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CC 4-H & FFA Fair Entries

The online fair entry system will be opening on **May 10th** and will close **at 11:59pm on June 10th**. Remember, the fair is now using ShoWorks, which has a ShoWorks App that you can download to complete entries too. You can still enter through the ShoWorks website, but you will need to create a new account. A link to the entry system can be found on the fair website: www.carrollcountyfair.com Make sure to get your fair entries entered early and don't wait until the last minute. **No late entries will be accepted.** If you need to use a computer to complete entries, stop by the Extension Office between 8am-4pm and we will help you. If you have any problems with the entry system, contact:

entries@carrollcountyfair.com

\$4 for 4-H—THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2025 \$4 for 4-H fundraiser held through the Maryland 4-H Foundation! We are overwhelmed with the support that was shown in donating to the Carroll County 4-H Program. There were 164 donations raising \$6,953 to support the county and Maryland 4-H. We will use funds in the county to help support our 4-H program in providing free and low cost programs. The Maryland 4-H Foundation uses funds to help support 4-H members who will travel on national trips. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

Scholarships

Are you a high school senior or college student looking for scholarships? You will be able to apply for several of these scholarships through the Carroll County Community Foundation. Make sure to check out their website for how to apply and remember the Community Foundation has a separate link for 4-H scholarships! (<https://www.wearecarroll.org/scholarships/>)

In addition, the Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarships are now open and can be found at: <https://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/scholarships>

Lastly, if you have participated at the Maryland State Fair in previous years, check out their scholarship opportunities at: <https://marylandstatefair.com/scholarships/>

NEW PAYMENT POLICY

NEW POLICY in regards to payments for county 4-H programs. We will be sending invoices to those who register for our programs that cost over \$5. As we plan programs, we work on making sure we can cover the cost of the supplies of the program and keep program costs as low as possible. We have simply asked that families pay “at the door” for these programs. What we have been experiencing recently though is that some families are signing up for programs and then not attending without letting the office staff know of that change. We typically have 4-H members on a waiting list that would like to come to the program, but can’t when we are unaware of someone not attending. Moving forward, if you register for a program that has a cost associated with it and do not show for the program, you are still responsible for paying for the program as supplies have already been purchased.

This is not a decision that we have made lightly. We do need to take into consideration the costs we are taking out of our program funds when individuals are a no call, no show for programs. We also need to consider the other 4-H members who would like to participate in the program, but are on a waiting list.

Thank you for your understanding.

Junior Ambassador Applications

Are you a 4-H member that is between the ages of 11-13 (4-H age as of January 1st) and have an interest in being a part of the Ambassador program? We are now accepting applications for the Junior Ambassador team for 2025-2026. Just fill out the application found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county/local-4-h-youth-education/leadership-opportunities> Applications are due to the Extension Office by Friday, May 2, 2025 and interviews will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2025 at the Extension Office.

Tractor Safety Program

The 2025 Tractor Safety Program will be held **May 19-22, 2025**. YES! The program will be held for 4 nights in a row! The program will be held at the **Carroll County Ag Center at the French Fry Stand at 7pm each night**. We will have equipment on-site that we will be using for the program. If you have an interest in attending the Tractor Safety Program, complete the registration form so we can ensure we have enough books for everyone.

You must be 8 years old or older to participate in this program.

As a reminder, if you are planning to participate in the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Tractor Operator Contest and have already completed the Tractor Safety Classes, you **MUST** attend two tractor safety meetings designated by the instructor(s) to participate in the 2025 contest. For more information on the Tractor Operator Contest, visit the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair website (www.carrollcountyfair.com) for more information.

Register at: - <https://forms.gle/owuVPBck9BVQKRLK7>



Clover Fun Days

Looking for something fun for your 5-7 year old Clover Members? Look no further than our 3-day Clover Fun Days! Join us for one or two fun filled Clover Fun Days this summer! Clovers will spend their days making arts, crafts, movie time, snacks and much more! The program is led by our 4-H Senior Members. You are welcome to share this opportunity with family and friends.

Clover Fun Days— June 23-25, 2025—SPARK Your Imagination! (Only 8 spots left!)

Registration Link June Clover Fun Days— <https://forms.gle/kRyLmW9D1TXCtRWJ8>

Clover Fun Days—July 7-9, 2025—It's a Sweet Life! (Only 3 spots left!)

Registration Link July Clover Fun Days— <https://forms.gle/2Q8rBWtEQBSbXvUa9>

Fair Fun Days!

Summer will be here before we know it and the popular Fair Fun Days will be back! We are still working on what each day will look like, but we promise lots of fun and many fair projects that you can enter at the 2025 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair! Make sure to register quickly before all spots fill up!

Fair Fun Days—Crafts—June 17th, 9am-3pm (8 spots left!)—<https://forms.gle/c2MvBq44X2uFPrkb7>

Fair Fun Days—Mystery Projects—July 1st, 9am-3pm (6 spots left!)—<https://forms.gle/zn14Dnmu3ak54WsM9>

Fair Fun Days—Sewing—July 15th, 9am-12pm (FULL) or 1-4pm (7 spots left!)— <https://forms.gle/axg4yfBxRGM9N44Q9>

4-H Camp Dates

Hold the dates for 4-H Camp! Applications for campers are out and filling up. Don't miss out on attending a fun-filled week held at Hashawha Environmental Center!

Week 1 Camp—June 23-26, 2025 (Ages 8-11)

Registration for Week 1 "Camp Under The Canopy - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1224891265749?aff=oddtcreator>

Week 2 Camp—July 7-11, 2025 (Ages 10-16)

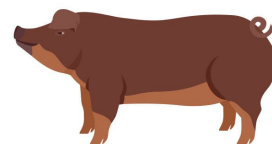
Registration for Week 2 "Camp Saves The World" - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1225418723389?aff=oddtcreator>

Have questions about 4-H Residential Camp? Reach out to Torrey Silliman at tsillima@umd.edu



Market Swine Weigh-In

If you plan to exhibit Market Swine at the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair or Maryland State Fair, it must have a Maryland 4-H ear tag and be weighed in at the Carroll County 4-H Weigh-In. Market Swine Weigh-In will be held on **Friday, May 2nd from 5-9pm at the Carroll County Ag Center (TRP Barn)**. Please watch your email for



specific information on how to come into the Ag Center for weigh-in that evening. Also, the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Board Fundraising Committee will be ordering pizza and subs this year for families to pre-order as you wait in line during weigh-in. If you would like to pre-order dinner for weigh-in night, please see the this link for more information— https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMdD2K8xvdmYA7dYq_I1wL5N3iQzQbYN5mcQBSpRWzmV3n-Q/viewform

Castration Policy of the Maryland 4-H AnSc Program: All male steers, lambs, pigs and goats must be neutered and healed prior to 4-H weigh-in and tagging. The only exception would be animals that have obvious signs they have been banded, however, their scrotal sac is still intact.

