

2024 Livestock Rules and Regulations

1. All entries must be pre-registered by July 22, 2024 Only forms sent by mail or through the online system. No copies, emails or faxes.

2. All livestock entries must meet the requirements of the State of Maryland Animal Health Department and be accompanied by approved Health Papers at the time of registration. All animals must be tagged according to the prevailing USDA requirements.

3. All animals must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. All 4-H exhibitors must be registered by June 1, 2024, with the 4-H Educator in their County. All 4-H exhibit animals shall be registered in accordance with the "Maryland 4-H Animal Ownership Deadlines." All animals shall be tagged with proper USDA tags. Additionally, all Market Class animals shall be tagged with the proper 4H tags. See our website for additional information. Dairy and Beef entries will be limited to 4 animals per exhibitor.

4. Entries shall be limited to Open Youth ages 8 - 18 and 4-H youth ages 8 to 18 from Maryland, Sussex County, DE, and Accomack County, VA 4-H Clubs and Open Adult. **There will be separate classes for Open Youth/Adult and 4-H/FFA.**

5. Livestock load ins will be from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Thursday, August 8. All animals must be checked in and secured in pens with proper bedding, feed, and water by 10:00 p.m. The Livestock Areas shall be in order when the Fair Opens on Friday, August 9. Livestock may not be removed until 3:00 p.m. Sunday, August 11th.

6. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their animals. Pens, Stalls and Animals shall always be always kept presentable. The exhibitor is responsible for providing all needed equipment to care for the animals and to keep the Barn in order. The aisles should be kept clear to allow the public to move through the exhibit without risk. No washing will be allowed outside of designated areas.

7. All animals must be exhibited by their owner/exhibitor, except in classes where 2 animals must be shown in the same class. In this case, the other animal must be shown by a properly attired youth or 4-H/FFA member.

8. Proper Fitting and Showing attire is required for all classes and shall be according to the guidelines in the Maryland State Fair Book. No open-toed shoes will be allowed. Work type boots are recommended.

9. All Market Classes will be broken down based on weight at weigh-in at the Fair at the discretion of the Livestock Superintendent. Animals entered in Market Classes may not be entered in Breeding classes.

10. Ages of all animals for entry into classes shall be the age of that animal on June 1 of the current year unless otherwise stated.

11. If there is only one entry in the class, the placing of the entry shall depend upon the merit of the entry and the award made at the discretion of the Worcester County Recreation and Parks staff and County Fair Live Committee.

12. All Exhibitors, Parents, and persons working with the exhibits, or the exhibitors are expected to demonstrate courtesy and respect toward the livestock, other exhibitors, any persons working in the livestock area and the public. Anyone having inappropriate behavior may be disqualified and asked to leave the Fair. No drugs, Alcoholic Beverages, or disrespectful language will be tolerated.

13. All exhibitors are expected to fit their animals. Assistance from other 4-Hers is permitted for Junior exhibitors, but the exhibitors are expected to do the work themselves. Senior exhibitors are not permitted to receive assistance in fitting animals. Parents/Leaders may help move animals.

14. **Overnight stay at the Fair shall be limited to those youth with Goats, Rabbits, Poultry, Sheep, Swine, Beef, and/or Dairy Exhibits. Exhibitors wishing to stay at the Fair overnight must be accompanied by a parent or approved adult supervisor (written permission must be given to the Livestock Superintendent). All youth staying overnight will not be permitted to leave the Fair after Fair Hours.**

15. All exhibitors will be expected to clean up their pens on Sunday, August 11.

16. Every effort will be made to protect the entries while at the Fair. However, the Worcester County 4-H / FFA Fair disclaims any responsibility for loss or damage to property or persons.

17. All rules are subject to final interpretation by the Livestock Superintendent. Any rule interpretation or change made by the Livestock Superintendent shall reflect the best interests of the Worcester County 4-H / FFA Fair and the youth involved.

Livestock

DIVISION V – DAIRY

Class

- 1083 – 4H/FFA Showmanship - Novice (first timer)
- 1084 – 4H/FFA Showmanship - Junior (8-13)
- 1085 – 4H/FFA Showmanship - Senior (14-18)
- 1086 - Junior Heifer Calf - born after 1/1/24
- 1087 - Senior Heifer Calf - born 6/1/23 to 12/31/23
- 1088 - Junior Yearling Heifer - born 1/1/23 to 5/31/24
- 1089 - Senior Yearling Heifer - born before 12/31/18 and never calved
- 1090 – Market Dairy Steer (animal must be pure dairy breed)
- 1091 - Dairy Cow in Milk - 2 years old and over and must have calved

DIVISION VG - DAIRY GOATS

Dwarfs and Minis may be separated into separate classes at the discretion of the Livestock Superintendent except for 4H/FFA Showmanship Classes.

