

ST. MARY'S COUNTY FAIR

September 18-21, 2025



4-H FAIR BOOK 2025

Divisions, Classes,
Rules & Regulations

*** ON-LINE ENTRY SYSTEM - REGISTER ON-LINE AT ***

<https://go.umd.edu/Fair2025>

Registration Deadline for All 4-H Exhibits is AUGUST 31, 2025
Animal entries need to be registered online & on paper forms.

Email Animal forms to: bdobbins@umd.edu
Mail Animal Forms to: University of Maryland Extension
St. Mary's County 4-H
P.O. Box 663
Leonardtown, MD 20650

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity, please contact us 2 weeks prior to the event at 301-226-7779

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2025 ST. MARY'S COUNTY FAIR
4-H CLUB & FFA EXHIBITS
Based on Point System

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GENERAL RULES

1. Classes are open to currently enrolled 4-H and FFA members in St. Mary's County. FFA members can show if they were 18 years old or younger as of **January 1 of the current year.**
2. University of Maryland 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.
3. Except for the livestock, horse, judging contests and clover entries, ribbons will be awarded on the Danish system of judging. Under the Danish system, each exhibit will be judged on its own merit in relation to standards of quality and not in comparison with other entries in the same class. Each entry will be rated as blue, red, or white quality. Green ribbons, when awarded, represent participation awards with no premium to be paid. Exhibits not meeting the minimum standards for the class may be disqualified at the discretion of the judge and no ribbon or premium will be awarded.
4. All Youth are encouraged to participate in all 4-H events and activities at the fair. All reasonable efforts will be made to make accommodations for those 4-H youth with special needs.
5. All 4-H members participating in the St. Mary's County Fair must abide by the Maryland 4-H Code of Conduct (<https://go.umd.edu/YCOC>) and UME 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics (go.umd.edu/acoe) for 4-H & FFA Animal Exhibitors. Exhibitors found in violation of either of these sets of standards will be sent home and disqualified from placing, showing, or participating in the remainder of the St. Mary's County Fair. They will also forfeit all premiums associated with participation in the current year's St. Mary's County Fair.
6. Disorderly or disrespectful conduct will not be permitted.
7. The 4-H staff reserves the right to interpret all rules and regulations and resolve situations which may arise and is not restricted by the lack of a rule or regulation.
8. **All 4-H youth, ages 8 to 18, who exhibit in the 2025 St. Mary's County 4-H Fair are required to complete and submit to the County 4-H Office one completed project record in order to be eligible to show at the 2025 County Fair.**
 - **All 4-H Horse exhibitors are required to complete the horse project record.**
 - **All 4-H Livestock participants are required to complete one project per species shown or sold at auction.**
 - **All 4-H Exhibitors (non-Horse/non-Livestock) are required to complete the minimum, one project record on fair exhibit or competitions (i.e. horticulture contest) of their choice. All 4-H youth are required to complete a Record Book.**
9. **Project Record Completion Requirements**
 - **Complete the project record form**
 - **Record project exhibits or competitions**
 - **Give a project related demonstration or illustrated talk to an audience of 3 or more non-related people.**
10. A trophy, plaque, or other award will be presented at the annual achievement program in each indoor building division to the **St. Mary's County 4-H member** who meets the following criteria (dependent on funding availability in 2025):
 - Accumulates the highest number of points in a division
 - Submits a completed 4-H Record Book for 2025 containing the completed project area for which he/she is competing
 - Participates in two county 4-H activities (**not including fairs**) regardless of project area
11. A Champion and Reserve Champion from St. Mary's County 4-H Members will be selected in age lots A-C of Divisions 2 through 16 and Division 18. Champions and Reserve Champions will also receive additional points toward earning trophies.
12. Exhibitors may enter up to, but not exceed, the maximum number of entries per class or subdivision as stated in the rules and regulations for each division. All members may enter any category for which they have completed their own exhibits, except Clovers do not participate in live animal exhibit categories (Divisions 1, 2 or 3).

13. **ALL EXHIBITS, including Livestock, must be registered online and submitted no later than AUGUST 31, 2025. The link for on-line registration is <https://go.umd.edu/Fair2025>. Livestock, Poultry, Rabbit and Horse Show entries must also be submitted on the appropriate registration form. Forms are available at the 4-H Office and online at <https://go.umd.edu/SMC4HFairforms>.**
14. Special 4-H contests must also be registered and submitted on-line in order to receive a premium.
15. Exhibits will be judged on their own merit. Premiums are determined by points designated for each division. Each point is valued at \$1.00. Clover Members will receive a flat premium of five dollars (\$5) for participation in the fair. Awarding of premiums, ribbons, and awards is dependent on availability of funds and are not guaranteed.
16. All exhibits must have completed exhibit tags securely attached prior to entry. Tags will be printed and distributed by the St. Mary's County 4-H Office. Exhibit tags will have the member's name, the division, section and class number and description of the exhibit. The Lot Number for your age as of January 1, 2025, will also be included on the exhibit tag: **LOT A (Junior) - Age 8-10; LOT B (Intermediate) - Age 11-13; LOT C (Senior) - Age 14-18; LOT L (Clover) - Age 5 - 7.** UME Staff reserves the right to correct entry divisions and/or classes.
17. Exhibits not entered in the 4-H building on the designated night will not be judged. Exhibits arriving early, late or left at the fair office will not be judged.
18. **ALL 4-H BUILDING EXHIBITS WILL BE RELEASED ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, FROM 6:00 PM TO 7:00 PM OR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, FROM 6:00PM TO 7:00PM.** Any indoor exhibits removed before this time without special permission from 4-H staff will result in forfeiture of premiums and ribbons. Live animals may not be removed prior to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, September 21.
19. Any indoor exhibit that does not stand up to the weather or that spoils will be discarded by the Extension Staff. Ribbon and entry tag will remain on the display shelf.
20. All entries are the sole responsibility of the 4-H exhibitor making the entry. University of Maryland Extension, St. Mary's County 4-H, and the St. Mary's County Fair Association are not responsible for the misplacement, theft, loss or damage of property exhibited at the St. Mary's County Fair. Exhibits not picked up will be discarded.
21. Monitoring of the 4-H Building during fair hours is the responsibility of all St. Mary's County 4-H members. Clubs will be assigned blocks of time to provide monitoring of the building during the week of the fair.
22. The decisions of the division judges will be final.
23. Dates, times and location of contests, capacity of entries and numbers of participants and spectators are subject to change in accordance with local, state or federal regulations, St. Mary's County Fair Association or 4-H policies.
24. **PREMIUMS:** Due to proposed Maryland budgetary constraints that are beyond the control of the 4-H Office and Fair Association, premium payments are not guaranteed. The Fair Association reserves the right to withhold a portion of premium monies, up to and including all of an exhibitor's earned premium payment for the 4-H fair.

4-H REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration will be completed on-line by AUGUST 31 at 11:59 p.m. To register:

1. Go to <https://go.umd.edu/Fair2025>
2. Click on Create an Account. Enter information and hit save.
3. Click on Entries. Choose the Division of each Entry. Then choose the Class. Hit the "+" button to add. For Livestock, add a class for each animal that will be exhibited at the fair.
4. **Livestock, Poultry, Rabbit and Horse Show entries must also be submitted on the appropriate registration form.** Forms are available at the 4-H Office and online at go.umd.edu/SMC4HFairforms.
5. Additional copies of the 4-H Fair Book will be available in the St. Mary's County 4-H office or the St. Mary's County 4-H website go.umd.edu/SMC4HFairforms

All On-Line Registration and Paper Animal Forms must be completed by AUGUST 31, 2025 at 11:59pm

4-H FAIR ENTRY SCHEDULE*

(*Times, dates and locations are subject to change)

Division	Title	Entry Schedule	Judging Schedule
1	Livestock	Wednesday, Sept. 17, before 8:00pm	Thursday, Sept. 18, 6:00 pm (4-H Dairy/Meat Breeding Goat*) Friday, Sept. 19, 8:00 am (4-H Swine, Beef, Sheep, Market Goats) Saturday, Sept. 20, 8am -Open livestock classes Sunday, Sept. 21, 9:00 am OPEN SHEEP/GOAT CLASSES ONLY
2	Poultry	Wednesday, Sept. 17, before 8:00pm	Thursday, Sept. 18, 9:30am–2:00pm
2	Eggs	Wednesday, Sept. 17, before 8:00pm	Thursday, Sept. 18, 9:30am–2:00pm
3	Rabbits	Wednesday, Sept. 17, before 8:00pm	Thursday, Sept. 18, 9:30am–2:00pm
4	Field & Garden Crops	Tuesday, Sept. 16, 4:00pm-8:00pm	Wednesday, Sept 17, 9:30am–2:00pm
5	Hobbies	Monday, Sept. 15, 4:00pm-8:00pm	Tuesday, Sept. 16, 9:30am–2:00pm
6	Crafts	Monday, Sept. 15, 4:00pm-8:00pm	Tuesday, Sept. 16, 9:30am–2:00pm
7	Plants & Flowers	Tuesday, Sept. 16, 4:00pm-8:00pm	Tuesday, Sept. 16, 4:00pm–8:00pm
8	Textiles	Monday, Sept. 15, 4:00pm-8:00pm	Tuesday, Sept. 16, 9:30am–2:00pm
9	Food Preparation	Tuesday, Sept. 16, 4:00pm-8:00pm	Interview Judging when entered
10	Canning/Food Preservation	Monday, Sept. 15, 4:00pm-8:00pm	Tuesday, Sept. 16, 9:30am–2:00pm
11	Child Care	Monday, Sept. 15, 4:00pm-8:00pm	Tuesday, Sept. 16, 9:30am–2:00pm
12	Expressive Arts - Photography	Monday, Sept. 15, 4:00pm-8:00pm	Interview Judging when entered
12	Expressive Arts – Art/Writing	Monday, Sept. 15, 4:00pm-8:00pm	Tuesday, Sept. 16, 9:30am–2:00pm
13	Animal & Vet. Science	Monday, Sept. 15, 4:00pm-8:00pm	Tuesday, Sept. 16, 9:30am–2:00pm
14	Environmental Sciences	Monday, Sept. 15, 4:00pm-8:00pm	Tuesday, Sept. 16, 9:30am–2:00pm
15	Science & Technology	Monday, Sept. 15, 4:00pm-8:00pm	Tuesday, Sept. 16, 9:30am–2:00pm
16	Educational Displays	Monday, Sept. 15, 4:00pm-8:00pm	Tuesday, Sept. 16, 9:30am–2:00pm
17	Promotional Exhibits	Monday, Sept. 15, 4:00pm-8:00pm	Tuesday, Sept. 16, 9:30am–2:00pm
18	4-H Judging Contests	No pre-registration	See schedule for times
19	Special Contests	Pre-registration required	See DIVISION 19 for information
20	4-H Horse Show	Pre-registration required	See DIVISION 20 for information

2025 4-H EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES*

*Times, dates and locations subject to change

Thursday, September 18

- 4:00 p.m. 4-H Building Open to Public
- 4:00 p.m. 4-H Photo Challenge Contest Begins (pre-registration required)
- 4:30 p.m. 4-H Livestock Judging Contest (Livestock Show Ring)
- 5:30 p.m. 4-H Horse Drill Team Performance (Show Arena)
- 6:00 p.m. 4-H Dairy Goat Showmanship, Dairy Goat Show, Meat Goat Breeding Show (Livestock Show Ring)
- 9:00 p.m. 4-H Building Closes

Friday, September 19

- 8:00 a.m. 4-H Livestock Show Begins - Swine, Beef, Sheep, and Market Goat Show (Livestock Show Ring)
- 9:00 a.m. 4-H Building Open to Public
- 10:00 a.m. Horticulture Contest (4-H Building contest closes at 4pm – open to all)
- 6:30 p.m. 4-H Cake Auction (Show Arena)
- 9:00 p.m. 4-H Building Closes

Saturday, September 20

- 8:00 a.m. Open Livestock Show Begins (Swine, Market Sheep, Beef, Market Goat)
- 9:00 a.m. 4-H Building Open to Public
- 10:30 a.m. Fair Parade
- 1:00 p.m. 4-H Rabbit Showmanship Contest (4-H Building)
- 5:00 p.m. 4-H Livestock Auction (Livestock Show Ring)
- 9:00 p.m. 4-H Building Closes

Sunday, September 21

- 8:00 a.m. Horse & Pony Show (Show Arena)
- 9:00 a.m. 4-H Building Open to Public
- 9:00 a.m. Open Dairy Goat Show/Meat Breeding & Open Breeding Sheep Show (Livestock Show Ring)
- 1:00 p.m. 4-H Visual Presentation Contest (4-H Building – pre-registration required)
- 4:00 p.m. Adult Livestock Showmanship Contest (following goat/sheep show in Livestock Show Ring)
- 5:00 p.m. 4-H Contest Results Announced (Livestock Show Ring)
- 6:00 p.m. Fair Closes! 4-H Building Exhibits released at this time.

Monday, September 22

- 6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. 4-H Building Exhibits released.