Market Goat and Market Lamb Weigh-In/Commercial Goat-Lamb Tagging

If you plan to exhibit a Market Goat or Market Lamb at the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair or Maryland State Fair, it must have a Maryland 4-H ear tag and be weighed in at the Carroll County 4-H Weigh-In. Market Goat and Market Lamb Weigh-In will be held on **Friday, May 16th from 5-8pm at the Carroll County Ag Center (TRP Barn)**. You must turn in a completed 2-part Livestock Registration form to the Extension Office with the number of tags you will need. **If you are planning to show a market animal and a commercial breeding animal, they MUST be on 2 separate Livestock Registration Forms. Livestock Registration Forms are due to the Extension Office by May 9th. Remember to fill in ALL information, including Scrapie tag numbers. Having ALL information filled in helps the committees move through weigh-in quicker and helps match up animals when multiple 4-H members are on the same trailer.** The Animal Science Code of Ethics will be on the reverse side and BOTH pages must be signed. There will be a total of 3 signatures for the 4-Her and 3 for the parent/guardian. **Tags cost \$2.** Checks can be made payable to CCEAB. You must register, tag and weigh-in the appropriate animal for Carroll County. You may not weigh-in your animals at another county and be eligible for the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair. Questions? Call 410-386-2760. **This is the only weigh in date for Market Goats and Lambs for Carroll County 4-H members!**

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Animal Lease Paperwork

If you are planning to lease a livestock or horse project this year than make sure to complete the 4-H lease agreement. **A lease agreement must be completed on all leased animals and are due to the Extension Office by June 2nd.** You will receive a signed copy of your lease forms back to keep for your records. Lease forms for breeding livestock and performance (horses) animals can be found attached to the online Tribune.

Market Livestock Updates

Make sure to read through all of the livestock department and livestock sale rules, but here are some changes for 2025 that we wanted to make sure our 4-H families are aware of...

Market Beef/Dairy Steers —There will be no Rate of Gain (ROG) for 2025. Market Beef/Dairy Steers still need to meet weight requirements and grade per the livestock sale rules.

Market Goat Updates—A change to the Market Goat requirements is that the minimum weight is now 65 lbs. for 2025. There will also be a limit of 3 market goats per exhibitor to be shown at the 2025 fair.

Market Swine - Rate of Gain has been lowered from 1.6 lbs. to 1.4 lbs. for 2025, which matches the ROG for the Maryland State Fair.

Market Lamb Classes—There are a couple of changes to the Market Lamb show at the 2025 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair. The first is that there will be no Rate of Gain. Lambs still need to meet weight requirements. There will also be a limit of 3 market lambs per exhibitor. New this year for the market lamb show, lambs will be classified into 4 “classification divisions”.

MARKET LAMB CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS These are the recognized classifications for the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Market Lamb Show. Lambs must meet all classification standards as established by the Fair. No pedigrees will be required.

Natural Colored: **1.** Must have a predominant “blue or black tint” to the skin and wool **2.** A few black or blue spots coloring of the wool, bite marks, fungus spots or scars with black or dark fiber areas will not classify a lamb in this division.

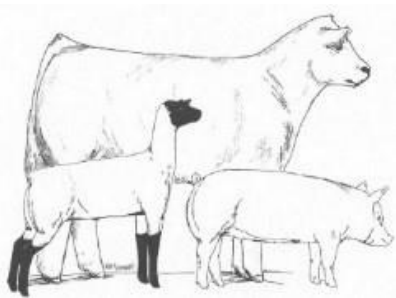
White Face Crossbred: **1.** Must be white-faced, brockle-faced or show evidence of at least 50% white face or more throughout the face and ears **2.** Reddish rust-colored legs are acceptable.

Black Face Crossbred: This class generally includes the Suffolk and Hampshire breeds, plus all lambs that do not fit into the Natural or White Face Crossbred divisions.

AOB: If a lamb shows breed characteristics of a breed other than those listed above, it will be added to the AOB division. Lamb must show obvious breed characteristics.

Lambs will be checked by a classification committee after weigh-ins during the fair. If a lamb is entered in a classification but does not pass, it will be moved to the Black Face Crossbred classification.

For all market livestock shows, there will no longer be any exhibition classes. If your market animal does not meet livestock sale requirements, you will be able to show the animal in a showmanship class, but there will no longer be exhibition market classes. More information on these changes and anything else will be discussed at the respective livestock workshops. Make plans to attend those workshops to learn more and ask your questions.



Animal Quality Assurance

AN EMAIL WILL BE SENT WHEN THE PROGRAM OPENS FOR 2025!

If you are a new member or have moved to a new age group (Junior to Intermediate, Intermediate to Senior), you are required to take the online Quality Assurance Program this year. The online program is required for ALL 4-H members showing beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goats, horses/ponies, poultry, rabbits and alpacas/llamas. An email will be sent when the website is opened by Maryland 4-H. (<https://ahqa.umd.edu/>) You will need to register and complete this program if you are planning to show at any 4-H animal show. If you have questions, please contact Becky at bridgewa@umd.edu. Quality Assurance must be completed by **Friday, July 18th to be eligible to show** at the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair.

Junior Stock Show

The Junior Stock Show will be held on **Saturday, June 8th at 9 A.M. at High Ridge Farm LLC, sponsored by High Ridge 4-H Club.** Exhibitors must arrive by 9 A.M. This is an opportunity for Clovers to participate too! Registration form is attached to the online *Tribune* and is due by **May 31, 2025. This is one of the last opportunities for junior and novice exhibitors to attend for your workshop requirement if exhibiting a market animal and planning to be in the livestock sale.**

Sheep, Goat and Swine 4-H Classic Shows

We are excited to hold the Carroll 4-H Sheep and Goat Classic and the Carroll 4-H Swine Classic Shows this year in Carroll County. These were formally shows that we held in partnership with Howard County, but have moved back to a county focus on these opportunities.

We will be hosting both of these spring livestock shows at the Carroll County Ag Center this summer. We will be down in the Gesell Parking Lot showing under a tent. But no worries, as we are working out the details on how to make both of these dates great for our 4-H members! More information will be coming and registration information will be provided at weigh-ins.

One exciting announcement for our sheep and goat show will be that we will have classes for breeding projects. They may look a little different than the county fair classes, but we wanted to provide an opportunity for those who have only breeding projects to participate in this show. More information to come.

Hold the dates!

Carroll 4-H Sheep and Goat Classic—Saturday, June 21st

Carroll 4-H Swine Classic—Sunday, June 22nd

Registration information for both opportunities can be found at the end of the *Tribune* and will be handed out at weigh-ins. We do ask that you wait until you have tagged your market animals and have those tag numbers prior to submitting your entry forms.

These are the last opportunities for our junior and novice exhibitors to earn their workshop credit. However, you **MUST** participate in the show to earn credit though. If you need a workshop credit and do not show sheep, goats or swine, then the Junior Stock Show is your last workshop opportunity!





2025 Poultry Orientation

Poultry Exhibitors: If you are planning to OR thinking about showing anything in the Poultry Department at the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair in 2025, you are **REQUIRED** to attend **ONE** of the **orientation meetings**. This includes poultry, turkey, posters, eggs, clovers, etc. This also includes first year and returning exhibitors. These meetings are for the Poultry Department and do not meet any requirements for any other livestock department. The meetings are in person (no virtual meeting offered and no make up sessions offered). All meetings are at the Extension Office and begin at 7 p.m.—check the listing on the board for the room number.

The **LAST** Orientation will be offered on:

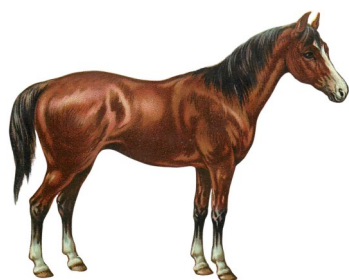
Tuesday, May 20th

Again, you need to attend only ONE of the meetings.

Reminder: If you showed in the Poultry Department in 2024, you are required to have completed a Poultry Project Record Sheet in order to show in 2025, so be sure you have completed that (Clovers are exempt). Any questions, call or text Nancy Carlisle at 443-605-5134.