Class

- 1103 - 4H/FFA Showmanship - Novice (first timer)
- 1104 - 4H/FFA Showmanship - Junior (8-13)
- 1105 - 4H Fitting & Showing - Senior (14-18)
- 1106 - Junior Doe Kid - born on or after April 1, 2023
- 1107 - Senior Doe Kid - born on or after Sept. 1, 2023, and on or before March 31, 2024
- 1108 - Dry Yearling - under two yrs. old and never freshened
- 1109 - Milking Yearling - under two yrs. old in milk
- 1110 - Doe in milk - 2 years
- 1111 - Doe in milk - 3 years
- 1112 - Doe in milk - 4 years
- 1113 - Doe in milk - 5 years
- 1114 - Dairy Herd - 3 does, owned by exhibitor (any animals entered in Dairy Herd must also be shown in individual classes)

DIVISION W – BEEF

Class

- 1118 - 4H/FFA Showmanship - Novice (first timer)
- 1119 - 4H/FFA Showmanship - Junior (8-13)
- 1120 - 4H/FFA Showmanship - Senior (14-18)
- Market Beef
- 1121 - Feeder Calf - 400-600 lbs.

1122 - Market Steer – Min. 900 lbs. Animals will be divided into lightweight and heavyweight divisions. Each exhibitor may enter 4 animals total – 2 per weight division.

Breeding Beef

- 1124 - Junior Heifer Calf - born on or after Jan. 1, 2024
- 1125 - Senior Heifer Calf - born 6/1/23 to 12/31/23
- 1126 - Junior Yearling Heifer - born 1/1/24 to 5/31/24
- 1127 - Senior Yearling Heifer - born 6/1/23 to 12/31/23
- 1128 - Cow - 2 yrs. old and older and must have calved

DIVISION MG - MEAT GOATS

Dwarfs and Minis may be separated into separate classes at the discretion of the Livestock Superintendent except for 4H/FFA Showmanship Classes.

Class

- 1130 - 4H/FFA Showmanship - Novice (first timer)
- 1131 - 4H/FFA Showmanship - Junior (8-13)
- 1132 - 4H/FFA Showmanship - Senior (14-18)
- Breeding Meat Goats
- 1133 - Junior Doe Kid - born after March 1, 2024
- 1134 - Senior Doe Kid - born Sept. 1, 2023, to Feb. 28, 2024
- 1135 - Yearling Doe - at least 1 yr. old & less than 2 yrs. old
- 1136 - Senior Production Doe - 2 years and older and must have kidded.
- 1139 - Buck Kid - under 1 year old
- 1137- Market Meat Goats – Min. 40 lbs. Animals will be divided into lightweight and heavyweight divisions. Each exhibitor may enter 4 animals total – 2 per weight division.

DIVISION X – SWINE

Class

- 1143 - 4H/FFA Showmanship - Novice (first timer)
- 1144 - 4H/FFA Showmanship - Junior (8-13)
- 1145 - 4H/FFA Showmanship - Senior (14-18)
- 1146 - Spring Gilt - born Jan. 1, 2024 - May 1, 2024
- 1147 - Market Hog- Animals will be divided into light, medium and heavyweight divisions. Each exhibitor may enter 6 animals total – 2 per weight division. If more than two animals qualify in a weight division, Exhibitor must choose which animal(s) is/are exhibited in the next highest

weight division. If Exhibitor has more than two (2) animals qualifying for Heavyweight Market Hog Class, Exhibitor must choose which animal(s) will be disqualified from exhibition.

1150 - Market Hog Pairs - Exhibitor may enter only one pair in this class. Pairs may be exhibited in pens, at the discretion of Livestock Superintendent.

DIVISION Y - SHEEP

Hair and Wool Sheep may be separated into separate classes at the discretion of the Livestock Superintendent except for 4H/FFA Showmanship Classes.

Class

1160 - 4H/FFA Showmanship - Novice (first timer)

1161 - 4H/FFA Showmanship - Junior (8-13)

1162 - 4H/FFA Showmanship - Senior (14-18)

1163 - Market Lamb - must be under 1 year old and

min. 60 lbs. Animals will be divided into lightweight and heavyweight divisions. Each exhibitor 4 animals total – 2 per weight division. Breeding Sheep

1165 - Ram Lamb - under 1 year old

1166 - Junior Ewe Lamb - born after Jan. 1, 2024

1167 - Senior Ewe Lamb - born Sept 1, 2023, to Dec 31, 2023

1168 - Yearling Ewe - at least 1 year old but under 2 yrs. old

1169 - Production Ewe - 2 yrs. old and older and must have lambed.