DIVISION 1 - LIVESTOCK

Chairman: Robert L. Trossbach

Advisors: Barn Coordinators

4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK PREMIUMS

Beef/Dairy: 1st Place-\$35; 2nd Place-\$30; 3rd Place \$25; 4th Place-\$20; 5th Place-\$15; 6th Place-\$10; 7th Place-\$5

Sheep/Swine/Goats: 1st Place-\$20; 2nd Place-\$15; 3rd Place-\$12; 4th Place-\$10; 5th Place-\$8; 6th Place-\$6; 7th Place-\$4



GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES:

1. All livestock exhibits must meet health requirements of the Maryland State Department of Agriculture and must have a valid health certificate. **A copy of a valid health certificate must accompany all livestock entries. Livestock Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health (<https://go.umd.edu/mdalse>) should be completed and signed prior to entering fairgrounds. Any animal not having approved health papers and completed self-check forms will not be permitted to unload.**
2. Animals that are lame or have visual wounds/injuries may be subject to disqualification from exhibit.
3. All 4-H Livestock exhibits must be owned or leased by the 4-H member and registered with the St. Mary's County 4-H office as a 4-H project.
 - a. Market animals must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2025, and must be tagged with a Maryland 4-H Market Livestock Tag.
 - b. Breeding animals must be owned or leased by the exhibitor only by July 1, 2025. Purebred animals must be registered with their breed association in the name of the exhibitor only. Commercial ewes and does must display a MD 4-H ear tag.
4. A Maryland State 4-H ear tag must be displayed on all market animals, commercial meat breed goats, commercial heifers and commercial ewes. The only exception is for earless goats. Tattoos must match a 4-H ear tag number and the tag must be displayed during the show.
5. **All livestock must have "Official identification". In most cases, this means the animal will have to be identified using an official USDA Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tag (beef & swine) or MD Scrapie tag (goats & sheep) that is associated with a registered premise.**
6. Exhibitors must use the livestock registration forms (go.umd.edu/SMC4HFairforms) from the St. Mary's County 4-H Office for all 4-H livestock exhibits **AND** register on-line at <https://go.umd.edu/Fair2025>. **ALL LIVESTOCK REGISTRATION FORMS** are due by **AUGUST 31, 2025**, to the St. Mary's County 4-H office informing us of your intention to show at the fair. **No late registration forms will be accepted.**
7. All youth registering in 4-H Livestock Classes must have verification of completing a **Livestock Quality Assurance Training** program. A **UMD 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics** (go.umd.edu/sm4-Hevents) must be on file in the county 4-H office. A **Feed Assurance Documentation Form** (go.umd.edu/SMC4HFairforms) must be completed and given to the 4-H Staff before your animal will be weighed at fair entry. No animals will be eligible to participate without these forms.
8. Animals cannot be unloaded on fair entry day until approved by the Livestock Chairman or assigned Advisor.
9. Stalls will be assigned by the Livestock Superintendent or their designee. Changes and alterations will not be allowed without their approval.
10. **All 4-H members must clean out their stalls before 8:30 a.m. each day and prior to opening to the public. Stalls should be maintained throughout the day. Walking aisles and the aisles around exhibitors' stalls should also be cleaned and maintained. Continual neglect of pens may result in forfeiture of premiums.**
11. Exhibitors may enter Five (5) market animals in each species. Only three (3) of each species may be sold at auction.
12. Animals registered as "breeding animals" are not permitted to exhibit in market classes.
13. **All purebred animals must have breed registration papers from the proper breed association in order to be shown in specific breed classes. Animals without breed registration papers will be entered in crossbreed classes.**
14. Drenching at any time after an animal arrives at fair or other 4-H activity or event premises is prohibited, except when performed 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.
15. In Showmanship classes, an exhibitor can only show one animal per showmanship class. Animals used for showmanship must be owned or leased by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must inform the barn coordinator which animal is to be used in Showmanship on the day of the show.
16. Any exhibitor showing an animal may have fitting assistance from an immediate family member. NOTE: The key word is assistance. This project is a learning experience and we want the exhibitor to learn by doing. The 4-H members are encouraged to assist other 4-H members; however, the exhibitor/owner of the animal must be present and involved with doing the work.
17. **NO OUTSIDE help will be allowed. No coaching from outside the show ring or contest area.**

18. A 4-H member can have a substitute 4-H member show an animal for them. In the event of an emergency, a substitute may be authorized by 4-H Staff.
 - a. The substitute member should be the same age or younger (i.e. intermediates can have another intermediate or a junior show for them, but a senior cannot show their animal). For safety reasons, beef cattle should only be shown by 4-H members who have experience with handling beef cattle.
 - b. Members can have a substitute in market and breeding classes, but substitution is not permitted in Showmanship classes.
19. To encourage the proper showing of livestock, an award will be presented to the Best Livestock Showman in Beef, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goats and Dairy Goats, provided there is competition.
20. All exhibitors must wear the appropriate 4-H/FFA show attire during 4-H shows and during the 4-H livestock auction. If not in proper attire, you will not be permitted to enter the show ring (see Animal Showmanship Attire below).
21. **No cell phones are allowed to be used during showing of animals. Exhibitors using cell phones may be disqualified.**
22. The 4-H staff or 4-H Livestock Chairman has the right to combine, cancel, or create any class which they feel will benefit the fair proceedings.
23. Market animals must have been weighed and tagged at the county weigh-in and must be weighed again at the time of fair entry.
24. The market classes will be divided into weight classes after fair weigh-in. Re-weighing will NOT be permitted.
25. Bred and Owned Classes: Exhibitors in the Bred and Owned Classes in 4-H/FFA animal divisions must be the breeder and the first and continuous owner of the animal entered. "Breeder" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time of breeding/service. "First Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time the animal was born.
26. To sell at the Livestock Auction, market livestock must meet the following weight requirements: Market Steers must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds. Market Goats must weigh a minimum of 40 pounds. Market Lambs must weigh a minimum of 80 pounds. Market Swine must weigh a minimum of 200 pounds and weigh no more than 325 pounds.
27. Per Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs and Shows and the Maryland Department of Agriculture (<https://go.umd.edu/mdafs>), ALL MARKET LAMBS MUST BE SLICK-SHORN PRIOR TO ARRIVAL at fairgrounds.
28. Only 4-H market livestock project animals that have been tagged, weighed, and registered in St. Mary's County will be permitted to sell at the St. Mary's County 4-H Livestock Auction in 2025.
29. All Grand Champion market animals in all four species must be sold at the St. Mary's County 4-H Livestock Auction. Those receiving Reserve Grand Champion will have the option to sell.
30. Each 4-H Market Exhibitor will have one hour after each species show to designate any animals not to be sold at auction. No changes will be made after the one hour allotted time.
31. Animals should be kept in their pens or designated areas at all times except for show time or walking to the wash racks. Animals should never be walked or ridden in other areas of the barns or fairgrounds. This is for the safety of both the General Public and the animal.
32. Exhibitors of animals must furnish fresh water, food and care through Sunday at 6:00pm or until the animal is released from the Fairgrounds.
33. **All 4-H Auction sellers must write buyers "thank-you notes/letters". Buyer auction information will be provided to 4-H members the week following the fair. All thank-you notes should be submitted to the 4-H Office, stamped and ready to mail to your buyer, no later than Monday, October 13, 2025, before premiums will be awarded.**
34. Exhibitors using sawdust will be responsible for removing the sawdust from the pens. Premiums will be withheld until this has been completed.

4-H AND FFA ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP

ATTIRE:

1. The following show attire is required for all Exhibitors in Showmanship, breed classes, market classes and Livestock Auction.
2. No farm names, club names, or other identification shall appear on show uniforms. Safe appropriate attire, including footwear is required at all times. Shirts must have collars and be tucked in with no undergarments showing. No shorts are allowed. Caps or other headwear shall not be worn in the show ring, except for approved headgear in the Horse Division. No Cell Phones are permitted in or out of the Show Ring during animal classes.
3. Exhibitors not adhering to the Show Attire Requirements will be excused from the show ring.

4-H:

Dairy Cattle, Dairy Steers & Dairy Goats – white slacks with white shirts. Approved neckpieces include: neck tie, bow tie, bolo tie or a tied bandana. Jewelry does not qualify as a neckpiece - no exceptions.

Beef, Meat Goats, Sheep & Swine – green or tan slacks, white or tan shirt with green or black neckpiece. Approved neckpieces include necktie, bow tie, bolo tie or a tied bandana. Jewelry does not qualify as a neckpiece - no exceptions.

Horses – appropriate riding clothes and headgear as defined in the MD 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book (go.umd.edu/hprule)

FFA: Dairy Cattle - white pants, white shirts, blue FFA tie, scarf and official FFA jacket.

All Other Livestock - (except dairy cattle) black pants, white shirts, blue FFA tie or scarf and official FFA jacket.

GENERAL RULES FOR SHOWING:

1. Youth must do their own fitting for participation in these classes.
 - a. Juniors and Novice members must be present and can receive hands-on assistance from immediate family, St. Mary's County UME volunteers and other current St. Mary's County 4-H members
 - b. Intermediate and Senior members can receive assistance; however, the exhibitor/owner of the animal must be present and doing the work.
2. The following categories will be considered in the Showing classes:
 - a. **FITTING OF ANIMAL**
 - i. Cleanliness - the animal should be clean and free from manure, stains, dirt, old hair, etc.
 - ii. Animals should be washed, dried, clipped, and free from manure prior to entering the show ring.
 - iii. Clipping - the hair on the animal should be properly clipped to enhance the general appearance of the animal as appropriate for the species.
 - iv. No false hair or coloring can be used to alter hair on animals.
 - v. Condition - a slight to serious discrimination may be given to an animal if the body condition is over-conditioned or under-conditioned. No consideration is given to general type confirmation.
 - b. **PERFORMANCE IN THE SHOW RING**
 - i. Presentation of animal - minimizing the minor faults of the animal (i.e. weak loin, too much set to legs, etc.)
 - ii. Performance of animal - able to start, stop and pose quickly and correctly.
 - iii. Exhibitor - should be alert; do the right thing at the right time; follow instructions of the judge; pay attention to your animal and the judge. Show person should be able to handle, with ease, any properly trained animal.
 - iv. Exhibitors should show good sportsmanship and courtesy (i.e. do not crowd other animals in the show ring, friendly personality, etc.).
 - c. **KNOWLEDGE**
 - i. Exhibitors should know information about his/her animal (i.e. birth date, management practices, breeding, production, strong and weak physical type traits, etc.) as appropriate for the animal. The judge may ask questions of the contestants during the class.
 - d. **PERSONAL APPEARANCE**
 - i. Exhibitors should portray a clean, neatly groomed and attired appearance. Proper 4-H showmanship attire is required.
 - ii. Attire should reflect proper safety considerations, including footwear appropriate for show ring conditions.

SECTION A - BEEF CLASSES

Classes for All Breeds

Barn Coordinator: Kevin Peak

GENERAL RULES:

1. All steers must be the property of the exhibitor by January 1 of the current year and must be tagged with a Maryland 4-H Livestock tag.
2. All Cattle must have an official Federal Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tag. Brands or tattoos will only be accepted as official identification for registered breeding heifers.
3. Exhibitors must comply with all General Livestock rules and health regulations (page 7-8).
4. Breeding Heifers must be owned or leased by the exhibitor and registered with their breed association and the member's county 4-H Office in the name of the exhibitor only by July 1 of the current year.
5. Only Steers and Breeding Heifers with purebred bloodlines and breed association registration papers can show in Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn, Charolais, Simmental and other recognized classes. All others must show as crossbreed.
6. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of five (5) market animals in each species. Only three (3) of each species may be sold at auction. See General Livestock Rule #17 for obtaining help in showing additional animals.
7. Steers and heifers must be dehorned and healed.
8. Steers must be castrated and healed, except in class #107. For safety reasons, animals not meeting the criteria will not be accepted and will be sent home.
9. Bred and Owned Classes: Exhibitors in the Bred and Owned Classes in 4-H/FFA animal divisions must be the breeder and the first and continuous owner of the animal entered. "Breeder" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time of breeding/service. "First Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time the animal was born.
10. All 4-H exhibitors are responsible for providing the animals with fresh water in addition to feeding while on the fairgrounds, from unloading until 6 p.m. on September 21nd.

SECTION A1 – Showmanship Classes:

100. Showmanship, Senior Division
101. Showmanship, Novice Senior Division
102. Showmanship, Intermediate Division
103. Showmanship, Novice Intermediate Division
104. Showmanship, Junior Division

105. Showmanship, Novice Junior Division

SECTION A2 – Beef Steers/Bulls Classes:

106. Steer, 3 weight classes
- 106a. Bred & Owned Steer
107. Bull, Under 8 months (born after January 1 of the current year)

*Champion & Reserve Champion Steer
Champion & Reserve Champion Bull
Champion & Reserve Champion Bred & Owned*

SECTION A3 – Breeding Heifer, Registered Classes:

- 108. Heifer, 2 to 3 years
 - 109. Heifer, Senior yearling, 21 to 24 months
 - 110. Heifer, Junior yearling, 17 to 20 months
 - 111. Heifer, Spring yearling, 15 to 16 months
 - 112. Heifer, Summer yearling 13 to 14 months
 - 113. Heifer calf, Senior, 11 to 12 months
 - 114. Heifer calf, Winter, 9 to 12 months
 - 115. Heifer calf, Junior, 8 months or less
- Champion Registered Breeding Heifer
Reserve Champion Registered Breeding Heifer*

SECTION A4 – Breeding Heifer, Commercial Classes:

- 116. Heifer, 2 to 3 years
 - 117. Heifer, Senior yearling, 21 to 24 months
 - 118. Heifer, Junior yearling, 17 to 20 months
 - 119. Heifer, Spring yearling, 15 to 16 months
 - 120. Heifer, Summer yearling, 13 to 14 months
 - 121. Heifer calf, Senior, 11 to 12 months
 - 122. Heifer calf, Winter, 9 to 12 months
 - 123. Heifer calf, Junior, 8 months or less
- Champion Commercial Breeding Heifer
Reserve Champion Commercial Breeding Heifer*

BEEF TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Showmanship
Best of Show Bull
Best of Show Female
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer

SECTION B - DAIRY COWS

Barn Coordinator: Kevin Peak

GENERAL RULES:

- 1. Exhibitors must comply with all general livestock rules and health regulations.
- 2. Sub-classes will be offered by breed.
- 3. **All Cattle must have an official Federal RFID ear tag.** Brands or tattoos will only be accepted as official identification for registered breeding heifers.
- 4. All animals for exhibition must be owned or leased and registered with their breed association and county 4-H Office in the exhibitor's name only by July 1 of the current year. Dairy animals in the Maryland 4-H Dairy Cattle Leasing Program must be assigned to the youth by June 1 of the current year. The exhibitor must comply with the rules stated in the Maryland 4-H Dairy Cattle Leasing Program.
- 5. Dairy animals must be owned or leased by the 4-H exhibitor before the animal is two (2) years of age to be eligible for exhibition in the cow classes. Cows in the Maryland 4-H Dairy Cattle Leasing Program must be assigned to the youth before the animal is two (2) years of age.
- 6. All 4-H exhibitors are responsible for providing the animals with fresh water in addition to feeding while on the fairgrounds, from unloading until 6 p.m. on Sunday of the current fair.