Horse Safety Class



If you are a 1st year Horse Exhibitor, you are required to attend one of the horse safety classes offered to exhibit at the 2025 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair. Exhibitors will learn about horse safety, along with an orientation about what happens on show day at the fair and what you need to bring. **If you haven't already attended one of the meetings, you must attend the last meeting on May 12th at 7pm at the Extension Office.**

Horse and Pony ID Cards

Horse and Pony ID Cards can be completed at the link provided below or you can complete a paper copy which is attached to the online version of the *Tribune*. Please fill out the ID Card By **June 2nd!** Everyone who is planning to participate in the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Horse Show or the Maryland State Fair **MUST** complete the Horse and Pony ID Card.

Horse and Pony ID Card Form—<https://forms.gle/8yhbYEhuisswAtBe8>

Poultry and Rabbit Registration Form

The Poultry and Rabbit Registration Form is **REQUIRED** for those exhibitors planning to exhibit at the county and/or state fairs. Please fill out the Poultry and Rabbit Registration form attached to the online *Tribune* and submit to the CC Extension Office by **June 1st**.



Livestock Judging Practices

It's never too early to start practices for Livestock Judging! We will be starting off with several office practices to get back in the swing of things. We will be going over basics when it comes to judging cattle, sheep and swine. For right now, we just have our office practices scheduled and will start our farm practices in June. Make sure to check all of the dates below as some are for Juniors only and others are for all ages.

If you are interested in participating in livestock judging practices, sign up so you can stay in the loop with communication! Register at—<https://forms.gle/jukPFTj4EEgjDvG39>

Judging Practices will all start at 7pm and we will be at the Extension Office on the following dates:

May 1st, 14th and 29th—All Ages

May 5th and 22nd—Juniors ONLY

Horse Judging Practices

Do you have an interest in learning more about horses? If so, horse judging may be the perfect opportunity for you! You do not need to own a horse or even ride, but just have an interest in learning more about horses. You will learn a lot about horses through the judging program and have the opportunity to visit several farms in the area throughout the spring. All practices start at 7pm, but please plan to arrive a little early.

Practice Dates:

May 7th—TBD

May 14th—Parson's Show Horses (Western Pleasure Performance)

May 21st—TBD

May 28th—Michael Saffrom/M&R Minis (Miniature Horse Conformation)

June 3rd (THIS IS A TUESDAY) - Rippeon Farms at Sunset Ridge (Western Horsemanship)

June 11th—Carroll County Extension Office—Reasons Practice

June 14th—Maryland 4-H State Contest, Howard County Fairgrounds



Dairy Judging Practices

It's almost that time of year to dust off those notebooks and get ready to head out for dairy judging practices. You do not have to show dairy to participate in the judging program, just have an interest in learning more about dairy cattle! Practices will take place soon as our volunteer coaches are putting together dates and we will share those out once we have them. You MUST be at least 8 years old as of January 1st to participate in judging programs.

All judging practices will start at 7pm:

May 21st—Extension Office May 27th—Hoff's June 3rd—Schwartzbeck's

For more information contact Kelly Zepp at 410-635-3922.

Gardening Workshop

Ever wanted to enter in the garden department, but just weren't sure what to do? Make plans to join us on **Saturday, May 3rd at 9am at Laney Acres Farm** (14865 Oak Orchard Road, New Windsor, MD). Information about On-Site Gardening will be shared on what a garden should look like for this contest, along with learning more about how to enter your vegetables in the Garden Department. It's the perfect opportunity to ask all of your questions! You will also leave with some type of plant/herb from the workshop! There will be a \$5 cost to be paid the day of the program to help cover expenses.



Workshop is FULL, but email Becky (bridgewa@umd.edu) If you'd like to be added to the wait list.

Photography Workshop



Ever wanted to enter in the photography department, but just weren't sure what to do or what photo to enter? Make plans to join us on **Tuesday, May 13th at 5:30pm at Red Power Valley Farm** (604 Jasontown Road, Westminster MD 21158). Information about photography will be shared including teaching the basics of photography and how to improve your skills, as well as hands-on practice and opportunities to learn from an experienced local photographer, Andrea Haines. You can expect to learn about camera equipment, lighting, staging, taking photos, feedback on your work and reviewing the photography department rules and entries. Let's get creative and don't forget to bring your camera for a hands-on experience. You must be between the ages of 8-18 to attend. Check out the flyer attached to the online *Tribune* for more information.

Workshop is FULL, but email Becky (bridgewa@umd.edu) if you'd like to be added to the wait list.

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 may 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.

CC Farm Bureau Ag Ambassador Program

The Carroll County Farm Bureau is currently seeking interested individuals between the ages of 17-21 years old (on or before 9/26/2025) who are interested in running for the Ag Ambassador Program. The contest will be held on July 19, 2025 which includes interviewing, public address and extemporaneous questions. The interested participant must be a member or the farm bureau or an immediate family member for the 2025 calendar year. For more information, contact Heather Boose at 443-744-5487 or cowgirlh@hotmail.com.

Fair Reminders

Everyone is welcome to participate in Fair Board meetings held at the Extension Office/Ag Center. The next meetings will be on **May 28 at 7:30 p.m.**

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.

2025 Fair Dates—July 25-August 1, 2025. Fair Theme—There is No Place Like the Fair!

Red Building Updates –

Fair Horse Department Fundraiser—The Horse Committee is raffling a 75" TV. The TV will be wrapped in a chain and lock and people can purchase keys (\$15 for 1 or \$25 for 2) to try to unlock and win the TV. We will have an event on **May 10th** with food, mechanical bull riding, racing games (barrels, poles, a run on foot in blow-up costumes, etc.), and the lock opening. All proceeds will be held by the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair and used to help cover the cost to pave the horse show handicapped parking spaces.

Silent Auction—The Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Silent Auction Committee is actively looking for donations for the fair silent auction. This is an important fundraiser for the fair as the funds raised help support the fair, but also help cover the cost of state contest fees for our 4-H members. The committee is looking for donations of baskets, tickets to events and more! More information can be found in the letter attached to the online Tribune.

Fair Fundraiser—The Fair will be selling tickets once again to support our 4-H and FFA members! There are 5 great prizes this year that you can win. The fair will once again be offering a pizza party to the club that can sell the most tickets. Tickets need to be given to Cindy Speak or a member of the fundraiser committee before fair starts to count towards the pizza party count. If interested in tickets, they can be picked up at the Extension Office or contact Cindy Speak.

Children's Day at the Fair

Attention, all 4-H and FFA clubs! The fair will once again be hosting Children's Day on Tuesday, July 29th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and we need your help! In previous years, more than 1,000 children have attended this event at the Carroll County Fair, and this success has been due to the participation of 4-H clubs, members, and volunteers!

We are asking that clubs sign up for a make-it and take-it craft table, as in the past, or to volunteer. The tables or stations can be a 2.5-hour or all-day (5-hour) time slot. If your club chooses to sign up for a craft, we ask that you prepare these crafts for either 350 participants (2.5-hour time slot) or 700 participants (all day). When preparing these games and crafts, we ask that you keep agriculture, healthy living, and 4-H in mind. Remember that these activities should engage our youth and encourage them to stay for the day! If you or your club would like to help with Children's Day, but cannot be at the event, we are also looking for donations! You could provide a monetary donation towards game prizes, a donation for goodie bags, or items such as face paints, crayons, etc.

