale at check-in or check-out. Please get the Add-on paper and include the Exhibitor Name, Lot #, Buyer # and dollar amount.

Livestock Sale Superintendents & Committee

ATTENTION ALL Exhibitors who will have an animal in the Livestock Sale!!!!

Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Livestock Sale Buyers Picnic

Friday, August 7th, 2026 | 4:00pm to 6:00pm

The Buyers Picnic is FOR BUYERS ONLY!!

*Deliver all Desserts, Pre-Cut Raw Veggies & Pre-Cut Fresh Fruit donations to
Ms. Denise Ziegler in the Buyers Picnic Area by 3:00PM!!*

Fresh Pre-Cut Fruit = last names (A-H)

All Fruit MUST be precut and ready to serve. NO Whole Fruits will be accepted.

Cookies & Brownies = last names (I-Q)

All cookies & brownies MUST be wrapped or bagged individually. No Pies or Cakes.

Fresh Pre-Cut Raw Veggies = last names (R-Z)

All Vegetables MUST be precut and ready to serve. (Ex. Raw Carrots, Celery,
Cucumbers, Cherry Tomatoes, Broccoli, Cauliflower)

Monetary Donations are also accepted!!!

These donations will be used to offset costs for the Buyers Picnic.

**If you or someone you know has any Sweet Corn, please consider
donating to the Livestock Sale Buyer's Picnic.**

Contact Denise Ziegler (410-370-0729) for more information.



Hello Carroll County 4-H clubs and FFA chapters,

It's that time of year that we need to start thinking about donations for the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair's silent auction. All proceeds from the silent auction are used to support Carroll County 4-Hers state and national contest fees.

We hope your club will consider donating an interesting, fun, creative item to our silent auction.

Here are some suggestions for items that have been popular in the past: Themed gift baskets, gift cards to restaurants, movies, stores etc., weekend getaways, hand crafted items, designer bags, antiques, memorabilia, tickets to sporting events. (We have found that baskets work better than gift bags for displaying items. Please wrap baskets in clear cellophane and include an index card with your club's name and description of contents of basket.)

Silent auction donations can be dropped off at the Extension Office during normal business hours between now and July 31 2026. Donations will also be accepted at the silent auction office in the Shipley Building August 1-3 2026. We would like to have all donations received by Tuesday August 4 2026 to maximize bidding opportunities.

If you would like to donate to the silent auction or if you have any questions, please contact:

Danette McThenia - 443-244-3272; mcthenia3610@comcast.net

Elizabeth Thomas - 410-530-4849; ethomas@carrollcountyfair.com

We look forward to another successful Silent Auction!

Danette & Liz