SECTION B – Dairy Cow Classes:

- 124. Showmanship, Senior (14-18yrs)
- 125. Showmanship, Senior Novice (14-18 yrs)
- 126. Showmanship, Intermediate (11-13 yrs)
- 127. Showmanship, Inter. Novice (11-13 yrs)
- 128. Showmanship, Junior (8-10 yrs)
- 129. Showmanship, Junior Novice (8-10 yrs)
- 130. Jr. Heifer calf, born after Jan 1 (under 8 mos)
- 131. Sr. Heifer calf, Sept 1 – Dec 31 (9-12 mos)
- 132. Jr. Yearling Heifer, Jan 1 – May 1 (13-28 mos)
- 133. Sr. Yearling Heifer, Sept 1 –Dec 31 (19-24 mos)
- 134. Cows, 2 years by July 1
- 135. Cows, 3 years by July 1
- 136. Bull, under 8 mos.
- 136a. Dairy Steer

TROPHIES TO BE AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING

- Best of Show Female
Best of Show Bull
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Showmanship

SECTION C- SHEEP CLASSES

Barn Coordinator: Wes Cory

Classes for All Breeds

(Wool/Fleece/Fiber entries entered in 4-H Building - see Division 13)

GENERAL RULES:

1. Exhibitors must comply with all general livestock rules and health regulations (page 7-8)
2. Tail Docking Policy – the policy for all youth in the sheep project (both market and breeding lambs) and for exhibition by 4-H youth in all fairs and shows in MD is as follows: It is recommended that sheep have their tails docked no shorter than the distal (far) end of the caudal tail fold. Any sheep or lamb showing signs of rectal prolapse will be disqualified from entry into 4-H events and will be sent home.
3. All sheep require Scrapie identification. Registration tattoos/papers can be substituted for ear tags. Sheep should be identified at their place of birth.
4. Per Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs and Shows and the Maryland Department of Agriculture, ALL MARKET LAMBS MUST BE SLICK-SHORN PRIOR TO ARRIVAL at fairgrounds.
11. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of five (5) market animals in each species. Only three (3) of each species may be sold at auction. See General Livestock Rule #17 for obtaining help in showing additional animals.
5. Halters will not be permitted for showmanship classes.
6. While showing sheep, the exhibitor must keep all four hooves of the animal firmly on the ground.
7. No artificial coloring may be used on any part of the animal regardless of class. Animals determined to have been artificially altered, will be disqualified from showing, along with the exhibitor, and will be sent home.
8. Wethers showing signs of testicle presence, unhealed scrotum, or other stag characteristics will be examined and determination will be made at that time if eligible to show.
9. Ewe lambs showing in breeding classes are not eligible to show in market classes.
10. Project animals must be born on or after January 1 of the current year.
11. Bred and Owned Classes: Exhibitors in the Bred and Owned Classes in 4-H/FFA animal divisions must be the breeder and the first and continuous owner of the animal entered. “Breeder” is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time of breeding/service. “First Owner” is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time the animal was born.
12. All 4-H exhibitors are responsible for providing the animals with fresh water in addition to feeding while on the fairgrounds, from unloading until 6 p.m. on September 21th.

SECTION C1-Slick (specify on registration) Classes:

137. Showmanship, Senior Division (14-18 yrs)
138. Showmanship, Novice Sr. Division (14-18yrs)
139. Showmanship, Inter. Division (11-13 yrs)
140. Showmanship, Novice Inter. Div. (11-13 yrs)
141. Showmanship, Junior Division (8-10 yrs)
142. Showmanship, Novice Jr. Division (8-10 yrs)

SECTION C2 - Wool (specify on registration) Classes:

- 137a. Showmanship, Senior Division (14-18 yrs)
- 138a. Showmanship, Novice Sr. Division (14-18yrs)
- 139a. Showmanship, Inter. Division (11-13 yrs)
- 140a. Showmanship, Novice Inter Div. (11-13 yrs)
- 141a. Showmanship, Junior Division (8-10 yrs)
- 142a. Showmanship, Novice Jr. Division (8-10 yrs)

SECTION C3 – Ram classes:

143. Ram, less than 1 year

144. Pair of rams, under 1 year

Champion Ram and Reserve Champion Ram

SECTION C4 – Breeding Ewes, Registered Classes:

145. Ewe, 2 – 3 years
 146. Pair of Ewes, 2–3 years, owned/leased by same exhibitor
 147. Ewe, 1 - 2 years
 148. Pair of Ewes, 1-2 years, owned/leased by same exhibitor
 149. Ewe, under 1 year
 150. Pair of Ewes, under 1 year, owned/leased by same exhibitor
 - 150a. Twin lambs, either sex, owned/leased by same exhibitor
- Champion Registered Ewe*
Reserve Champion Registered Ewe

SECTION C5 - Breeding Ewes, Commercial Classes:

151. Ewe, 2 – 3 years
 152. Pair of ewes, 2 – 3 years, owned by same exhibitor
 153. Ewe, 1 - 2 years
 154. Pair of ewes, 1 - 2 years, owned by same exhibitor
 155. Ewe, under 1 year
 156. Pair of ewes, under 1 year, owned by same exhibitor
 157. Twin lambs, either sex, bred and owned/leased by the same exhibitor.
- Champion Commercial Ewe*
Reserve Champion Commercial Ewe

SECTION C6 – Market Lamb Classes

158. Market Lamb (to be divided into weight classes)
159. Pair of Market Lambs
160. Bred & Owned Market Lamb

Champion and Reserve Champion Market Lamb
Champion and Reserve Champion Pair Market Lambs
Champion and Reserve Champion Bred & Owned

SHEEP TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Showmanship (Wool)

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Showmanship (Slick)

Best of Show Ram, Best of Show Ewe

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb

SECTION D - SWINE CLASSES

Barn Coordinator: Patricia Graves

Classes for All Breeds

GENERAL RULES:

1. Members must comply with all general livestock rules and health regulations. (page 7-8).
2. **All swine must have an official USDA Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tag.**
3. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of five (5) market animals in each species. Only three (3) of each species may be sold at auction. See General Livestock Rule #17 for obtaining help in showing additional animals.
4. Pens of two (2) must be designated by ear tag number at weigh-in. Animals not designated will not show in pens of two (2). No substitutions. Exhibitor must own both animals.
5. Swine can be clipped; however, clipping must be completed prior to arrival at the Fairgrounds.
6. Exhibitor Animal Fitting Guidelines
 - a. Conditioner Use: Exhibitors are permitted to use conditioners on their animals. Conditioners are defined as any product specifically designed to improve the health, appearance, and well-being of the animal's coat, and skin. These products may include but are not limited to: 1) Coat conditioners and 2) Skin moisturizers.
 - b. Prohibited Fitting Products: The use of other fitting products that alter the animal's natural appearance is strictly prohibited. These prohibited products include but are not limited to: 1) Paints and dyes, 2) Adhesives, 3) Hair builders or enhancers, 4) Aerosol sprays intended to change the color or texture of the coat, 5) Any substance designed to sculpt, shape, or enhance the physical attributes of the animal beyond its natural form.
 - c. Inspections and Compliance: All animals will be subject to inspection by fair officials to ensure compliance with these guidelines. Exhibitors found using prohibited fitting products will be subject to disqualification and potential further penalties as determined by the fair management.
 - d. Normal washing/cleaning substances may be used for regular cleaning in the wash area.
7. Gilts may be entered in a market class, but any gilt entered in breeding classes is not eligible for market hog classes.
8. Project animals must be born on or after January 1 of the current year.
9. Bred and Owned Classes: Exhibitors in the Bred and Owned Classes in 4-H/FFA animal divisions must be the breeder and the first and continuous owner of the animal entered. "Breeder" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time of breeding/service. "First Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time the animal was born.
10. All 4-H exhibitors are responsible for providing the animals access to fresh water and daily feeding while on the fairgrounds, from unloading until 6 p.m. on September 21nd.

SECTION D1 – Showmanship Classes:

160. Showmanship, Senior Division (14-18 yrs)
161. Showmanship, Novice Sr Div (14-18yrs)
162. Showmanship, Intermediate Div. (11-13yrs)

163. Showmanship, Novice Inter. Div (11-13yrs)
164. Showmanship, Junior Division (8-10 yrs)
165. Showmanship, Novice Junior Div. (8-10yrs)

SECTION D2 – Swine Classes:

166. Boar, under 6 months
167. Gilt, under 6 months
168. Gilt, 6 to 12 months
Champion and Reserve Champion Boar
Champion and Reserve Champion Gilt

SECTION D3 – Market Hog Classes:

170. Individual Market Hog, divided into weight classes
171. Pen of 2 Market Hogs, 3 weight classes
172. Bred & Owned Market Hog
Champion and Reserve Champion Market Hog
Champion and Reserve Champion Pen of 2 Market Hogs
Champion and Reserve Champion Bred & Owned

TROPHIES TO BE AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Showmanship

Best of Show Boar

Best of Show Gilt

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog

SECTION E - GOAT CLASSES

Barn Coordinators: Charles Hurry, Sr. and Connie Trossbach

Alpine, LaMancha, Nubian, Saanen, Toggenburg, Nigerian Dwarf, Boer, Recorded Grade, Oberhasli, Pygmy

DAIRY AND MEAT BREEDING GOAT RULES & REGULATIONS:

1. Exhibitors must comply with all general livestock rules and health regulations (page 7-8).
2. All goats require Scrapie identification, and should be identified at their place of birth. Breed Association Registration tattoos/papers can be substituted for ear tags.
3. Kids born after July 1, may be shown at the fair provided the dam was purchased by the July 1 deadline.
4. **Pre-show milk-out must be completed after 6:00 am on Thursday, September 18 for all dairy goat does. Members must inform the barn coordinator when milk-out is complete. Judges will discriminate against over-extended udders.**
5. All 4-H exhibitors are responsible for providing the animals with fresh water in addition to feeding while on the fairgrounds, from unloading until 6 p.m. on September 21nd. Exhibitors may exhibit only those animals that have met the following requirements:
 - a. All goats must be does.
 - b. **Horns must be tipped blunt**, which simply means removing the pointy tip of the horn. This can be done with a pair of hoof trimmers. Only a small amount of horn should be removed to prevent bleeding. **For the safety of the exhibitors, sharp horns will not be allowed.** The disbudding of market goats is encouraged.
 - c. All goats must be tagged/tattooed for permanent identification. Tattoos should be in ear, tail or lip & clearly readable.
 - d. All goats must be provided with a collar or halter. Prong/pinch collars are not permitted for use.
6. While showing, the exhibitor must ensure that all four hooves of the goat remain firmly on the ground.
7. Sub-classes will be offered based on registered and grade entries of each breed. Boers will be broken down by breed percentage (100%, 75%, 50% and crossbreed/commercial).
8. **Bred and Owned Classes:** Exhibitors in the Bred and Owned Classes in 4-H/FFA animal divisions must be the breeder and the first and continuous owner of the animal entered. "Breeder" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time of breeding/service. "First Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time the animal was born.
9. Boer and Pygmy breeds do not have to be in milk and should be registered in Meat and Fiber Breed Classes.

SECTION E1 – Meat Showmanship Classes:

172. Showmanship, Senior (14 + years)
173. Showmanship, Sr. Novice (14 + years)
174. Showmanship, Intermediate (11-13 years)
175. Showmanship, Intermediate Novice (11-13 years)
176. Showmanship, Junior (8-10 years)
177. Showmanship, Jr. Novice (8-10 years)

SECTION E1 – Dairy Showmanship Classes:

- 172a. Showmanship, Senior (14 + years)
- 173a. Showmanship, Sr. Novice (14 + years)
- 174a. Showmanship, Intermediate (11-13 years)
- 175a. Showmanship, Inter. Novice (11-13 years)
- 176a. Showmanship, Junior (8-10 years)
- 177a. Showmanship, Jr. Novice (8-10 years)

SECTION E2 – Dairy Goat Classes:

178. Kid, Junior – born after April 1 of current year
179. Kid, Senior – born Jan. 1- March 31 of current year
180. Dry Yearling
181. Milking Yearling
182. Doe in Milk, 2 – 3 years
183. Doe in Milk, 3 – 4 years
184. Doe in Milk, 4+ years

SECTION E3 – Meat and Fiber Breed Classes:

186. Under 6 months
187. 6 – 12 months
188. Yearling
189. 2 – 3 years
190. 3 – 4 years
191. 4+ years

MARKET GOAT RULES & REGULATIONS:

1. Exhibitors must comply with all general livestock rules and health regulations (page 7-8).
12. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of five (5) market animals in each species. Only three (3) of each species may be sold at auction. See General Livestock Rule #17 for obtaining help in showing additional animals.
2. Only wethers and does can be shown in the market classes. Does entered in the market classes are not eligible to compete in the breeding classes.
3. All goats require Scrapie identification. Goats should be identified at their place of birth.
4. Goats must be provided with a collar or halter. Prong/pinch collars are not permitted for use.
5. Horns must be tipped blunt. For the safety of the exhibitors, sharp horns will not be allowed.
6. All male animals must be castrated and completely healed.
7. Project animals must be born on or after January 1 of the current year and still have milk teeth.

SECTION E4 – Market Goat Classes:

193. Market Goats
194. Pair of Market Goats
195. Bred & Owned Market Goats

*Champion and Reserve Champion Market Goat
Champion and Reserve Champion Pair of Market Goats
Champion and Reserve Champion Bred & Owned*

TROPHIES TO BE AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING:
 Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Showmanship Meat Goat
 Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Showmanship Dairy Goat
 Best of Show – Meat Doe
 Best of Show – Dairy Doe
 Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat

DIVISION 2 – POULTRY AND EGGS

Coordinator: Cathy Kershaw

POULTRY GENERAL RULES:

1. Only **TWO (2)** entries per class. **Entries must be made on-line (<https://go.umd.edu/Fair2025>), and the Poultry Registration Form must be completed and submitted to the 4-H Office no later than August 31, 2025.** Forms can be found at go.umd.edu/SMC4HFairforms
2. Poultry and waterfowl must be tested and meet health regulations. This includes chickens, turkeys, geese, and ducks. All poultry exhibitors must fill out a Self-Certification of Poultry Health (go.umd.edu/mdapsc), provide a negative Avian Influenza test, negative Pullorum-Typhoid test and present this paperwork to the designated fair coordinator **prior** to unloading poultry. The Avian Influenza test must be conducted on at least 10 birds from a PREMISES (or if there are less than 10 birds, then all birds must be tested) within 30 days prior to the event and the birds must remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive Avian Influenza test status.
3. **There will be two options for Poultry Testing in 2025.**
 - a. You can make an appointment to have your birds tested at your property by calling Mike Trossbach at 301-481-4912. If you choose to do so, you will be responsible for the cost of testing.
 - b. You can bring your exhibits to the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds on **August 24, 2025** between 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for testing.
 - Testing is provided free of charge to all St. Mary's County resident entries that have testing completed at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds (at the expense of the St. Mary's County Fair Association).
 - Upon arrival, keep distance between your vehicle and others
 - Stay in your vehicle until an attendant comes to you with appropriate paperwork
 - Once the paperwork is completed, the tester will come to your vehicle to complete testing
 - Do not remove birds from your vehicle
 - Please keep all tested birds separated from the remainder of your flock on your premises until after the fair.
4. **If you have any questions regarding testing, please contact Bubby Joy at 301-997-6470.**
5. A Maryland State Poultry Premise Registration Number will be required for all poultry entries at the St. Mary's County Fair. Registration forms and information are available at mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/poultry.aspx or locally from the Poultry Superintendent, Bubby Joy (301-997-6470)
6. For Classes 200 and 202, poultry must have feathers starting to show.
7. The same bird may not be cross-entered in 4-H and Open Class.
8. **ALL ANIMALS MUST BE REMOVED ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 FROM 6:00 TO 7:00P.M.** Animals not removed at that time will result in forfeiture of premiums and ribbons.