We hope that your club will be able to participate in some way, as it will be a wonderful opportunity to promote and educate young children and their families about the great 4-H program and agriculture here in Carroll County! To sign up for a make-it and take-it table, to volunteer, or to provide donations, please follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/CCCD2025>

Thank you so much for your time, and we look forward to working with you!



Dates to Remember

May 1	4-H Youth Enrollment Deadline Livestock Judging Practice, CC Extension Office, All Ages
May 2	Swine Weigh-In, CC Ag Center, 5-9pm Junior Ambassador Applications Due
May 3	Gardening Workshop, Laney Acres, 9am
May 4	Dairy/Dairy Steer Workshop, CC Extension Office, 1pm
May 5	Livestock Judging Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm (Juniors Only)
May 9	Market Sheep/Goat Livestock Registration Forms DUE
May 10	Carroll County 4-H Fair Entry System OPENS
May 12	Horse Safety Class #2, CC Extension Office, 7pm
May 13	Photography Workshop, Red Power Valley Farm, 5:30pm
May 14	Livestock Judging Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm (All Ages)
May 16	Market Sheep/Goat Weigh-In, CC Ag Center, 5-8pm
May 17	Junior Ambassador Interviews, CC Extension Office, 9am
May 19-22	Tractor Safety Program, CC Ag Center, 7pm (4 evenings in a row)
May 20	Poultry Orientation #3, CC Extension Office, 7pm
May 22	Livestock Judging Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm (Juniors Only)
May 26	CC Extension Office Closed, Memorial Day
May 28	CC 4-H & FFA Fair Board Meeting, CC Extension Office, 7:30pm
May 29	Livestock Judging Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm (All Ages)
June 2	Poultry and Rabbit Registration forms DUE Animal Lease Forms DUE to the Extension Office Horse and Pony ID Cards Due
June 8	Junior Stock Show, High Ridge Farm
June 10	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Entry System CLOSED, 11:59pm
June 14	County Archery Contest, CC Ag Center (registration required through shooting sports club)
June 17	Fair Fun Day, CC Extension Office, 9am-3pm
June 19	CC Extension Office Closed
June 21	Carroll 4-H Sheep and Goat Classic, CC Ag Center
June 22	Carroll 4-H Swine Classic, CC Ag Center
June 23-25	Clover Fun Days, CC Extension Office
June 23-26	Carroll County 4-H Residential Camp, Hashawha
June 23-25	Clover Fun Days, CC Extension Office, 9am-3pm
June 25	CC 4-H & FFA Fair Board Meeting, CC Extension Office, 7:30pm
July 1	Fair Fun Day, CC Extension Office, 9am-3pm
July 4	CC Extension Office Closed, Happy 4th of July!
July 7-9	Clover Fun Days, CC Extension Office, 9am-3pm
July 15	Fair Fun Days, CC Extension Office, 9am-3pm Maryland State Fair Entries DUE
July 16	CC 4-H & FFA Fair Board Meeting, CC Extension Office, 6:30pm
July 20	Fair Set Up Day/Package Pick Up, CC Ag Center
July 25-Aug 1	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair, CC Ag Center
August 2	Fair Clean Up, CC Ag Center
August 6	CC 4-H & FFA Fair Evaluation Meeting, CC Extension Office, 7:30pm
August 21-24	Maryland State Fair—First Weekend
Aug 28-Sept 1	Maryland State Fair—Second Weekend
Sept 4—7	Maryland State Fair—Third Weekend

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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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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 April 16, 2025, and July 22, 2025. Donations will also be accepted at the silent auction office in the Shipley Building July 26 - 28 2025. We would like to have all donations received by Tuesday July 28, 2025 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



May 1, 2025

Dear Carroll 4-H Sheep and Goat Classic Exhibitors;

We will be hosting the Carroll 4-H Sheep and Goat Classic on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at the Carroll County Ag Center this year! We are excited to be moving the show back to be a little closer for many of our families. We know there will be a lot of questions, but we are working closely with our livestock committees to ensure a great experience for our 4-H members and their families.

Please read the important information below concerning Sheep and Goat Classic.

- There will be an additional opportunity for our sheep exhibitors to attend a clipping workshop on Saturday, June 14th at Bobbye Schmidt's home. You will bring 1 sheep with you in the morning and learn how to prepare for the showing. You will go from washing, blowing to clipping to be ready for the show the next weekend.
- There will also be a showmanship opportunity for sheep and goat members to attend on Saturday, June 14th in the afternoon at Bobbye Schmidt's home. You will bring 1 sheep or goat and learn more about showmanship. There will be experienced 4-H members to assist throughout the afternoon to help you prepare for showing.
- The show will start at 9:30am on Saturday, June 21, 2025 and we will have showmanship, breeding (back for 2025!) and market classes. We will also be using the day for a sheep judging practice for our livestock judging program. You may be asked to use your lamb for a practice judging class starting at 8:30am, please work with our judging program and provide your animal. The judging class will be no more than 10 minutes.
- Breeding Classes – We are bringing back breeding sheep and goat classes for the 4-H Classic.
 - Sheep Breeds will show the following: Commercial Division and All Other Breeds and will show based on age.
 - Goats will all show together regardless of being commercial or registered and will show based on age.
- We will be showing under a tent on the Gessel parking lot (livestock fair parking lot) this year. We will have a showing set up and will show on turf.
- We do have access to water from the extension garden. You are encouraged to bring your own water though.

- You are encouraged to show off of your trailers. There will be plenty of parking space near the show ring tent. You are encouraged to bring your own generators for fans. You are welcome to set up pop up tents by your trailers. We will be working on having generators to have fans in the tent/showring area
- There will be a \$15.00 entry fee per child entered. This is to offset the cost of Sheep and Goat Classic. Please make checks payable to **Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair**.
- More information will be emailed once we receive registrations and they have been processed. Note for 2025 we will start with the Meat Goat Show and Sheep will follow.
- We are still looking for sponsors for all of our 4-H Classic Shows. Please see the attached letter if you are willing to donate to the show.
- We are planning to have a food truck on site along with having some bathrooms brought in for the weekend too.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Becky at bridgewa@umd.edu or 410-386-2760.

Becky Ridgeway
4-H Educator



ENTRY FORM
Carroll 4-H Sheep and Goat Classic
June 21, 2025

Entry Fee: \$15.00 per child
ONE EXHIBITOR PER ENTRY BLANK
TO BE RETURNED BY June 13, 2025
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair
Memo Line – 4-H Sheep & Goat Classic

Circle One	4-H Tag #	Breed	Sex	Birth Date	Scrapie Tag #
Mkt Lamb Mkt Goat Breeding Sheep Breeding Goat					
Mkt Lamb Mkt Goat Breeding Sheep Breeding Goat					
Mkt Lamb Mkt Goat Breeding Sheep Breeding Goat					
Mkt Lamb Mkt Goat Breeding Sheep Breeding Goat					
Mkt Lamb Mkt Goat Breeding Sheep Breeding Goat					
Mkt Lamb Mkt Goat Breeding Sheep Breeding Goat					

Do you plan on attending the Sheep Clipping Workshop on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at Bobbye Schmidt's Home (Taneytown, MD) Yes ____ No ____

If yes, do you have your own equipment (clippers, fitting stand, etc.)? Yes ____ No ____

Do you plan on attending the Sheep and Goat Showmanship Workshop on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at Bobbye Schmidt's in the afternoon? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, what do you plan on bringing to the workshop? Sheep ____ Goat ____

Exhibitor's Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

4-H Age (as of January 1, 2024) _____

Telephone Number: _____

☐ Check if this is your First Year with a Sheep Project

E-mail address: _____

☐ Check if this is your First Year with a Goat Project

RETURN ENTRIES TO: Carroll County Extension Office Attention: Sheep/Goat 4-H Classic 700 Agriculture Center Westminster, MD 21157



May 1, 2025

Dear Carroll County 4-H Swine Members;

We will be hosting the Carroll 4-H Swine Classic on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at the Carroll County Ag Center this year! We are excited to be moving this show to be a little closer for many of our families. We know there will be a lot of questions, but we are working closely with our livestock committees to ensure a great experience for our 4-H members and their families.