DIVISION Z – POULTRY

1. The poultry show will be open to 4-H / FFA Youth, Open Youth and Open Adults.
2. State of Maryland regulations require that all poultry entered in Exhibition must have originated from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean flock as defined in title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations or every participating bird must have a negative test for Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid within 90 days before the fair. These tested birds must be separate from the remainder of the flock. If birds are comingled, then all tests are void. Documentation of test results shall be on MDA-E20, VS form 9-2, VS form 9-3, or comparable form. For Out of State poultry health requirements, you may call the

Maryland Department of Agriculture at **410-841-5810** or **web site**

www.mda.state.md.us.

3. The Maryland Dept. of Agriculture regulations require that all poultry entered exhibition must be tested for the avian influenza virus within 30 days of entry or originating from a NPIP avian influenza clean or monitored flock.
4. All poultry must be registered in the Maryland Domestic Poultry and Exotic Bird Premises Registration Program. All poultry shall be identified with a Maryland Dept. of Agriculture approved tamper proof numbered leg or wing band.
5. More detailed information on required testing, tagging, and certificates of Veterinary inspection may be obtained from the Maryland Department of Agriculture at 410-841-5810 or **www.mda.state.md.us**
6. Entrants are limited to entering a total of 12 birds. Exhibitors are limited to showing only 2 animals per class.
7. Exhibitors are responsible for providing food and water for their birds.
8. All entries must be pre-registered by July 22, 2024. All poultry will be accepted for exhibit between 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, August 8.

Class

1175-Perfect Dozen

1193-Rose Comb Clean Legged

1181-White egg layer

1194-Any other Comb Clean Legged

1182-Brown egg layer

1195-Feather Legged

1183-Broilers (2 pen males)

1196-Modern Game

1184-Roaster

1197-Bantam-Old English Game

1185-Capon Purebred large fowl

1199-Guinea

1186-American

1200-Turkey

1187-English

1201-Pheasant

1188-Asiatic

1189-Mediterranean

1190-Duck

1191-Any other purebred breed Purebred Bantams
1192-Single comb clean legged

DIVISION AA – RABBITS

All entries must be pre-registered by July 22, 2024

1. The Rabbit Show will be open to 4-H / FFA Youth, Open Youth, and Open Adult. You must bring to the fair a completed self-certification of animal health for each entry.
2. Entries must be in place between 5-8 p.m. Thursday, August 8. Animals will be released on Sunday, August 11 at 3:00 p.m.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for providing food and water for their animals.
4. Class, breed, rabbits age division, and ear tattoo number must be written on the entry form. Must be in accordance with the Maryland Dept. of Agriculture rules.
5. Rabbits in breed classes must be a minimum of 12 weeks old to be shown. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** There are no fur classes.
6. Rabbits will be judged by the latest ARBA Standard of Perfection.
7. A breed champion will be selected from those breeds with 5 or more entries.
8. Rosettes will be awarded to Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion.
9. Any rabbit showing signs of disease will be refused entry.
10. All exhibitors are responsible for presentation of animals for judging unless prior arrangements have been made with the Rabbit Superintendent.
11. Exhibitors are limited to showing only 2 animals per class.

Class

- 1202-Dutch Buck
- 1214-Any other Purebred Buck Small Breed
- 1226-New Zealand Buck
- 1203-Dutch Doe
- 1215-Any other Purebred Doe Small Breed
- 1227-New Zealand Doe
- 1204-Holland Lop Buck
- 1216-Crossbred Buck (small)
- 1228-Angora Buck
- 1205-Holland Lop Doe
- 1217-Crossbred Doe (small)
- 1229-Angora Doe
- 1206-Netherland Dwarf Buck
- 1218-California Buck
- 1230-Any other Purebred Buck Large
- 1207-Netherlands Dwarf Doe
- 1219-California Doe
- 1231-Any other Purebred Doe Large
- 1208-Jersey Woolly Buck
- 1220-French Lop Buck
- 1232-Crossbred Buck (large)
- 1209-Jersey Woolly Doe
- 1221-French Lop Doe
- 1233-Crossbred Doe (large)
- 1210-Mini Rex Buck
- 1222-Chinchilla Buck
- 1234-Novice Fitting & Showing
- 1211-Mini Rex Doe
- 1223-Chinchilla Doe
- 1235-Intermediate Fitting & Showing
- 1212-Satin Buck
- 1224-Mini Lop Buck
- 1236-Senior Fitting & Showing
- 1213-Satin Doe
- 1225-Mini Lop Doe