POULTRY

<u>SECTION A – Poultry Classes:</u>	Blue	Red	White
200. Cockerels (1) under 6 months	5 pts.	3 pts.	2 pts.
201. Cocks (1) over 6 months	5 pts.	3 pts.	2 pts.
202. Pullets (1) under 6 months	5 pts.	3 pts.	2 pts.
203. Hen (1) over 6 months	5 pts.	3 pts.	2 pts.
204. Pen of 3 Hens or cocks	8 pts.	4 pts.	2 pts.
205. Turkey Hen	8 pts.	4 pts.	2 pts.
206. Turkey Gobbler	8 pts.	4 pts.	2 pts.
207. Ducks or Geese - pen of 2, either sex	6 pts.	4 pts.	2 pts.
207a. Pigeons (up to 5, one pen per family)	6 pts.	4 pts.	2 pts.



Special Ribbon Awards for the Following:

Champion Turkey Pen, Champion Duck/Goose Pen, & Champion Chicken Pen

EGGS

(Enter in 4-H Building)

Point Value: Blue – 5 pts; Red – 3 pts; White - 2 pts

EGG GENERAL RULES:

1. Only one entry per class
2. All Eggs must have been produced by poultry raised by the Exhibitor.
3. All cartons must include 12 eggs as specified in classes.
4. All eggs must be correctly placed in a carton with points down. Eggs must be uniform, crack free and clean.

SECTION B – Egg Classes:

208. Eggs - White (one dozen)
209. Eggs - Brown (one dozen)
210. Eggs - Colored (one dozen, **same color**)

DIVISION 3 - RABBITS

Coordinator: Cathy Kershaw



GENERAL RULES:

1. Exhibitors are restricted to **ONLY TWO (2) entries per class**.
2. **Entries must be made on-line, and the Rabbit Registration Form must be completed and submitted to the 4-H Office no later than AUGUST 31, 2025.** The Rabbit Registration form can be found at this link: go.umd.edu/SMC4HFairforms. Non-registered animals will not be accepted. Late registration will not be accepted.
3. All exhibitors must complete a Self-Certification of Rabbit Health (<https://go.umd.edu/mdarsc>) for all registered rabbits and present the form to the appropriate fair coordinator upon arrival at the fair.
4. All Rabbits must be cleaned and well groomed. Any animal whose appearance does not meet this rule, may be refused.
5. The same rabbit(s) may not be cross-entered in 4-H and Open Classes.
6. **ALL ANIMALS MUST BE REMOVED ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, FROM 6:00 TO 7:00P.M.** Animals not removed at that time will result in forfeiture of premiums and ribbons.

RABBITS

SECTION A – Rabbit Classes:

	Blue	Red	White
301. Buck - Junior - under 6 months of age	6 pts	3 pts	2 pts
302. Buck - Senior - over 6 months of age	6 pts	3 pts	2 pts
303. Doe - Junior - under 6 months of age	6 pts	3 pts	2 pts
304. Doe - Senior - over 6 months of age	6 pts	3 pts	2 pts
305. Market Pen of 3 *	8 pts	5 pts	3 pts

*Maximum weight of each rabbit in the market pen is 5 lbs. each. Maximum age is 69 days.

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

Saturday, September 20, 1:00 pm. in the 4-H Building**

**Time and location subject to change

Points: 1st-10 pts; 2nd-8pts; 3rd-6pts; 4th-4pts; 5th-2pts; 6th-1pt

SECTION B Classes:

310. Showmanship - Junior Division (8-10 years)
311. Showmanship - Intermediate Division (11-13 years)
312. Showmanship - Senior Division (14-18 years)

DIVISION 4 - FIELD & GARDEN CROPS

FIELD & GARDEN CROP GENERAL RULES:

1. Only crops and produce grown by the exhibitor may be entered. Exhibitors are restricted to one (1) entry per class number.
2. Items not standing up to weather conditions will be discarded with a tag/ribbon displayed on the shelf.
3. Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons will be awarded in each Section of each age division to St. Mary's County 4-H Members
4. Exhibits must have grown since last year's fair. Old crops will be disqualified.

FIELD CROPS

Point Value: Blue - 6pts; Red - 3pts; White - 1pt

FIELD CROP RULES:

1. Exhibitors must have participated in the harvest of all field crops.
2. Exhibits must be since last year's fair.
3. Field Corn must be displayed in a sturdy box.
4. Grain shall consist of one quart of grain in a clear glass jar with a lid. Jars must be free of printing labels, and advertisements. A 3"x5" card must be attached to the exhibit with string or tape and have the following information printed on the card:
 - a. Variety (e.g. Potomac Wheat)
 - b. Was the seed "certified"?
 - c. Intended Use (e.g. used on farm, saved for seed, sold, other – describe)

SECTION B1 – Grain Classes:

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| 400. Field Corn - yellow, 5 ears | 406. Wheat, 1 qt. |
| 401. Field Corn - white, 5 ears | 407. Soybeans, 1 qt. |
| 402. Field Corn, Shelled, 1 qt. | 408. Sorghum, 1 qt. |
| 403. Rye, 1 qt. | 409. Sorghum, 3 heads |
| 404. Oats, 1 qt. | 410. Soybean Plant (ready to hang) |
| 405. Barley, 1 qt. | |

HAY RULES:

1. Exhibits shall consist of a bundle approximately 18"x18"x6" in size. Bundle must be securely tied 4 ways for hanging
2. A 3x5" card must be attached to the exhibit with the following information printed on the card:
 - a. Species (i.e. Alfalfa, clover, etc.)
 - b. Which cutting (i.e. 1st, 2nd, etc.)
 - c. Intended use (i.e. used on farm, saved for seed, sold, other – explain)

SECTION B2 – Hay Classes:

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| 411. Mixed Hay | 414. Clover Hay |
| 412. Alfalfa Hay | 415. Orchard Grass Hay |
| 413. Lespedeza Hay | 416. Other Hay, not listed - identify |

VEGETABLE AND GOURD DISPLAYS

Point Value: Blue - 18pts; Red - 12pts; White - 6pts

VEGETABLE AND GOURD DISPLAY GENERAL RULES:

1. This class is for a display of any kind or variety of vegetables/gourds from the home garden or farm grown by **the 4-H'er**
2. The garden vegetable display must contain no less than 6 kinds of vegetables and each properly identified.
3. The ornamental gourd display must contain no less than 5 varieties and each properly identified.
4. Size of the display must not exceed 2' x 2' per exhibit.
5. Judging of entries will be on the following basis:
 - 50% Quality of Vegetables/Gourds
 - 25% Attractiveness & Educational Value
 - 25% Number of different kinds & varieties of Vegetable/Gourds



SECTION C – Vegetable and Gourd Display Classes

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| 417. Vegetable Garden Display | 418. Ornamental Gourd Display |
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VEGETABLE VARIETIES

Point Value: Blue - 6pts; Red - 3pts; White -1pt

VEGETABLE GENERAL RULES:

1. Vegetables must be uniform, clean and displayed on **a sturdy plate or small box**. Only one (1) entry per class number.
2. Exhibits should be your best product, chosen to stand up to the weather and of the same size and uniformity.
3. Exhibits not standing up to weather conditions will be discarded. Tag & ribbon will be displayed.
4. Fresh Herbs must be displayed in water with no root system. Leaves should be removed below the water line.

SECTION D –Vegetable Classes:

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| 419. Beets - 5 topped | 441. Peppers, Banana type - 5 | 461. Tomatoes, Red – 5 |
| 420. Broccoli - 1 bunch | 442. Peppers, Bell type – 5 | 462. Tomatoes, Mature Green – 5 |
| 421. Cabbage - 1 head | 443. Peppers, Chili type – 5 | 463. Tomatoes, Red Globe type – 5 |
| 422. Cantaloupes - 2 | 444. Peppers, Jalapeno type - 5 | 464. Tomatoes, Yellow Globe type–5 |
| 423. Carrots - 5 topped | 445. Peppers, Cayenne type - 5 | 465. Tomatoes, Pear/Grape type – 5 |
| 424. Corn, Sweet-Yellow - 5 ears | 446. Peppers, Other, specify - 5 | 466. Tomatoes, Plum Type - 5 |
| 425. Corn, Sweet-White - 5 ears | 447. Popcorn - 5 ears | 467. Tomatoes, Cherry – 10 |
| 426. Corn Indian/Ornamental, 5 ears | 448. Potatoes, Sweet - 5 | 468. Tomatoes, Other type - 5 |
| 427. Cucumbers, Pickling - 5 | 449. Potatoes, White - 5 | 469. Turnips, topped – 5 |
| 428. Cucumbers, Salad - 3 | 450. Potatoes, Red - 5 | 470. Watermelon, any type – 1 |
| 429. Eggplant - 1 | 451. Pumpkins – 1 | 471. Zucchini - 3 |
| 430. Gourds, ornamental - 3 | 452. Pumpkins, Miniature type -3 | 472. Vegetable not listed (5), specify |
| 431. Gourds, birdhouse - 1 | 453. Pumpkins, Cushaw - 1 | 473. Unusual shaped vegetable (1)
specify type |
| 432. Kale - 1 full bunch, in water | 454. Radishes - 10 | |
| 433. Lima Beans - 10 in pods | 455. Snap Beans, Green – 12 | |
| 434. Mustard -1 full bunch in water | 456. Snap Beans, String – 12 | Special Classes: |
| 435. Okra - 5 | 457. Snap Beans, Yellow - 12 | Largest Pumpkin – all pumpkins
included |
| 436. Onions - Yellow - 5 | 458. Squash - Summer - 3 | Largest Watermelon – all watermelons
included |
| 437. Onions - White – 5 | 459. Squash - Winter – 3 | |
| 438. Onions - Purple 5 | 460. Sunflower, seeded (1),
displayed in box | |
| 439. Onions, Green - 1 bunch | | |
| 440. Onions, Red - 5 | | |

SECTION E -Fruit & Nut Classes:

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| 474. Nuts (plate of 6) specify type | 476. Apples (plate of 4) specify type |
| 475. Peanuts-2 plants tied together | 477. Pears (plate of 4 pears) |
| | 478. Any fruit not listed above, Specify |

SECTION F – Dried Herb Classes:

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| 479. Parsley, ½ cup | 484. Basil, ½ cup |
| 480. Oregano, ½ cup | 485. Sage, ½ cup |
| 481. Chives, ½ cup | 486. Cilantro, ½ cup |
| 482. Mint, ½ cup | 487. Other Dried Herb not listed,
½ cup, identify type |
| 483. Rosemary, ½ cup | |

SECTION G- Fresh Herb Classes:

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|------------------------|---|
| 487. Parsley, 1 bunch | 492. Basil, 1 bunch |
| 488. Oregano, 1 bunch | 493. Sage, 1 bunch |
| 489. Chives, 1 bunch | 494. Cilantro, 1 bunch ⁺ |
| 490. Mint, 1 bunch | 495. Lavender, 1 bunch ⁺ |
| 491. Rosemary, 1 bunch | 496. Other Fresh Herb not listed, identify type |

DIVISION 5 - HOBBIES

Point Value: Blue - 8 pts; Red - 4 pts; White - 2 pts



GENERAL RULES:

1. Include a 3"x5" card explaining/identifying your collection (Section C). **All** collections must be securely attached to your display surface.
2. A collection that was entered in a previous year must have **five (5) new pieces**, with new pieces listed.
3. Items entered in Section C, Collection Hobby classes (#505 - #507), must include a 5x7" photo of items in collection. Collections of value will be returned to members after judging. Photo with a ribbon will be put on display. Members will be responsible for picking up.
4. You may enter only one (1) item in each class.
5. Boxes that hold any exhibit must be sturdy and decorated.
6. Building monitors & staff will not be held liable for loss, breakage or damage.
7. Soaps and crayons must have a 3x5" card explaining ingredients and how they were made and displayed on a plate.
8. Class #518 (pillow decorated w/stitchery), pillow may be purchased - only decorative stitch work will be judged.

SECTION A - Creative Hobby Classes:

500. Models: assembled from kit, including Lego kits (no rockets or airplanes - enter under Division 15)
501. Ceramics (exhibit one article made in current year)
502. Pottery, original item (one article made in current year)
503. Jewelry, original pieces (displayed on sturdy card)
504. Item made using Lego's, Lincoln Logs, K'nex or Erector-type materials

SECTION C - Collection Hobby Classes:

505. Stamps
506. Coins
507. Other collection not listed

SECTION D - Scrapbook Classes:

510. Individual Scrapbook (judged on contents)

SECTION E - Craft Hobby Classes:

511. Knitting, any item
512. Crocheting, any item
513. Counted Cross Stitch, framed
514. Braiding (displayed on card if small)
515. Weaving, Hand or Loom
516. Latch hook
517. Needlepoint
518. Pillow, decorated w/stitchery
519. Macramé
520. Other Craft Hobby not listed

SECTION F - Homemade Item Classes:

525. Wood Carving
526. Wood Burning
527. Homemade Crayons - 5
528. Candles, identify
529. Homemade Soap - 2 bars, wrapped
530. Other Homemade item not listed

DIVISION 6 - CRAFTS

Point Value: Blue – 6 pts; Red – 3 pts; White – 1 pt



CRAFTS GENERAL RULES:

1. You may enter only one (1) item per class. All classes are for individual entries.
2. All crafts must be complete - no wet glue or paint, etc. or it will be returned at check in. No Lego blocks.
3. All crafts must have been made since the prior fair.
4. Class #614 (Fabric Craft – no pillows) may not include items or split sets from Division 8 (Textiles).
5. The building monitors and staff will make every effort to protect entries but will not be held liable for loss, breakage or damage.
6. Items may be removed by building coordinators for demonstration purposes and returned to display for the remainder of the fair.