Please read the important information below concerning Swine Classic.

- The show will start at 9:30am on Sunday, June 22, 2025, and we will have showmanship and market classes. We will also be using the day for a swine judging practice for our livestock judging program. You may be asked to use your pig for a practice judging class starting at 8:30am, please work with our judging program and provide your animal. The judging class will be no more than 10 minutes.
- We will be showing under a tent on the Gessel parking lot (livestock fair parking lot) this year. We will have a showring set up and will show on turf.
- You are encouraged to show off your trailers. There will be plenty of parking space near the show ring tent. You are encouraged to bring your own generators for fans. You're welcome to also set up pop-up tents by your trailers too. We will be working on having generators to have fans in the tent/showring area.
- We do have access to water from the extension garden. You are encouraged to bring your own water though. We will also work on having a wash rack area.
- There will be some pens set up for juniors/novice exhibitors to use first to house pigs for the show, which will be under the tent that we are using to show under. You are responsible for providing your own bedding in those pens. You must clean your pen when you are finished for the day and take all bedding home with you.
- This year there is a limit on 2 pigs per exhibitor. Breed classes will be determined by the 5 breeds with the highest number weighed in. All other purebreds will go into an All-Other Purebred division. In the crossbred division we will have 3 division champions. At the end of the show, we will be selecting the top 5 market hogs.
- There will be a \$15.00 entry fee per child entered. Registration is due to the Carroll County Extension Office by June 13th. The fee is to offset the cost of Swine Classic. Please make checks payable to **Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair**.

- We are still looking for sponsors for all of our 4-H Classic Shows. Please see the attached donor letter if you are willing to donate to the show. Donations help to cover the cost of awards and judges' fees.
- More information will be sent out the week of the show with a schedule of events, when you can arrive, etc.
- There will also be a food truck joining us for the day and we are working on having bathrooms brought in too.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Becky at bridgewa@umd.edu or 410-386-2760.

Becky Ridgeway
4-H Educator



ENTRY FORM
Carroll County 4-H Swine Classic
Saturday, June 22, 2025
Show starts at 9:30am

Entry Fee: \$15.00 per child
ONE EXHIBITOR PER ENTRY BLANK
TO BE RETURNED BY June 13, 2025
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair
Memo Line – 4-H Swine Classic

4-H Tag No. (if known)	RFID #	Ear Notch	Breed	Sex	Registration # (Purebred Swine)

Limit of 2 market swine per exhibitor.

Exhibitor's Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

4-H Age (as of January 1, 2025) _____

☐ Check if this is your First Year with a Swine Project

☐ Junior/Novice Exhibitors – Check if you'd like 1 pen under the tent to house your pigs.

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

RETURN ENTRIES TO:
Carroll County Extension Office
Attention: 4-H Swine Classic
700 Agriculture Center
Westminster, MD 21157



Maryland 4-H Animal Lease Program Statement of Understanding and Release

In order to increase opportunities for youth to work with, care for and show an animal, the 4-H Program of University of Maryland Extension permits 4-H members to use animals (horses, ponies, dogs, alpacas, llamas, dairy cattle, beef, goats, sheep, and swine) owned by others for 4-H projects in accordance with Guidelines for the Maryland 4-H Animal Lease Program(s) and other applicable 4-H rules and regulations.

We, the undersigned animal owner, 4-H member, and parent(s)/guardian(s) of the 4-H member want to participate in a Maryland 4-H Animal Lease Program(s) and have voluntarily made arrangements for the use of one or more leased animals by the 4-H member for 4-H projects in conjunction with the Program(s).

We understand and acknowledge that the University of Maryland Extension (UME) and 4-H Program (including their officers, agents, employees and volunteers) are neither involved in nor parties to our arrangements; and we further acknowledge that they have not made any representations or warranties of any kind regarding the leased animal(s) or the 4-H member (including, but not limited to, the fitness or safety of the animal(s) and/or the skills, qualifications or reliability of the 4-H member) or the advisability of making such arrangements or participating in the Program(s).

We each further understand, acknowledge and agree that the State of Maryland, University of Maryland, UME and the 4-H Program (including their officers, agents, employees and volunteers) are not responsible or liable for any damage or harm (including, but not limited to, injuries to the 4-H member or animal(s), property damage and/or financial losses) in any way associated with participation in the Maryland 4-H Animal Lease Program(s) and/or the use of the leased animal(s) by the 4-H member.

Further, in consideration of being permitted to participate in the Maryland 4-H Animal Lease Program(s), we each do hereby RELEASE, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the State of Maryland, the University of Maryland, UME and the 4-H Program and their officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from and against any and all costs, liabilities, expenses, claims, compensation, demands, and causes of action of any kind on account of any loss, damage and/or injury that might, in any way, arise out of or relate to participation in the Maryland 4-H Animal Lease Program(s) and/or the use of the leased animal(s) by the 4-H member, whether due to the negligence or other act or omission of any person or entity.

WE HAVE READ, FULLY UNDERSTAND AND VOLUNTARILY SIGN THE FOREGOING STATEMENT AND RELEASE.

Owner of Animal(s) Signature	(Date)	Printed Name
4-H Member Signature	(Date)	Printed Name
Parents/Guardians of 4-H Member Signature Signing behalf of themselves and the minor 4-H Member	(Date)	Printed Name

Updated-CWA 2009. Reviewed by DA 4/2009, Updated for name and logo change 2/2010. Updated for logo change CWA 2021.





University of Maryland Extension (UME): Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Lease Program Guidelines

Program Objectives

1. To help youth develop character, knowledge, sense of responsibility, and life skills.
2. To expand the opportunities for youth who may not have access to facilities and/or performance animals to participate in an animal project.
3. To maintain/increase the number of youth carrying breeding animals as a 4-H project.
4. To maintain/increase the number of breeding animals carried as a 4-H Project.

Program Rules

1. The Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Lease Program is applicable to registered breeding animals of the 4-H project areas listed below:
 - a. Beef
 - b. Dairy
 - c. Sheep
 - d. Swine
 - e. Goats (Dairy and Meat)
2. The program is available to any 4-H member, hereafter also referred to as **4-H'ers**, in good standing in a County/City 4-H program.
3. **4-H Members** may not have both owned and leased animals within the same project area during the same 4-H year (which runs January 1 through December 31). However, due to the uniqueness of Dairy projects, a member in the project who owns a Dairy Steer may also lease a Dairy Heifer during the same 4-H year.
4. The **4-H Member** will be required to keep the appropriate 4-H project record(s) on each animal. The project record(s) must be submitted to his or her local County/City 4-H Extension Office as required by the County/City 4-H Extension Office.
5. In order to exhibit a leased animal(s), it must be a bona fide 4-H project and registered with the appropriate breed association. The leased animal(s) may be exhibited in the appropriate classes at 4-H shows in Maryland. 4-H'ers with leased animals will be required to follow the same requirements for exhibition as 4-H'ers with owned animals. Cows and does in the program may be exhibited as project animals in appropriate classes only if they were leased by the 4-H member before first freshening or before 2 years of age, whichever comes first.
6. A 4-H member may have up to six (6) total breeding animals in the Breeding Animal Lease Program per 4-H year. However, 4-H shows or fairs may limit the number of animals 4-H members may exhibit or have other rules pertaining to classes for breeding animals.
7. The owner of the leased animal(s), hereafter referred to as the **Sponsor**, and the 4-H Member should jointly determine the specific responsibilities to be carried out by **each party**. The responsibilities should be attached to the Lease Program Form and should include such items as, but not limited to:
 - a. the **4-H Member's** duties and responsibilities while caring for and working with the animal,
 - b. the 4-H Member's access to the animal,



- c. housing and transportation of the animal,
- d. a working schedule for carrying out the specified duties,
- e. any assistance the **Sponsor** will provide to the **4-H Member**,
- f. any insurance requirements, information or provisions,
- g. responsibility for expenses incurred with the leased animal such as, but not limited to, feed, veterinary care, transportation, entry fees, etc.

The above items are only suggestions. For the protection of all involved, the parties may want to consider entering into a written Lease Agreement setting forth their respective rights and responsibilities. UME cannot advise parties as to what should be included in such an agreement, and parties may want to consult with an attorney in this regard.

8. The **4-H Member** will keep any 4-H premiums or awards received while exhibiting the leased animal(s) during the duration of the agreement – NO EXCEPTIONS.
9. During the 4-H year, the **4-H Member** will be the only person eligible to exhibit the leased animal(s) in Maryland 4-H shows. The **Sponsor** may enter and exhibit the leased animal(s) in non-4-H shows.
10. The **Sponsor** and the **4-H Member** must adhere to the Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Lease Program Guidelines, the Maryland 4-H Youth Code of Conduct, the Maryland 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics, and other applicable County/City and/or State 4-H/UME requirements.
11. The leased animal(s) must be housed and maintained at either the farm facilities of the **Sponsor, 4-H Member, or mutually agreed upon location as approved by the County/City 4-H faculty/staff.**
12. Ownership of the leased animal(s) remains with the sponsor. The title of ownership as stated on the registration certificate of the leased animal will remain in the possession of the Sponsor.
13. **The Breeding Animal Lease Program Form must be signed and filed in the County/City 4-H office by June 1st of the 4-H year and will be in effect through the end of the 4-H year (December 31).** The Sponsor is expected to and will make the animal available to the 4-H Member during the period of the 4-H year.
14. Participation in the Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Lease Program may be terminated by either party or by 4-H/UME prior to the end of the project year for reasons such as, but not limited to:
 - a. failure of the **4-H Member** or **Sponsor** to fulfill responsibilities as agreed by the parties,
 - b. changes in the farming operation for the **Sponsor**,
 - c. changes in the circumstances of the **4-H Member**,
 - d. mutual agreement of both parties,
 - e. on thirty (30) days written notice, or
 - f. failure to abide by and follow the Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Lease Program Guidelines and all other 4-H and/or UME policies, procedures, rules, regulations, and other requirements or expectations, as applicable. Such failure may also result in the **Sponsor** and/or **4-H Member** being declared ineligible to participate in Maryland 4-H Animal Lease Program(s) by UME/4-H and/or other disciplinary action or sanctions as appropriate.

The date and reason for termination prior to the end of the 4-H year must be given in writing and be placed on file in the County/City 4-H office.

15. The 4-H Member, Parent/Guardian and Sponsor must sign the Maryland 4-H Animal Lease Program Statement of Understanding and Release Form.

Adopted from 4-H 430 – JWL 2002. Reviewed by DA 10/02., CWA 2009. Reviewed by DA 4/2009. Updated for name and logo change CWA 4/2011 Reviewed by DA 4/2011, CWA 2013. Updated for logo change CWA 2021.



MARYLAND 4-H BREEDING ANIMAL LEASE PROGRAM

This LEASE ARRANGEMENT is entered into on _____
Date
between owner (**Sponsor**) _____
Name

Address Telephone

and 4-H youth (**4-H Member**) _____
Name

Address Telephone

The sponsor agrees to allow the 4-H member listed above use of the following animal(s) during the 4-H year:

Animal Name	Registration Number	Description	Breed	Animal Birth Date

If the Sponsor is a 4-H member, the Sponsor will show in the following classes: _____

The 4-H member leasing the animal may show in any other classes in which they are eligible.

This Lease Arrangement will remain in force until the end of the project year or until terminated by either party as stated in the Rules of the Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Lease Program.

I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Lease Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

Owner (**Sponsor**) Date

Parent or Legal Guardian, if Owner is a minor Date

I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Lease Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

4-H Youth (**4-H Member**) Date

Parent or Legal Guardian Date

The **4-H Member** is a member in good standing of the 4-H program and is eligible to participate in the Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Lease Program. A copy of this Form will be placed on file in the county/city 4-H office.

4-H County/City Extension Educator Date



University of Maryland Extension (UME): Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Lease Program Guidelines

Program Objectives

1. To help youth develop character, knowledge, sense of responsibility, and life skills.
2. To expand the opportunities for youth who may not have access to facilities and/or performance animals to participate in an animal project.
3. To maintain/increase the number of youth carrying performance animals as a 4-H project.
4. To maintain/increase the number of performance animals carried as a 4-H Project.

Program Rules

1. The Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Lease Program is applicable to performance animals of the 4-H project areas listed below:
 - a. Horses
 - b. Dogs
 - c. Alpacas
 - d. Llamas
 - e. Pack Goats
2. The program is available to any 4-H member, hereafter also referred to as **4-H'ers**, in good standing in a County/City 4-H program.
3. The **4-H Member** will be required to keep the appropriate 4-H project record(s) on each animal. The record(s) must be submitted to his or her local County/City 4-H Extension Office as required by the County/City 4-H Extension Office.
4. The leased animal(s) must be a bona fide 4-H project. 4-H'ers with leased animals will be required to follow the same requirements for exhibition as 4-H'ers with owned animals.
5. A 4-H member may have up to four (4) total animals in the Performance Animal Lease Program per 4-H year. However, 4-H shows or fairs may limit the number of animals 4-H members may exhibit or may have other applicable rules pertaining to classes for performance animals.
6. During the 4-H year, the **4-H Member(s)** leasing the animal(s) will be eligible to exhibit the leased animal(s) in Maryland 4-H shows. A performance animal may be leased by up to two (2) different 4-H members or it may be owned by one 4-H member and leased by another; however, in either case, the animal may not be exhibited in the same class at a 4-H show by more than one 4-H member. The owner may enter and exhibit the leased animal(s) in non-4-H shows.
7. The owner of the leased animal(s), hereafter referred to as the **Sponsor**, and the 4-H Member should jointly determine the specific responsibilities to be carried out by **each party**. The responsibilities should be attached to the Lease Program Form and should list items such as, but not limited to:
 - a. the **4-H Member's** duties and responsibilities while caring for and working with the animal,
 - b. the 4-H Member's access to the animal,



- c. housing and transportation of the animal,
- d. a working schedule for carrying out the specified duties,
- e. any assistance the **Sponsor** will provide to the **4-H Member**,
- f. any insurance requirements, information or provisions
- g. responsibility for expenses incurred with the lease animal such as, but not limited to, feed, veterinary care, transportation, entry fees, etc.

The above items are only suggestions. For the protection of all involved, the parties may want to consider entering into a written Lease Agreement setting forth their respective rights and responsibilities. UME cannot advise parties as to what should be included in such an agreement, and parties may want to consult with an attorney in this regard.