SECTION A – Craft Classes:

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| 600. Heritage Craft - include 3"x5" card with history of craft | 620. Glass Art |
| 601. Decorated Lampshade | 621. Plastic Canvas |
| 602. Decorated Wood Craft | 622. Item made using Clays |
| 603. Wind Chimes, hanger ready, no kit | 623. Decorated swag, broom or wreath |
| 604. Fabric Painting | 624. Decoupage item |
| 605. Tie-Dyed item | 625. Basketry, paper twist, fiber, or cloth |
| 606. Special Occasion Craft (wedding, graduation, etc.) | 626. Basketry, reed only |
| 607. Holiday Tree Ornament - ready to hang, no wreaths | 627. Decorated storage item (trash can, bins, etc.) |
| 608. Fall Craft | 628. Covered Photo Album, made since last year's fair |
| 609. Spring Craft | 629. Club Workshop Craft (completed during club activity) |
| 610. Summer Craft | 630. Foam Craft |
| 611. Winter Craft - no tree ornaments | 631. Recycled Craft |
| 612. Decorated Christmas Sweater | 632. Diamond Art+ |
| 613. Dream Catchers | 633. Stepping Stone |
| 614. Fabric Craft - no pillows | 634. Perler Bead Craft |
| 615. Kitchen Utensil Art | 635. Quilling Craft |
| 616. Mosaic | 636. Origami Item |
| 617. Terra Cotta Item - decorated | 637. Nature Craft |
| 618. Wire or String Art | 638. Other Craft - any craft item not listed above |
| 619. Duct tape item (100% duct tape) | 639. Camp Craft |
| | 640. Paper Craft (not origami or quilling) |

GIFT BASKETS GENERAL RULES:

1. Basket must have been made since last year's county fair.
2. Only one (1) entry per class. No baked good items.
3. Choose an appropriate container (not necessarily a basket – i.e., a soup pot for a soup basket)
4. Assemble a group of related small items that will fit in the container creating a theme. Provide a 3"x5" card listing contents.
5. Arrange items attractively. Use "bedding" to create height variety and support. Consider balance, scale, and proportion.
6. Wrap the arrangement attractively in cellophane or shrink wrap (be sure to follow directions). Shrink wrap is available at most craft stores.
7. Gift baskets will be judged on: Marketability, Design & Technical Skill (balance, proportion, color combinations, construction, quality and appropriateness of materials, originality.)

SECTION B - Gift Basket Class:

650. Gift Basket – specify theme

+new class

DIVISION 7 - PLANTS AND FLOWERS

Point Value: Blue – 6 pts; Red – 3 pts; White - 1 pt



INDOOR PLANTS GENERAL RULES:

1. Put your name on the bottom of your container. Pot or container must be clean. Pot size limit is 8" inches, except hanging baskets.
2. Only one (1) entry per class.
3. You must have had the plant in your possession for at least one month before putting it in the fair.
4. **All flowers** must be grown by the 4-H'er **except** for those used in arrangements.
5. Plants must be groomed by wiping off or spraying water to clean off glossy leafed plants. Plants that are too leggy should be propped up with a trellis or stake.

SECTION A - House Plant Classes:

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| 700. African Violets | 708. Pothos |
| 701. Begonia | 709. Sansevieria (snake plant) |
| 702. Cacti | 710. Schefflera |
| 702a. Succulents | 711. Spider Plant |
| 703. Dieffenbachia | 712. Wandering Jew |
| 704. Ferns, any variety | 713. Any other non-flowering plant not listed |
| 705. Geraniums | 714. Any other flowering plant not listed |
| 706. Jade Plant | 715. Any other hanging plant not listed |
| 707. Philodendron | |

SECTION B - Indoor Garden Classes:

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| 720. Dish Garden containing 3 or more cacti or succulents | 723. Moss Garden, dish no larger than 10 inches |
| 721. Three or more different foliage plants in 1 container | 724. Other garden not listed |
| 722. Terrarium with at least 3 different plants | |

CUT FLOWER GENERAL RULES:

1. You may put only one (1) entry in each class. Flowers/foliage must have been grown by the exhibitor this year.
2. Specimens must be in a **clear glass bottle or clear vase** and must contain some foliage.
3. Cut flowers will be disposed of at the close of the fair with bottle/vase, tag & ribbon returned to the exhibitor.

SECTION C - Cut Flower Classes:

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| 730. Marigold, large flowering, 1 bloom | 739. Gladiola, 1 spike |
| 731. Marigold, Dwarf type, 3 blooms | 740. Salvia, 1 stem |
| 732. Petunia, single or double, 3 sprays | 741. Asters, 3 blooms |
| 733. Zinnia, large flowered, 1 bloom | 742. Calendula, 3 blooms |
| 734. Zinnia, small flowering, 3 blooms | 743. Nasturtium, 3 blooms |
| 735. Chrysanthemums, 3 blooms | 744. Snapdragons, 2 spikes |
| 736. Cosmos, 3 sprays | 745. Any other flower or herbaceous foliage not listed |
| 737. Celosia, 1 stem | 746. Sunflower, cut not seeded, 1 bloom+ |
| 738. Dahlia, 1 bloom | |

+new class

SECTION D - Foliage Exhibit Classes:

750. Flowering Shrub, one branch not more than 18 inches (placed in a container of water).
751. Berried Shrub, one branch not more than 18 inches (placed in a container of water).
752. Any non-flowering tree or shrub, one branch not more than 18 inches (placed in a container of water).

SECTION E – Rose Classes:

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| 753. Hybrid Tea - 1 bloom | 756. Climbing - 1 spray |
| 754. Grandiflora - 1 bloom | 757. Miniature or small flower - 1 spray |
| 755. Floribunda - 1 spray | |

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT GENERAL RULES:

1. You need not to have grown or dried your own flowers.
2. Label container on the bottom with exhibitor number.

SECTION F – Flower Arrangement Classes:

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| 760. Miniature fresh flower arrangement 5” or under overall | 763. Dried flower arrangement 5” to 18” overall |
| 761. Fresh flower arrangement 5” to 18” overall | 764. Silk flower arrangement under 18” |
| 762. Miniature Dried flower arrangement 5” or under overall | 765. Theme arrangement: "Any Holiday" , dried or fresh |
| | 766. Corsage, any with trim |

DIVISION 8 – TEXTILES

Point Value: Blue – 8 pts; Red – 5pts; White – 2 pts

GENERAL RULES:

1. Only one (1) entry in each class. **All exhibits** must have been constructed since the previous county fair.
2. All work must be done by the 4-H member.
3. All exhibits must be cleaned, pressed and entered on hangers. Exhibitors should cover garments in clear plastic to protect from dust and insects.
4. Judging criteria: Quality of workmanship, coordination of fabric, pattern, notions, intended use, cleanliness, and personal creativity.

SECTION A – Clothing Classes:

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| 800. Simple Blouse or shirt without collar or set-in sleeves | 811. Simple jacket-unlined |
| 801. Blouse or shirt-with sleeves and/or collar | 812. Tailored jacket or coat |
| 802. Skirt, shorts or pants-with elastic waist | 813. Evening wear |
| 803. Skirt, shorts or pants-with zipper | 814. Clothing for Young Child |
| 804. Pajamas, nightgown, bathrobe or loungewear | 815. Garment-major construction by serger |
| 805. Sundress or other simple dress - no collar or sleeves | 816. Constructed garment decorated with needlework, appliqué or other fabric (no painted designs). |
| 806. Jumper-cannot be worn alone | 817. Clothing accessory- tote bag, purse, apron, etc. |
| 807. Dress –1 piece with collar and/or sleeves, details and/or trim | 818. Clothing accessory- scarf, belt, tie, hat, etc. |
| 808. 4-H Fabric Item (shorts, skirt, dress, etc.) | 819. Holiday Costume |
| 809. Two-piece outfit-lined or unlined | 820. Face Covering – must be clean and unused |
| 810. Vest-decorated or undecorated | 821. Other clothing not listed |

SECTION B - Fabric Construction Classes:

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| 830. Pillow, original or from pattern | 836. Tablecloth, table runner or 4 place mats with 4 napkins |
| 831. Window treatment | 837. Appliance Cover - toaster, blender, etc. |
| 832. Bedspread, quilt or comforter using cloth | 838. Fabric Construction Item using 4-H Fabric |
| 833. Dust Ruffle or pillow sham | 839. Other Fabric Construction not listed |
| 834. Quilted Wall Hanging | |
| 835. Pot holders - set of 2 | |

SECTION C – Miscellaneous Classes:

850. Beginner's Sewing Kit - (Juniors only) include at least 8 different notions a beginning sewer needs in a "sewing basket/container" they have decorated.
851. Sewing Kit - (Intermediate & Seniors only) include at least 12 different notions a sewer would need in a "sewing basket/container" they have decorated.

DIVISION 9 - FOOD PREPARATION

Point Value: Blue – 6 pts; Red – 4 pts; White – 2 pts



GENERAL RULES:

1. You may enter one (1) item per class
2. Each exhibit must be on a disposable plate and covered with plastic wrap or inserted in a plastic bag.
3. **All food entries must be accompanied by a 3" x 5" Recipe Card.** The Recipe Card should include the list of the ingredients, the amounts and the procedures for preparing the product. Recipe Cards must be printed or typed. Exhibits without recipe cards will receive a participation ribbon. **Recipe cards will not be returned.**
4. No mixes are allowed (cookie mixes, biscuit or pancake mixes, etc.) Cake mixes are not allowed, except in the Create-a-Cake class. Commercial frosting is not allowed. (Exception – Decorated cake classes may use commercial or fondant icing as only the decorations are judged.) Otherwise, the frosting recipe must be included on the Recipe Card.
5. Please bring the required number of items for each class for judging and display.
6. **PLEASE NOTE – All entries must be made by individual 4-Hers. Cakes and breads split in half do not make two entries. No group, team or shared product will be accepted.**
7. Interview Judging of baked goods will take place as you enter your exhibit. Exhibitors must be present; if not, a participation ribbon will be given. **Only exhibitors are permitted in the judging area.**

SECTION A – Quick Bread Classes:

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| 900. Biscuits – any, rolled or dropped (4) | 905. Ginger Bread (1/2) |
| 901. Muffins – corn, plain, or whole wheat (4) no liners | 906. Fruit or Fruit & Nut Bread - identify type (1/2) |
| 902. Muffins – Fruit (4) no liners | 907. Vegetable or Vegetable & Nut Bread - identify (1/2) |
| 903. Corn Bread – 2"x3" product (4) | 908. Cheese Bread (1/2) |
| 904. Coffee Cake – identify type (1/2) | 909. Quick Bread (1/2) |

SECTION B – Yeast Bread Classes:

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| 915. Rolls – plain white (4) | 919. Loaf – other, identify (1/2) |
| 916. Rolls – whole wheat (4) | 920. Coffee Ring (1/2) |
| 917. Loaf – plain white (1/2) | 921. Bread, Braided (1/2) |
| 918. Loaf – whole wheat (1/2) | 922. Rolls – other, identify type (4) |

SECTION C – Brownies & Cookies Classes:

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| 925. Brownies – any (5) | 933. Rolled Cookies, cut with cookie cutter (5) |
| 926. Bar Cookies 2" x 2" squares (no brownies) (5) | 934. Fancy Cookies (5) - (filled, iced, etc.) |
| 927. Snickerdoodles (5) | 935. Molded or Shaped Cookies - (by hand) (5) |
| 928. Oatmeal Drop Cookies (5) | 936. Combination Cookie (5) |
| 929. Peanut Butter Cookies (5) | 937. Other cookie, not listed (5) |
| 930. Chocolate Chip Cookies (5) | 938. Fruit Crisp (5) |
| 931. Sugar Cookies (5) | |
| 932. Refrigerator Cookies (chilled and sliced) (5) | |

SECTION D – Cake & Cupcake Classes:

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| 940. Angel Food Cake (1/2) | 949. Other Cake – any flavor (1/2) |
| 941. Sponge Cake (1/2) | 950. Cup Cakes – white (4) no icing |
| 942. Pound Cake, no layers (1/2) | 951. Cup Cakes – yellow (4) no icing |
| 943. Spice Cake, icing, 2 layers (1/2) | 952. Cup Cakes – chocolate (4) no icing |
| 944. White Cake, icing, 2 layers (1/2) | 953. "Create-a-Cupcake" boxed cake mix with additions, include recipe (4) |
| 945. Yellow Cake, icing, 2 layers (1/2) | 954. Other Cupcake (4) any flavor iced or plain |
| 946. Chocolate Cake, icing, 2 layers (1/2) | 955. Cake Balls/Pops (4) any flavor iced or plain |
| 947. Coconut Cake, icing, at least 2 layers (1/2) | 956. Jelly or Fruit Roll, no icing (1/2) |
| 948. "Create-a-Cake" boxed cake mix w/additions, include recipe (1/2) | |

GIFT BASKETS/BOXES GENERAL RULES:

1. Items should be arranged in a decorated basket/box to be used as part of a gift. Place samples of each kind in a plastic bag for judging. Recipe cards should include recipes for each edible item in the gift basket/box as well as the audience for which the gift is intended.
2. Bread items may be mini-loaves.

SECTION E – Gift Basket/Box Classes:

960. Quick Breads – 5 different kinds of quick breads 962. Cookies – 5 different kinds of cookies (3 each)
961. Yeast Breads – 5 different kinds of yeast breads

SECTION F – Pie (no frozen crust) Classes:

965. Best Pastry pie – (any) no crème fillings

SECTION G – Bread Machine Item Classes:

970. Loaf – white or whole wheat (1/2) 972. Rolls – white, whole wheat, or sweet (4)
971. Loaf – sweet or vegetable (1/2) 973. Other bread machine item, specify

SECTION H – Sweet Classes:

975. Homemade Fudge, any (6) 977. Other sweet not listed, identify (6)
976. Homemade Candy, any (6)

SECTION I – Decorated Item Classes:

(Judged on appearance only. Entire cake or item to be displayed on a non-returnable base/container.)

980. Novelty Cake - decorated to carry out an "idea." May be shaped/decorated to resemble an animal, person or idea (i.e. pizza, bunny, etc.). No birthday, shower or special occasion cakes.
981. Special Occasion Cake - decorated for a special event such as a birthday, shower, wedding, etc.
982. Maryland 4-H Cake - decorated to carry out the idea of Maryland 4-H.
983. Non-Cake Decorated Item (i.e. sugar egg, etc.), using sugar base & royal icing.
984. Gingerbread Creations – no taller than 12", (houses, sleighs, etc.) using gingerbread, graham crackers, candies, pretzels, etc. Royal icing should be used.
985. Edible Art - using food items such as vegetables, fruits, herbs, seeds, etc. (ex. scenes, centerpieces, arrangements)
986. Decorated Cupcake – individual cupcake (2)
987. Decorated Cupcake – decorated cupcakes creating a design/scene

SECTION J – Homemade Miscellaneous Classes:

(Include a 3"x5" card with ingredients and method used to prepare)

990. Homemade Butter, ½ lb. 992. Cheese, Soft, ½ lb.
991. Cheese, Hard, ½ lb.

DIVISION 10 - CANNING/FOOD PRESERVATION

Point Value: Blue – 8 pts; Red – 5 pts; White – 2 pts

GENERAL RULES:

1. The 4-H member must do the work. Please indicate on Entry Tag if "help was received in processing".
2. All entries must have been preserved within the last year (12 months).
3. Entries will consist of 1 (one) jar, unless otherwise specified.
4. Only one (1) entry per class.
5. Both standard and wide-mouthed pint or quart mason jars made specifically for canning will be accepted in class.
6. Label each jar clearly with 1) product name, 2) date preserved, 3) processing method and time for processing, and 4) source of the recipe. (e.g. Tomatoes/Date/Boiling Water Bath/#Minutes/Ball Blue Book)
7. Jams, jellies, fruits, tomatoes (low acid tomatoes need acidification) and pickled vegetables should be processed in a boiling water bath canner.
8. Vegetables and some low-acid tomatoes must be processed in a pressure canner. To process the low-acid food safely in a reasonable length of time takes a temperature above the boiling point (240-250 degrees).
9. ALL foods should be processed using a tested recipe. (Recipe sources - Ball Blue Book, USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning and So Easy to Preserve, or recipes found in pectin or other canning ingredients made by companies such as Kerr, Mrs. Wags, Ball, etc.)
10. Dried foods may only be entered in the Dried Foods Classes.
11. Jars should not be opened during judging.
12. The decision of the judge is final.



SECTION A – Fruit Classes:

1001. Applesauce
1002. Blackberries
1003. Cherries
1004. Blueberries
1005. Peaches- halves

1006. Peaches- pieces
1007. Pears – halves
1008. Pears - pieces
1009. Plums
1010. Pumpkin, strained

1011. Raspberries - black
1012. Raspberries - red
1013. Any fruit not listed above
1014. Juices-any

SECTION B – Vegetable Classes:

1019. Asparagus+
1020. Beans, green
1021. Beans, lima
1022. Beans, wax
1023. Beets, sliced
1024. Beets, whole
1025. Carrots- whole/cut

1026. Corn-creamed or whole kernel
1027. Peas
1028. Squash
1029. Sweet Potatoes
1030. Tomatoes-broken in juice
1031. Tomatoes-whole in Juice
1032. Tomato Juice

1033. Tomato Catsup
1034. Tomato Paste
1035. Vegetable Mixture
1036. Any vegetable not listed,
specify

+new class

SECTION C – Special Canning Classes (must be displayed in a basket or decorated box):

1040. Emergency Meal - complete meal plus menu (5 jars); including label with contents in each jar.
1041. Fruit Variety Pack - three jars, labeled with contents.
1042. Jelly/Jam/Preserve Variety Pack – three jars, labeled with contents.
1043. Vegetable Variety Pack - three jars, labeled with contents.

DRIED FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND MEATS SPECIAL RULES:

1. Drying foods is a method of preserving. Food must be dried enough to inhibit all bacteria, molds and enzymes. Dried fruits and vegetables are clean, have characteristic color, and are brittle (vegetables) or leathery (fruits).
2. Jars should be ½ pint size standard clear canning jars.
3. Label all products with name, drying methods, and length of drying time.

SECTION D – Dried Fruit, Vegetable and Meats Classes:

1045. Dried Fruits - any, specify
1046. Fruit Leather

1047. Dried Vegetables - any, specify
1048. Jerky

SECTION E – Jam & Jelly Classes (USE STANDARD JELLY JARS):

1050. Grape Jam
1051. Plum Jam
1052. Strawberry Jam
1053. Apple Jelly

1054. Berry Jelly
1055. Combination Jelly
1056. Grape Jelly

1057. Blackberry Jelly
1058. Any Jam/Jelly item not listed
1059. Marmalade, any fruit

SECTION F – Preserve Classes:

1060. Berry
1061. Cherry
1062. Peach

1063. Pear
1064. Plum
1065. Tomato

1066. Green Tomato
1067. Fruit Butters
1068. Any preserve not listed

SECTION G – Relish and Pickle Classes:

1070. Pepper Relish
1071. Pickled Beets
1072. Pickled Pepper
1073. Pickled Fruit

1074. Spiced Fruit
1075. Bread & Butter Pickles
1076. Dill Pickles
1077. Salsa

1078. Watermelon Rind
1079. Chutney, any, specify
1080. Other Relish/Pickle not listed

SECTION H - Pie Fillings

1081. Apple Pie Filling
1082. Blueberry Pie Filling

1083. Cherry Pie Filling
1084. Peach Pie Filling



DIVISION 11 - CHILD CARE

Point Value: Blue – 6 pts; Red – 4 pts; White – 2 pts

GENERAL RULES:

1. All entries must include a 3"x5" card explaining item, age recommendation, and educational value of the item.
2. Only one (1) entry per class.
3. All items must have been made this project year.
4. Judging Criteria: Safety; age appropriateness; educational value.

SECTION A - Child Care Classes:

1101. Toy- Original (not a kit, stuffed animal or doll)
1102. Toy- (made from a kit)
1103. Game - Attach instructions on how to play the game and give the appropriate age level.
1104. Stuffed animal, original (no kits)
1105. Soft doll, original (no kits)
1106. Babysitter's Scrapbook with pictures for a specific age group. Include age group on 3"x5" card.
1107. Basic First Aid Kit – include list of contents.
1108. Child Care reference book – a notebook that includes general and specific information on childcare and babysitting include short articles, activities you conducted as part of project work, or fact sheets
1109. Child Care/Babysitting Kit - Bag of books, toys, etc. for a Babysitting job (min. 10 items). Identify item with age level and how it would be used.

DIVISION 12 – EXPRESSIVE ARTS

PHOTOGRAPHY

Point Value: Blue – 8 pts; Red – 5 pts; White – 2 pts



PHOTOGRAPHY GENERAL RULES:

1. Only one (1) entry per class.
2. Photos must have been taken **by the 4-H'er** since the previous year's county fair. Pictures entered previously will be disqualified.
3. Filters should not be used on photographs with the exception of classes 1225* and 1255*.
4. Interview judging will be conducted (items will be "judged when entered"). Exhibitors not accompanying their item for judging will receive a participation ribbon. Only exhibitors are permitted in the judging area. **Members with a large number of photo entries will pick their five (5) favorite pictures for interview judging. All pictures will be judged, but only five (5) will have verbal comments made by judges.**
5. All photos must be at least 4" x 6" in size and not larger than 11" x 14", except sequence/story classes, which should be a minimum 4" x 6", maximum of 5" x 7" in size. (Example: Buildings, flowers, people)
6. All photos must be mounted on a firm board using spray adhesive, heat seal or other permanent mounting medium. Use a pre-cut mat if needed. **Foam Core is not acceptable. Do not frame the photos.** Photos may be mounted horizontally or vertically. Mat size should correspond to photo size: Photo 4x6-mat 5x7; Photo 5x7-mat 8x10; Photo 8x10-mat 11x14; Photo 11x14-mat 16x20.
7. All pictures entered must be neat and organized.
8. Class number 1220, 1223, 1250 and 1253 must be mounted together to show the sequence and/or story the pictures are portraying.
9. **Do NOT cover photos with plastic, cellophane, or ANY other covering. Do Not use Glass frames.**
10. The following information must be printed on the upper left-hand corner of the back of the mount: Exhibitor's Name, 4-H age, 4-H County/City, title of picture, date picture taken, and type of camera used. Digitally altered must specify what was altered*.
11. The entry tag should be attached with string and taped to the back to hang on the right side (top front) of the photo.
12. **Judging:** Composition (40 pts); Storytelling ability; (30 pts); Photo quality (20 pts); Developing and printing (5 pts); Mounting (5 pts)

SECTION A - Black and White Photograph Classes:

1201. Building, no barns
1202. Landscape, with/without structure
1203. Seascape
1204. Stormy Weather
1205. Sunset or Sunrise
1206. Flower or Plants
1207. Photo of One Person
1208. Self Portrait Photo
1209. People - Two or more
1210. Animals
1211. Birds or Insects
1212. Seasonal Scene
1213. St. Mary's County Farms & Barns, identify
1214. Action Photo - any subject matter
1215. Special Occasion Photo (wedding, graduation, etc.)
1216. Picture using trick photography.
1217. Picture of 4-H, photo that captures spirit of 4-H
1218. Picture of Maryland - captures the spirit of the State
1219. Picture of St. Mary's County-captures spirit of County
1220. Sequence of two to four related pictures
1221. Photo developed by 4-H'er
1222. First Year photograph
1223. Photo Story, 4 or more photos telling story
1224. Any other photo/shot not listed above
1225. Digitally Altered*
1226. Aerial/Drone photo

SECTION B - Color Photograph Classes:

1231. Building, no barns
1232. Landscape, with/without structure
1233. Seascape
1234. Stormy Weather
1235. Sunset or Sunrise
1236. Flowers or Plants
1237. Photo of One Person
1238. Self Portrait Photo
1239. People - Two or more
1240. Animals
1241. Birds or Insects
1242. Seasonal Scene
1243. St. Mary's County Farms & Barns, identify
1244. Action Photo - any subject matter
1245. Special Occasion Photo (wedding, graduation, etc.)
1246. Picture using trick photography.
1247. Picture of 4-H, photo that captures spirit of 4-H
1248. Picture of Maryland - captures the spirit of the State
1249. Picture of St. Mary's County-captures spirit of County
1250. Sequence of two to four related pictures
1251. Photo developed by 4-H'er
1252. First Year photograph (1st time Projects)
1253. Photo Story, 4 or more photos telling story
1254. Any other photo/shot not listed above
1255. Digitally Altered*
1256. Aerial/Drone photo

ART

Point Value: Blue – 6 pts; Red – 3 pts; White – 1 pt



ART GENERAL RULES:

1. Only one (1) entry per class.
2. Exhibitors must have done all work on the project, and entries must have been completed since last year's county fair.
3. Entries must be original paintings and drawings in all media, except paint-by-number pictures.
4. Cartoon figures, such as SpongeBob, Mickey Mouse, Snoopy and other copyrighted images such as Nike, Coke, McDonalds, and/or business names and logos, etc. may not be used.
5. **All exhibits must be mounted on a stable background (poster board) or framed (except Creative Writing classes) and ready to hang prior to arrival at the fairgrounds.** Wooden frames with wire attached are preferred. **NO GLASS FRAMES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Participation ribbon if not mounted or framed.
6. Maximum finished sizes, including matting and/or framing are as follows: Senior – 36"x48", Junior and Intermediate – 24"x36".
7. All fine art mats and work, excluding oils, should be protected with acetate to prevent smudges.
8. Class #1269 Digital art - Drawing must be entirely original work drawn by the exhibitor (no auto shapes or images or clip art from online). Print and mount item and include a 3"x5" card stating name of work, device-used (tablet, pc/mac/laptop, etc), and software or app used to create drawing.
9. Creative writing should be entered in an office-style file folder with the entry tag stapled inside at the top only. A single page may be displayed in a plastic page protector. No notebooks please.

SECTION C - Creative Painting and Drawing Classes:

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| 1260. Oil Painting | 1267. Pen and Ink Drawing |
| 1261. Acrylic Painting | 1268. Paint by Number |
| 1262. Watercolor Painting | 1269. Digital art – Drawing |
| 1263. Pastels | 1270. Mixed Media |
| 1264. Charcoal Drawing | 1271. Other, not listed |
| 1265. Black & White Pencil Drawing | 1272. String Art Work (using paint) |
| 1266. Color Pencil, Crayon, Marker Drawing | |

SECTION D - Creative Writing Classes:

- 1280. Poetry
- 1281. Short Story (500 word limit)

DIVISION 13 - ANIMAL & VETERINARY SCIENCE

Point Value: Blue – 6 pts; Red – 3 pts; White – 1 pt

ANIMAL AND VETERINARY SCIENCE GENERAL RULES:

1. Posters must be no larger than 22" x 28". Only one (1) entry per class
2. Displays must be sturdy enough to stand alone and cannot exceed 36" wide x 17" deep x 48" high. Tri-fold display boards recommended.
3. These classes are open to all members enrolled in any animal project (Livestock, Horse, Dog, Cat, Rabbits, Poultry etc.).

SECTION A – Animal Classes:

1301. Poster or display that demonstrates the basics of animal behavior and/or handling (i.e. behavior of sick vs healthy animal, proper techniques to lead or show an animal, etc.).
1302. Scrapbook or poster of 10 breeds of a specific animal species with a description of each breed's traits.
1303. Poster or display on the diseases and/or parasites of any animal.
1304. Poster or display on proper animal grooming.
1305. Display or poster of animal anatomy such as body parts or body systems (digestive, respiratory, circulatory, etc.)
1306. Poster or display showing the basic needs of an animal or good animal management practices.
1307. Poster or display related to Quality Assurance procedures used as a part of your project.
1308. Poster or display of any item relating to small animal projects (dog, cat, rabbits, poultry etc.).
1309. Poster or display showing the use of various animal by-products.
1310. Animal Halter made by a 4-H member (specify species intended for).
1311. Other posters or displays related to animals and/or veterinary science not listed.



WOOL – FLEECE - FIBER

Point Value: Blue – 10 pts; Red – 8 pts; White – 5 pts

WOOL, FLEECE AND FIBER GENERAL RULES:

1. Exhibitors may enter one (1) item per class.
2. Any producer may enter one fleece per breed, provided he/she owned or leased the animal at time of shearing.
 - a. Fleeces entered by breed should be shorn from a sheep clearly representative of that breed.
 - b. Other fleece/fiber may be from any sheep, llama or alpaca.
 - c. Fleece must be shorn in the current year.
 - d. A yearling fleece may have 16 month's growth.
 - e. Fleece must be neatly tied with twine.
3. Preparation - Fleece should be rolled properly-flesh side out and tied with twine, in such a way to allow adequate handling, but not affect the character or attractiveness. Each fleece must be tagged with the following: Name and address of exhibitor, breed and sex of animal, and number of month's growth.
4. The decision of the Judge is final.

SECTION B - Wool/Fleece/Fiber Class:

- 1320. Purebred - Medium wool (Group 1: Cheviot, Corriedale, Dorset, and Montadale)
- 1321. Purebred - Medium wool (Group 2: Hampshire, Shropshire, Southdown, and Suffolk)
- 1322. Purebred - Fine Wool 62-80 (Rambouillet, Merino)
- 1323. Colored-medium wool (48-60)
- 1324. Colored-long wool (36-48)
- 1325. Other Wool, Fleece or Fiber not listed; identify
- 1326. Mohair or Angora Fiber



DIVISION 14 – ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Point Value: Blue - 6 pts, Red - 4 pts, White - 1 pt

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES GENERAL RULES:

1. You may enter no more than one exhibit in each class description.
2. Display size cannot exceed 36" wide x 17" deep x 48" high. Tri-fold display board recommended. Poster size must be no larger than 22" x 28".
3. Exhibits must include 3"x5" card explaining materials used and how they were made for class 1401, 1402, and 1411.
4. Collections must include information about the collection by either labeling the samples or providing a 3" x 5" card which explains the collection.
5. Collections of value should include a 5"x7" photo of items in collection and will be returned to members after judging. Photo with a ribbon will be put on display. Members will be responsible for picking up.