8. The **4-H Member** will keep any 4-H premiums or awards received while exhibiting the leased animal(s) during the duration of the agreement – NO EXCEPTIONS.
9. The **Sponsor** and the **4-H Member** must adhere to the Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Lease Program Guidelines, the Maryland 4-H Youth Code of Conduct, the Maryland 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics, and any other County/City and/or State 4-H or UME guidelines as applicable.
10. The leased animal(s) must be housed and maintained at the facility of the **Sponsor, 4-H member, or mutually agreed upon location as approved by the County/City 4-H faculty/staff.**
11. Ownership of the leased animal(s) remains with the Sponsor. The title of ownership as stated on the registration certificate of the leased animal(s) (if purebred) will remain **in the possession of the Sponsor.**
12. **The Performance Animal Lease Program Form must be signed and filed in the County/City 4-H office by June 1st of the 4-H year and will be in effect through the end of the 4-H year (December 31). The Sponsor is expected to and will make the animal available for the proposed purpose to the 4-H Member during the period of the 4-H year.**
13. Participation in the Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Lease Program may be terminated by either party or by 4-H/UME prior to the end of the project year for reasons such as, but not limited to:
 - a. failure of the **4-H Member** or **Sponsor** to carry out responsibilities as agreed by the parties,
 - b. changes in the farming operation for the **Sponsor**,
 - c. changes in the circumstances of the **4-H Member**,
 - d. mutual agreement of both parties,
 - e. on thirty (30) days written notice, or
 - f. failure to abide by and follow the Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Lease Program Guidelines and all other 4-H and/or UME policies, procedures, rules, regulations, and other requirements or expectations, as applicable. Such failure may also result in the **Sponsor** and/or **4-H Member** being declared ineligible to participate in Maryland 4-H Animal Lease Program(s) by UME/4-H and/or other disciplinary action or sanctions as appropriate.

The date and reason for termination prior to the end of the 4-H year must be given in writing and be placed on file in the County/City 4-H office.
14. The 4-H Member, Parent/Guardian and Sponsor must sign the Maryland 4-H Animal Lease Program Statement of Understanding and Release Form.

Adopted from the Maryland 4-H Horse and Pony Lease Program JWL 2002. Reviewed by DA 10/2002. CWA 2009. Reviewed by DA 4/2009. Updated for name and logo change CWA 2010. Reviewed by DA 10/2010. Updated for logo change CWA 2021.



MARYLAND 4-H PERFORMANCE ANIMAL LEASE PROGRAM

This LEASE ARRANGEMENT is entered into on _____
Date
between owner (**Sponsor**) _____
Name

Address Telephone

and 4-H youth (**4-H Member**) _____
Name

Address Telephone

The Sponsor agrees to allow the 4-H member listed above use of the following animal(s) during the 4-H year:

Animal Name	Registration Number	Description	Breed	Animal Birth Date

If the Sponsor is a 4-H member, the Sponsor will show in the following classes: _____

The 4-H member leasing the animal may show in any other classes in which they are eligible.

This Lease Arrangement will remain in force until the end of the project year or until terminated by either party as stated in the Rules of the Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Lease Program.

I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Lease Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

Owner (**Sponsor**) Date

Parent or Legal Guardian, if Owner is a minor Date

I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Lease Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

4-H Youth (**4-H Member**) Date

Parent or Legal Guardian Date

The **4-H Member** is a member in good standing of the 4-H program and is eligible to participate in the Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Lease Program. A copy of this Form will be placed on file in the county/city 4-H office.

4-H County/City Extension Educator Date

Maryland 4-H Horse & Pony Identification Card

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4-H Office Use Only

Date Received:

Member Information

Name _____ Club _____
Address _____ County _____
Phone _____ Email _____ Birthdate ____/____/____

Project Identification

Name of Horse _____ Birthdate ____/____/____

Breed _____ Sex _____ Height _____

Does this animal have an official measurement card granted by USAE or an affiliate? *(check one)* ____ Yes ____ No

Year(s) that this horse is a project animal 20 _____

20 _____

20 _____

20 _____

20 _____

(Check one) ____ Owned ____ Leased (signed agreement on file)

4-H Member _____

Signature

Parent _____

Signature

4-H Club Leader _____

Signature

File one card for each horse with local Extension Office prior to June 1st of the current year.



MARYLAND 4-H POULTRY, RABBIT and CAVY REGISTRATION



Please print neatly with a pen!

Year _____ Date Due to Extension Office: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Club Name _____ County/City _____

ONE Registration Form PER CATEGORY

Check Category:

____ Capon ____ Meat Turkey ____ Meat Rabbit ____ Cavy
____ Broiler ____ Breeding Poultry ____ Breeding Rabbit

Individual Number/Tattoo	Individual Name (if applicable)	Breed	Color/Variety	Sex	Date of Birth/Hatch	Comments

My signature indicates that the above animal(s) are under my care, I own them, and I have correctly and honestly filled this form out to the best of my knowledge.

4-H Member Signature: _____ Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: _____

University programs, activities, and facilities are available to all without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, religion, protected veteran status, genetic information, personal appearance, or any other legally protected class. Information provided to UME may be used and shared within UME, the University of Maryland and the University System of Maryland and with outside entities as necessary or appropriate in accordance with applicable law and the mission, purpose and functions of UME and the University. Because the University is a State educational institution, such information may also be subject to disclosure under the Maryland Access to Public Records Act. A person may inspect and/or correct his or her personal information as provided by the Maryland Access to Public Records Act and/or applicable University policy. The purpose of these materials is to enroll all market and commercial animals with the 4-H Tagging Program and to ensure members will receive all materials. By not providing all requested information, an individual may not receive materials associated with the project and may not be permitted to participate in shows in which animals must be tagged with the Maryland 4-H Livestock Tag.

University of Maryland Extension (UME) 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics

4-H members enrolled in animal science projects (e.g., beef, camelids, dairy, dog, goat, horse, poultry, rabbit, sheep, small pet, and swine) shall, at all times, conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship, including while with their projects and at all 4-H animal science activities and events. Their conduct should always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of 4-H and its animal science program. 4-H members, as well as parents, UME volunteers and others working with them, are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts; and their conduct and values must serve as a positive influence on others.

This Code of Ethics applies to all 4-H members who are enrolled in animal science projects, and to others (4-Hers, parents, volunteers, owners, etc.) who participate in the animal science program; and it covers daily animal care, as well as participation in competition and other 4-H animal activities and events.

4-H members and others who violate this Code of Ethics demean the integrity of 4-H and its animal science program. 4-H members who violate the code of animal science ethics are subject to sanctions including, but not limited to, forfeiture of premiums, awards, and/or auction proceeds and may be prohibited from participation in 4-H or 4-H/UME events or activities; other violators may also be subject to sanction, as appropriate. Infractions may be reviewed by 4-H and/or UME (on the local or state level, as appropriate to the infraction and to the event and/or activity in question), and/or may be subject to a fair oversight committee or other entity that oversees an activity or event. In addition, some acts may also be subject to review based upon the *Maryland 4-H Youth Code of Conduct* and/or other UME policies.

The following is a list of standards and requirements for all 4-H animal science projects, at all times, whether at home, at animal exhibitions or events, or any other 4-H event or activity.