SECTION A – Natural Resources Classes:

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| 1401. Wild bird feeders | 1410. Soil Collection (min. 10 different samples) |
| 1402. Wild bird houses, with/without perch (note species bird house was designed for) | 1411. Print Casting (min. 3 samples) |
| 1403. Shell Collection (min. 15 samples) | 1412. Forestry Educational Display |
| 1404. Rock Collection (min. 15 unpolished samples) | 1413. Wildlife Educational Display |
| 1405. Leaf Collection (min. 15 different samples from trees, shrubs, etc.) | 1414. Shooting Sports Educational Display |
| 1406. Mature Tree Bark Collection (min. 10 species) | 1415. Sports Fishing Educational Display |
| 1407. Wildflower Collection (min. 10 different samples) | 1416. Water Quality Educational Display |
| 1408. Grass Collection (min. 10 different samples) | 1417. Recycling Educational Display |
| 1409. Fossil Collection (min. 5 different samples) | 1418. Outdoor Recreation Educational Display |
| | 1419. Other Natural Resource Educational Display |

HONEY AND BEESWAX GENERAL RULES:

1. All honey and beeswax must be property of the Exhibitor and must be produced by him/her within the last 12-month period.
2. Only one (1) entry is allowed in each class.
3. Honey should be 1 lb, in a glass or clear plastic "classic" honey jar
4. Display size cannot exceed 36" wide x 17" deep x 48" high. Tri-fold display board recommended. Poster size must be no larger than 22" x 28".

SECTION B – Honey and Beeswax Classes:

- 1440. Amber Honey
- 1441. Dark Honey
- 1442. Honey Comb
- 1443. Artistic – any molded beeswax
- 1444. Block of Beeswax
- 1445. Beeswax Candles
- 1446. Beekeeper's Educational poster or display
- 1447. Other Honey/Bee item

DIVISION 15 - SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Point Value: Blue – 10 pts; Red – 5 pts; White – 3 pts

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GENERAL RULES:

1. Only one (1) entry per class.
2. Copies of plans used must be attached. A wiring diagram and statement of intended use must accompany each exhibit. Enclose all documentation in an envelope printed with the Exhibitor's name, age, phone #, and class. Attach the envelope to exhibit with string or tape.
3. Poster must be no larger than 22" x 28". No copyrighted cartoons/designs may be used.
4. Displays must be sturdy enough to stand alone and cannot exceed 36" wide x 17" deep x 48" high. Tri-fold display boards recommended.

ELECTRIC GENERAL RULES:

1. A wiring diagram and statement of intended use must accompany each exhibit. Enclose all documentation in an envelope printed with the Exhibitor's name, age, phone #, and class. Attach envelope to exhibit with string or tape
2. Used exhibits must be in a clean/presentable condition. Exhibits not meeting safety requirements (i.e. improperly wired) will be disqualified.
3. Judging Criteria: Design; Workmanship; Approved Materials; Practicality; Originality; Safety (must meet Code); Performance

SECTION A – Electric Classes:

- 1501. Reading lamp or general-purpose lamp
- 1502. Electrical poster **or** display on various wires & their uses
- 1503. Build a working switch
- 1504. Flashlight made from material found around your house.
- 1505. Extension Cord or Drop Light
- 1506. Electrical Motor Educational Display
- 1507. Robotics Educational Display

WOODWORKING AND METALWORKING GENERAL RULES:

1. Plan, blueprint or sketch used in construction must accompany the exhibit, along with a statement of intended use. Enclose all documentation in an envelope printed with the Exhibitor's name, age, phone #, 4-H County and class.
2. Attach the envelope to exhibit with string or tape. Wood Exhibits must be made of worked wood (cut, shaped, etc.) All exhibits must be finished.
3. Attach 3"x5" card with tools used, and indicate if help was received.

SECTION B – Woodworking/Metal Classes:

- 1510. Bookshelf, bookends, rack or key holder
- 1511. Tool Box, Sawhorse, Chest or Storage Box.
- 1512. Indoor/Outdoor furniture (ex. table, stool, chair, etc.)
- 1513. Decorative Lawn Ornament (planter, holiday item, etc.)
- 1514. Wooden Toy (no kit unless wood is worked).
- 1515. Refinished Furniture Item (attach a picture before it was refinished) briefly describe the process used; identify type of finish.
- 1516. Woodworking project, not listed, made with tools (state tools used on 3"x5" card).
- 1517. Constructed (non-welded) metal item.

AEROSPACE GENERAL RULES

- 1. This section is open to all model rockets and airplanes that are designed and built from scratch or pre-made kits.
- 2. Model Judging Criteria: (a) Properly shaped and sized fins/wings; (b) strength and smoothness of joints; (c) smoothness and attractiveness of painting; (d) overall beauty of the finished model.
- 3. Posters must be no larger than 22" x 28" in size.

SECTION C – Aerospace Classes:

- 1520. Aerospace Craftsmanship – made from scratch
- 1521. Aerospace Craftsmanship – made from kit
- 1522. Aerospace Educational Display or Poster

WELDING GENERAL RULES

- 1. Welding items must have been fabricated by the exhibitor in the current 4-H year.
- 2. Welding Judging criteria shall include: Workmanship (including weld quality, squareness and fit of joints and finish), overall design, originality and usefulness.
- 3. Posters must be no larger than 22" x 28" in size. Displays cannot exceed 36" wide x 17" deep x 48" high, self-standing. Tri-fold display board recommended.

SECTION D – Welding Classes:

- 1525. Welding Safety Poster or display
- 1526. Welding Craftsmanship – any small article

SMALL ENGINE GENERAL RULES:

- 1. Posters must be no larger than 22" x 28" in size. Displays cannot exceed 36" wide x 17" deep x 48" high, self-standing. Tri-fold display board recommended.

SECTION E – Small Engine Classes:

- 1530. Poster/display of small engine parts (labeled)
- 1531. Poster/display of tools used to work on small engines.
- 1532. Poster/display of one item (your choice) relating to the small engine project

DIVISION 16 – EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

Point Value: Blue – 8 pts; Red – 5 pts; White - 2 pts

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS GENERAL RULES:

- 1. Only one (1) exhibit per class.
- 2. The purpose of these exhibits is to inform others of the topic of the exhibit; it is NOT to chronicle the exhibitor's experience in a project or hobby.
- 3. Exhibits may be of any topic covered in the category listed. Project area should be prominent on the poster or display.
- 4. No copyright designs or characters, such as cartoon/comic characters or logos, permitted
- 5. Posters, Displays or Videos may be used. Posters must be no larger than 22" x 28". Displays cannot exceed 36" wide x 17" deep x 48" high. Videos should be on a flash drive.
- 6. Points will be earned under division title.

SECTION A – Educational Exhibits

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| 1608. Poultry/Egg | 1618. Expressive Arts |
| 1609. Rabbit | 1619. Leadership Experience |
| 1610. Field and Garden Crop | 1620. Service Learning/Community Service |
| 1611. Hobbies | 1621. Bicycle Project |
| 1612. Plants and Flowers E | 1622. Health and Fitness |
| 1613. Craft | 1623. Theater/Dance |
| 1614. Textile | 1624. Entomology Educational Display |
| 1615. Prepared Food | 1625. Other posters/displays from projects not previously listed or completed in another division |
| 1616. Canning/Food Preservation | |
| 1617. Child Care | |

DIVISION 17 - CLUB PROMOTIONAL EXHIBITS

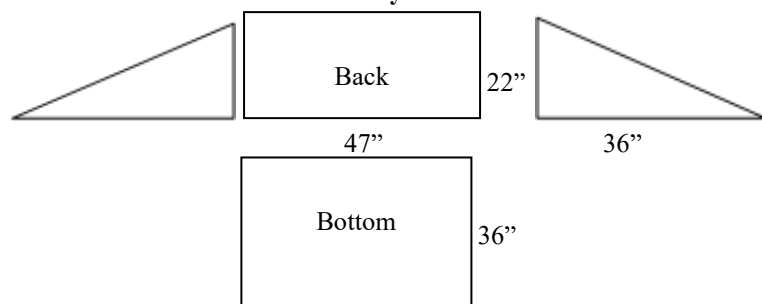
CLUB BOOTH

Blue - \$20; Red - \$15; White - \$10

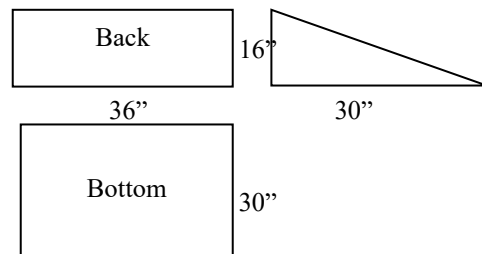
CLUB BOOTH GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Clover Clubs may enter a club booth for publicity purposes only.
2. No copyright designs or characters permitted.
3. Clubs must register their booth online by **AUGUST 31, 2025**.
4. **Work must be done by the 4-H Members.** Leaders serve as advisors only. Booths will be disqualified if Rule is violated.
5. Each club is limited to one (1) booth.
6. Booths will be entered between 4pm and 8pm on **Tuesday, September 16**.
7. Since the State Fair has revised their booth sizes, booths may be one of two sizes: 1) Traditional St. Mary's dimensions – 47" wide x 36" deep, with the back of the booth 22" high; or 2) new revised State Fair dimensions - 36" wide x 30" deep x 16" high. **The sides must be the shape of a right triangle.**
8. Pre-construction of back, sides or bottom in a self-standing manner is permitted, as long as measurements match #7. Each booth must contain a card with the current affirmative action statement as follows: ***"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."***
9. All Booths should have the 4-H Clover logo. Only legal 4-H Clover logos may be used.
10. The club name must be a prominent part of the booth. A 3"x5" card with the club name, city, leader's name and phone number must be attached to the back of the booth in the upper right-hand corner.
11. Contents of the booth **MAY NOT** exceed the dimensions listed above. Booth items should be securely fastened. Booths will be covered with clear plastic to protect contents; however, the fair is not responsible for damage or loss. Nothing in the booth may be taller than the sides of the booth where the item is placed – it should not come in contact with plastic.
12. **Judging:** Booths will be judged on their own merit using the following criteria: Effective Title (short, personal,); Conveys Message (accomplishes purpose); Attracts Attention (stopping power); Holds Interest (encourages study); General Appearance (simple, balance, color); Workmanship (neat, well- constructed); Suitable Subject (timely, personal, informative) and follows rules and regulations.

Traditional St. Mary's Dimensions



New State Fair Dimensions



SECTION A – Club Booth Classes:

1701. 4-H Club Promotional Activity

4-H CLUB BANNERS

Blue - \$15, Red - \$10, White - \$5

CLUB BANNER GENERAL RULES:

1. One (1) banner per club. Banners must have been created since last year's county fair. St. Mary's County 4-H clubs who have entered banners in previous years may hang those banners for display and publicity with no premium value.
2. No professionally made banners permitted.
3. Banner size shall be no smaller than 3'x3' and no larger than 3' x 5'. Letters, club logo, and materials are the choice of club.
4. **No copyright designs or characters permitted.** Banner must include club name and town or county name and 4-H Clover Logo. Only Legal 4-H Clover logo designs can be used.
5. **ALL BANNERS MUST BE READY TO HANG ON DOWEL/ROD SUPPLIED BY CLUB.** Banners may be removed for the parade and then returned for display.
6. All banners must be pre-registered under club name to receive premium.
7. All banners must be brought to the 4-H building on **Tuesday, September 16.**

SECTION B – Club Banner Class:

1702. 4-H Club Banner

Group Club Projects

Blue - \$15, Red - \$10, White - \$5

GROUP CLUB PROJECTS GENERAL RULES:

1. A group project must have participation of no less than four (4) club members from the same club, with equal participation in the group effort from each member. Leaders serve as advisors only. Exhibits not meeting these criteria will receive a participation ribbon.
2. Group Club projects must be pre-registered by a designated leader under the name of their club only.
3. A 5"x7" card must accompany the exhibit and include: Member's names & 4-H ages, description, use of item, tools, & equipment. If made using a pattern, attach the pattern to the entry. For Club Scrapbook, only include members' names and 4-H ages.
4. Only one (1) item per class may be entered by the group.
5. Group projects will be judged under the guidelines of their respective project division as applicable.

SECTION C – Group Club Classes:

1710. Group Club Project-specify project area.

1711. Group Club Scrapbook (judged on contents – not outside).

DIVISION 18 - JUDGING CONTESTS

Premiums will be awarded to individuals as follows: 1st - \$8; 2nd - \$6; 3rd - \$4; 4th - \$2; 5th to 12th - \$1

JUDGING CONTEST GENERAL RULES:

1. Only 4-H/FFA members in St. Mary's County are eligible to participate.
2. Horticulture and Livestock Judging will be conducted on an individual basis by 4-H members.
3. **Only 4-H/FFA participants will be permitted in the contest area.**
4. Age divisions will be your 4-H age as of January 1 of the current year. Juniors (8-10), Intermediates (11-13), Seniors (14-18).
5. No pre-registration required for Horticulture or Livestock Judging. Check contest schedules for times.

SECTION A - Judging contest classes and schedules

1801.	Livestock	Thursday, September, 18	4:30 p.m.
1802.	Horticulture	Friday, September, 19	10:00 a.m. – 4:00p.m.

DIVISION 19 - SPECIAL 4-H CONTESTS

Premiums for Visual Presentation and Photo Challenge Contest only:

Junior (age 8-10) - **1st**-\$10; **2nd**-\$8; **3rd**-\$6; **4th**-\$4; **5th**-\$2

Intermediate (age 11-13) - **1st**-\$11; **2nd**-\$9; **3rd**-\$7; **4th**-\$5; **5th**-\$3

Senior (age 14-18) - **1st**-\$12; **2nd**-\$10; **3rd**-\$8; **4th**-\$6; **5th**-\$4

VISUAL PRESENTATION CONTEST

Sunday, September 21, 1:00 pm (In 4-H Building – time and location subject to change)

VISUAL PRESENTATION CONTEST GENERAL RULES:

1. Limit only one (1) individual presentation and one (1) team presentation per 4-H member.
2. Contest is open to all St. Mary's County 4-H members.
3. You must be pre-registered to participate and receive premiums.
4. All Demonstrations and Illustrated talks must be a minimum of 2 minutes in length and no more than 10 minutes in length.
5. Team Demonstrations will consist of 2 presenters and must be registered in the age division of the oldest member. Team members must participate equally in their presentation.
6. All props and supplies are the responsibility of the contestant. Items removed from the exhibit shelf must be returned for the remainder of the county fair.
7. All contestants must be in the demonstration area by **12:45 pm** and ready when your name is called. Live Animal demonstrators must report at **12:45 pm**, but do not bring your animal with you.
8. A demonstration is showing how to do something from start to end. An Illustrated talk is providing an illustration and then telling the audience about it. Please be sure to follow these guidelines.

SECTION A - Visual Presentations

Demonstration Classes:

- 1900. Demonstration- Clover, Individual (5-7 yrs)
- 1901. Demonstration-Junior, Individual (8-10 yrs)
- 1902. Demonstration-Intermediate, Individual (11-13 yrs)
- 1903. Demonstration-Senior, Individual (14-18 yrs)
- 1904a. Team Demonstration – Clover (5-7 yrs)
- 1904. Team Demonstration - Junior (8-10 yrs)
- 1905. Team Demonstration - Intermediate (11-13 yrs)
- 1906. Team Demonstration - Senior (14-18 yrs)

Live Animal Demonstration Classes:

- 1907. Junior, Individual (8-10 yrs)
- 1908. Intermediate, Individual (11-13 yrs)
- 1909. Senior, Individual (14-18 yrs)

Illustrated Talk Class:

- 1910. Illustrated Talk - all ages

PHOTO CHALLENGE CONTEST

Thursday, September 18 – Saturday, September 20

PHOTO CHALLENGE GENERAL RULES

1. This contest is designed to provide 4-H Members with an opportunity to develop and demonstrate creative and communication skills while demonstrating their knowledge and enjoyment of photography. Participants will participate in divisions according to their 4-H Age: Clovers (ages 5-7 as of 1/1/24), Junior (ages 8-10 as of 1/1/24), Intermediate (ages 11-13 as of 1/1/24), or Senior (ages 14-18 as of 1/1/24). Pre-entry is **required**.
2. Participants will provide their own digital camera. The 4-H Office does have four (4) cameras that can be borrowed for this contest; however, the quality of the pictures cannot be guaranteed. Beginning Thursday, September 18 at 4:00pm through Saturday, September 20 at 12:00pm, participants will be allowed to canvas the fairgrounds and shoot scenes that best highlight the St. Mary's County Fair. Participants should consider variety, diversity and uniqueness when choosing their scenes. Participants must select the scene, aim the camera and take the pictures without outside assistance or guidance. Participants must remain on the fairgrounds and are not allowed to enter areas off-limits to the general public. At the end of the allotted time, participants must email their best 5 photos to bdobbins@umd.edu by **Saturday, September 20 at 12:00pm**.
3. Entries will be printed as 4"x6" photographs and judged. The top 3 in each age division will be mounted and displayed in the 4-H indoor building on Sunday, September 21. Entries not placed in the top 3 will have their best single photograph displayed.
4. A Champion ribbon will be awarded to the Best Collection of Pictures in each age division class.
5. The photo displays will be returned to the contestant; however, the originals will become the property of the University of Maryland Extension and may be used to promote 4-H on a variety of materials and mediums. Participants will be required to sign a release.

SECTION B – Photo Challenge Classes

- 1920. Clovers (ages 5-7)
- 1921. Junior (ages 8-10)
- 1922. Intermediates (ages 11-13)
- 1923. Seniors (14-18)

Fair Parade Entries

1st Place \$20, 2nd Place \$15, 3rd Place \$10

FAIR PARADE ENTRIES GENERAL RULES:

1. Clubs must pre-register their entry by **AUGUST 31, 2025**, to receive 4-H premiums. Clubs must also register their entries with the Fair Association Office no later than Friday, September 19, 2025, using the entry form found in the St. Mary's County Fair Book. Questions on the parade should be directed to the Fair Office Staff.
2. Entries will be entered and judged in the official County Fair Parade on Saturday, September 20, 2025.
3. **Work must be done by 4-H members.** Leaders may serve as advisors only. A General 4-H Chairperson will disqualify any entry where this rule is violated.

SECTION D – 4-H Club Fair Parade Entries

- 1940. Club Fair Parade Class

DIVISION 20

Date: Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 8:00 am

Location: St. Mary's County Fairgrounds 42455 Fairgrounds Rd, Leonardtown, MD – Proceed to the south entrance and turn at the “Fast Stop” to the designated horse trailer parking area.

Judge: Diana Cappellanti,, Ashland, VA

Volunteer Show Committee Staff: Samantha Dobbins, Sabrina Dobbins, Noelle Mast, Barbara Dobbins

Contact: stmaryscountyhorseshow@gmail.com

Premiums awarded:

1st place - \$20; 2nd place \$15; 3rd place \$12; 4th place \$10; 5th place \$6; 6th place \$3

Premiums to be mailed to participants by St. Mary's County Fair Association AFTER the show.

RULES – Please Read Carefully

1. This show may be entered by pre-entry only at https://go.umd.edu/Stmaryfair_Horseshow_2025 . Entries are due by 11:59 on Sunday, September 14, 2025. Entries received after that time will not be accepted.
Absolutely no exceptions.
2. Classes are limited to 20 entries per class – any entry received after 20 will be placed on a waiting list and notified by show committee. As a courtesy to other riders, please inform management if you must scratch a class.
3. All exhibitors will be charged the fair admission fee to enter the fairgrounds. Pay the entry fee at the gate then get a wristband at the registration desk to go in and out as needed. There are no class fees for this show.
4. Youth is defined as riders 18 years old and under as of January 1, 2025.
5. Novice is defined as riders in their first or second year of showing.
6. Open classes are open to all riders regardless of age or years of experience.
7. All horses MUST provide proof of negative Coggins test within one (1) year of show date and self-certification form. Numbers will not be given out to entries missing this information. NO EXCEPTIONS.
8. Placings will be through six (6) place with ribbons in each class and Champion & Reserve ribbons in each division. Additional prizes may be provided based on Sponsorships.
9. All riders, regardless of age or discipline, must wear approved ASTM certified helmets while mounted on the Fairgrounds property.
10. Patterns will be posted at 7:30am the day of the show.
11. Schooling in designated warm-up ring only. Riders may walk horses in the main ring to familiarize themselves and their mounts to the arena prior to class 1, class 18, and class 27.
12. Classes may be combined or canceled due to less than six (6) entries or may be divided at the discretion of the show committee. Any question regarding the conduct of the show shall be decided by the show committee and its decision shall be final. The judge's decision is final. The St. Mary's Fair Association will not be responsible for loss or injury to horses, ponies, riders or loss of property.
13. In the event of inclement weather on show day, an announcement will be made no later than 6:00am the day of the show. Rain date: TBD. No premiums will be awarded in the case that the rain date is utilized.
14. Martingales are not permitted in any under saddle class & only standing martingales are permitted over fences. Only standard nosebands are to be used on the bridle. No pony/horse boots permitted in the Hunter Divisions.
15. For all over fences classes, an accumulation of three refusals on course is considered elimination and the rider will be asked to leave the ring immediately.
16. The show committee reserves the right to ask any exhibitor, trainer, parent, etc. to leave the show area at their digression. Reasons for dismissal may include mistreatment of animals, verbal or physical abuse of volunteers, violation of any of the stated rules above, heckling, harassment, etc.

DEFINITIONS:

Equitation/Horsemanship classes to be judged on rider's ability to sit in the saddle correctly, hold the correct riding posture and control the horses.

Pleasure classes to be judged on functional correctness, quality of movement, including consistency of their gaits, and attitude to provide a pleasurable ride.

Hunter over fences and under saddle classes to be judged on performance, manners, even hunting pace & style.

Disciplined Rail is an advanced pleasure class which tests the skills of both horse and rider, as they execute specific gaits, transitions and movements as requested by the judge. The class is judged on performance and manners.

DIVISIONS – (classes that are grouped together are considered a division. Single-class divisions will not be awarded a champion & reserve champion)

SHOWMANSHIP - Showmanship focuses on the exhibitor's ability to fit and show a horse at halter. Judges evaluate the grooming and fitting of the horse and the expertise of the exhibitor in presenting the horse to the best of his or her ability. Contestants must work a predetermined pattern consisting of maneuvers such as walking, trotting, pivoting, backing and setting up.

ENGLISH/WESTERN LEADLINE — Open to riders ages 8 years and under of any discipline. Pleasure to be judged partially on horse's suitability. Riders may not cross enter into any other division but walk.

ENGLISH/WESTERN WALK DIVISION — Open to riders 10 years and under of any discipline on ponies or horses. No cross entering into any other division except the lead line division. If entries warrant, this division will be subdivided by ages (6 & under; 6-10).

NOVICE RIDER DIVISION (Western/English) — Open to any rider in their first or second year of showing. Any age may be considered a novice. Jumps may be trotted or cantered. Canter/lope may be split at judge's discretion. No oxers for o/f classes.

TRAIL CLASSES – Open to any rider in English or Western Tack. Each class will be judged as its own division (Novice and Open). The class will be a judged course that tests a horse and rider's ability to work as a partnership and navigate obstacles they might experience on a trail. Obstacles may include but are not limited to: a gate, bridge, walk-over, back through. **Trail classes have a time limit of 2 minutes (open) or 3 minutes (novice) per course. After the allotted time has elapsed, the horse and rider will be asked to leave the arena and will be scored on obstacles they completed**

YOUTH WESTERN DIVISION — Open to riders 18 years and under on ponies or horses. 4-H Riders will accumulate year-end points in this division. Riders may ride two handed and in a snaffle bit.

YOUTH ENGLISH DIVISION — Open to riders 18 years and under on ponies or horses. 4-H Riders will accumulate year-end points in this division. Fence height 18" – no oxers.

OPEN 18" HUNTER DIVISION — Open to all. May not cross enter into other divisions where the fence height exceeds 2'. Fences may be trotted or cantered. No oxers.

OPEN 2' HUNTER DIVISION — Open to all. Courses to be cantered. May not cross enter into classes where the fence height exceeds 2'3".

OPEN 2'3" PLEASURE DIVISION – Open to all. Courses to be cantered. May not enter classes where the fence height is below 2'.

OPEN WESTERN PLEASURE DIVISIONS – Western Pleasure will be judged on functional correctness, quality of movement including consistency of their gaits, and attitude. Horsemanship to be judged on the rider's body positions, how they sit a saddle and their ability to control the horse. Disciplined Rail is an advanced pleasure class which tests the skills of both horse and rider, as they execute specific gaits, transitions and movements as requested by the judge. The class is judged on performance and manners.

OPEN RANCH RIDING DIVISIONS - This class measures a horse's ability to be a pleasure to ride while being used as a conveyance from performing one ranch task to another. The horse and rider are asked to perform a pattern that includes changes of gait, extension of gait, crossing logs and lead changes. All maneuvers should be performed as if the horse were being used on a ranch, and the horse should demonstrate a high level of training, relaxation and quality of movement in all gaits. Patterns for Ranch riding will be posted the day of the show. Ranch rail is held with all participants riding concurrently on the rail.

Class List - 2025 St. Mary's County Fair Horse Show

English

1. Open W/T Equitation Under Saddle
2. Open W/T Hunter Under Saddle
3. Open W/T/C Hunter Under Saddle
4. Open W/T/C Equitation
5. Open W/T/C Disc Rail
6. Open 18" Hunter O/F (course may be trotted or cantered)
7. Novice Rider W/T Pleasure
8. Novice Rider W/T Equitation
9. Novice Rider Pleasure O/F - 18" – course may be trotted or cantered
10. Youth W/T Pleasure
11. Youth W/T Equitation
12. Youth W/T BRIEF Canter Command
13. Youth Pleasure O/F - 18" – course may be trotted or cantered
14. Open 2' Hunter O/F
15. Open 2' Equitation O/F
16. Open Hunter Under Saddle
17. Open 2'3" Equitation O/F
18. Open Equitation Under Saddle

English OR /Western

19. Eng/West Lead Line 8 & Under Pleasure
20. Eng/West Lead Line 8 & Under Equitation/Horsemanship

21. Eng/West Walk 10 & Under Pleasure
22. Eng/West Walk 10 & Under Equitation
23. Youth Showmanship
24. Open Showmanship
25. Champion Showmanship (1st & 2nd from classes 22 & 23)
26. Novice Trail W/T or W/J – trainer/parent escort permitted
27. Open Trail W/T or W/J English

Western

28. Novice Rider W/J Pleasure
29. Novice Rider W/J Horsemanship
30. Novice Rider W/J Brief Pattern
31. Youth W/J Pleasure
32. Youth W/J Horsemanship
33. Youth W/J BRIEF Lope Disc. Rail
34. Youth W/J Brief Pattern
35. Open W/J Pleasure
36. Open W/J Horsemanship
37. Open W/J Disc. Rail
38. Open W/J/L Pleasure
39. Open W/J/L Horsemanship
40. Open W/J/L Disc. Rail
41. Open Ranch Rail W/T
42. Open Ranch Riding W/T
43. Open Ranch Rail W/T/C
44. Open Ranch Riding W/T/C

HOW TO ENTER

Pre-entries must be received by 9/14/25 @ 11:59 PM. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Complete online at:

https://go.umd.edu/Stmaryfair_Horseshow_2025

Or complete the following entry form and mail to University of Maryland, Att: Barbara Dobbins, 26737 Radio Station Way, Suite E-2, Leonardtown, MD 20650 or email to stmaryscountyhorseshow@gmail.com. One form for each rider/horse combination.

Note: Classes are limited to 20 entries per class. Any entry received after 20 will be placed on a waiting list. As a courtesy to other riders, please inform management if you must scratch a class.

Rider Name: _____ Rider DOB: _____

Name of 4-H Club (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Horse Name(Must Match Coggins): _____

Horse Owner (If different than rider) _____

Horse DOB: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

Class #	Class #
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LIABILITY RELEASE: I/we agree that we are participating in the St. Mary's County Fair Horse Show at the St. Mary's County Fair at our own risk. I/we agree for ourselves and our family members, heirs, personal representatives and assigns, to release and hold harmless the St. Mary's County Fair Association, Inc. and University of Maryland Extension 4-H program and all their members, agents, officers, representatives, and assigns of and from all claims, demands, and legal liability for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury and/or death and/or property damage sustained by me and/or my minor children in relation to this horse show, riding or being near horses owned by myself or third parties before, after or during this horse show while on, approaching or leaving the Fairgrounds or otherwise related to this event.

Signature of Rider or Rider's Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____

Date _____

Printed Name _____