1. The care of all 4-H project animals is the responsibility of the 4-H member. 4-H members must properly care for and groom their animals for the duration of their project.
2. All project animals must be housed at the 4-H member's residence unless a different location is submitted to and approved in writing by the local 4-H staff. Any change in location must be approved in writing by the local 4-H staff; however, it is not necessary to report direct transport to and from shows or other events.
3. Upon request of 4-H, UME, or other program, fair, event or animal officials, 4-H members must present proof of ownership, length of ownership, identity and/or age of all 4-H project animals owned or leased. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or identity of animal, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited. If a 4-H project animal is sold in a livestock sale, it is no longer eligible to be shown in a 4-H event in Maryland in that year.
4. 4-H members must provide appropriate animal health certificates upon request of 4-H, UME, or other program, fair, event or animal officials.
5. 4-H project animals must be presented to competition, activities and/or events, where they will enter the food chain, free of volatile drug residues. Animals which are presented to competition, events and/or activities that do not culminate with the animal entering the food chain, shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and rules. 4-H project animals shall not be exhibited if drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations and rules may affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. At any time after an animal arrives on a fair or other 4-H activity or event premises, a licensed veterinarian must administer or, in consultation with fair, event, UME, or 4-H officials, direct the administration of any treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications. Drenching at any time after an animal arrives on a fair or other 4-H activity or event premises is prohibited, except when performed or directed by a licensed veterinarian in consultation with fair, event, UME, or 4-H officials for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal.
6. The act of enrolling in a 4-H animal science project, and/or entering a project animal in a 4-H competition, show, activity, or other event, gives consent for 4-H or UME or event authorities to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, hair, tissue, or other substance from the animal to be used for testing purposes including, but not limited to, drugs or identification. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved, and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the 4-H owner to prove otherwise at any review in regard to the matter conducted by a fair or other event or the 4-H program. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, hair, tissue or other sample, taken from a 4-H animal science project, indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally.
7. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counter irritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
8. Using ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses, internally or externally, other than those prescribed to relieve heat stress or a medical condition as diagnosed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
9. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices, such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical devices, or other similar practices, are not acceptable and are prohibited.
10. All judges, fair and event officials and/or UME/4-H staff and volunteers shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect, and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them or toward exhibitors or others participating in the activity. In addition, direct criticism or interference with a judge, fair, show or event official, exhibitor, breed representative, or UME/4-H staff or volunteer before, during, or after an event or other activity is prohibited.
11. No one shall violate this Code of Animal Science Ethics or conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this Code of Ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this Code of Ethics.
12. The application of this Code of Ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition to the 4-H member whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this Code of Ethics.
13. By enrolling in an animal science project and/or entering an animal in a fair or other 4-H event or activity, the 4-H member, and his/her parent or guardian, consent to have disciplinary action taken by appropriate authorities (including UME, 4-H, fair, event and/or other activity officials) for violation of this Code of Animal Science Ethics and/or any other applicable rules of UME, 4-H, a fair, activity or other event, without recourse against UME, 4-H and/or other authorities. In addition, the 4-H member, and his/her parent or guardian, further understand and agree that any action which contravenes these rules, and is also in violation of federal, state, or local laws, statutes, regulations, or rules, may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

By signing this form the 4-H member and his/her parent or guardian each verify that they have read and understand the UME 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics and the consequences of and penalties provided for violations of the Code.

4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE PROJECT ENROLLMENT STATEMENT

I have read and understand the UME 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics, and I consent and agree to abide by the UME 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics. I understand this Statement must be signed by both the 4-H member and his/her parent or guardian, will be kept on file in the local 4-H office, and will apply to all 4-H animal science activities and events. I understand that if I do not agree to or sign this Code, I/my 4-H youth may not be eligible to enroll in a 4-H animal science project, may not receive associated materials, and/or may not be allowed exhibit or participate in covered activities.

4-H Member Signature

Date

Printed Name of 4-H Member

Parent/Guardian of 4-H Member Signature

Date

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

Junior Stock Show
Sunday, June 8, 2025

Sponsored by: High Ridge 4-H Club

Location: High Ridge Farm LLC

2966 Manchester Baptist Church Rd - Manchester, MD 21102

Classes for Swine:

- 1 15 Years Old and Over
- 2 12-14 Years Old
- 3 10 and 11 Years Old
- 4 9 Years Old
- 5 8 Years Old
- 6 5-7 Years Old (Clovers)

Classes for Sheep Fitting and Showing:

- 7 15 Years and Older
- 8 12-14 Years Old
- 9 10 and 11 Years Old
- 10 9 Years Old
- 11 8 Years Old
- 12 5-7 Years Old (Clovers)
- 13 Market Lambs (for those bringing their own animals only)

Classes for Market Goat Fitting and Showing:

- 14 15 Years and Older
- 15 12-14 Years Old
- 16 10 and 11 Years Old
- 17 9 Years Old
- 18 8 Years Old
- 19 5-7 Years Old (Clovers)
- 20 Market Goats (for those bringing their own animals only)

Families are welcome to bring outgrown show attire for sale or swap. High Ridge 4-H will be providing a silent auction as well.

Market hogs will be provided for everyone attending for fitting and showing practice.

Lambs and goats will be provided for all Clover exhibitors for fitting and showing practice. They will also be provided for participants who are not showing sheep and/or goats this year but would like to try fitting and showing at the Jr. Stock Show. If you or your family have market sheep or market goats tagged in your name for 2025, you need to bring them. If your animal is unavailable and you need to use lamb or goat at the Stock Show, please call to confirm availability. All sheep and goats must have current Maryland Health Papers for this show.

Show Schedule: June 8, 2025:

9:00am	Exhibitor arrival
9:00am	Arrival of Sheep and Goats
9:00-9:30am	Sheep Weigh In
9:00-10:00am	Swine and Sheep Clinics
10:30am	Swine Fitting and Showing
LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR SALE BY HIGH RIDGE 4-H CLUB	
11:30am	Market Goat Clinic followed by Fitting and Showing
12:30pm	Sheep Show Begins

Ribbons will be awarded in each class.

Rules: Open to exhibitors ages 5 and up. Exhibitors must arrive by 9:00am on the day of the show. Great for first time exhibitors, exhibitors that have not met sale requirements, 4-Hers who want to try something new, or exhibitors who need more practice before fair.

1. All lambs brought by exhibitors must be washed and slick shorn.
2. Limit 1 goat per exhibitor and goats must be washed.
3. Exhibitors are limited to 2 lambs.
4. Show attire is required.
5. Entries due May 31, 2025 to High Ridge Farm LLC

JR. STOCK SHOW ENTRY FORM: June 8, 2025

Name:

4-H Age (As of January 1, 2025): _____

Address:

Phone Number:

Please circle the classes 4-Her will be participating in:

SWINE CLASS

1 2 3 4 5 6

SHEEP CLASS

7 8 9 10 11 12 13

GOAT CLASS

14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Release and Hold Harmless agreement:

I have read and I understand all rules of the Carroll County Jr. Stock Show and 4-H rules associated with the animals I am entering. By signing this entry form, I waive any right to any claim. In regards to any accident or loss to person, animal or property that may occur while on the premises of High Ridge Farm LLC, I will not hold High Ridge Farm LLC, its owners, the University of Maryland Extension, employees, volunteers, High Ridge 4-H Club, show committee or other exhibitors responsible. It is my intent to hold the above-mentioned individuals and entities harmless and I do so knowingly and voluntarily.

Exhibitor Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Registration due by mail or email by May 31, 2025 to:

Candy Cole

candycole2966@aol.com

2966 Manchester Baptist Church Rd

Manchester, MD 21102

Please call Candy Cole with any questions: 443-375-0140