OPEN CLASS LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS

All rules are subject to change

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:
Diane Geary and Fred Lechlider

The Livestock Committee is comprised of representatives of Open and 4-H Animal Departments including Ag. Center Leadership and Extension Service Personnel.

ENTRIES FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS EXCEPT OPEN RABBITS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 20, 2026.
PLEASE USE CERTIFIED MAIL. ABSOLUTELY NO ONLINE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MIDNIGHT, July 20, 2026. All premium checks will be mailed after the Fair has ended.

Livestock rules and regulations are stated on the following pages. All exhibitors in all departments must comply with these general rules in addition to specific rules listed under each department.

If there are questions concerning this policy, please direct them to **Marty Svrcek, Executive Director, at 301-926-3100, x205.** If you have a question about entries, please call **Cathy Shepard, Entry Office Coordinator, at x210.**

- All entries must be in compliance with State health regulations. The exhibitor's Health papers must be made available for the State Veterinarian inspection upon the animal's arrival on the Fairgrounds.
- All exhibitors must present appropriate Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) Self-Certification of animal health forms prior to unloading animals. ***No exceptions.*** Forms are in the back of this catalog or online at www.mda.state.md.us/animalhealth.

CHANGES IN PROCEDURE FROM THE STATE VETERINARIAN — PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

a. Exhibitors of livestock will be required to send in a copy of their approved Maryland show interstate paper(s). If entering online, exhibitors must provide the official number from the health paper and bring original and copy to the department's Superintendent upon arrival for each species exhibited with their registration for the event(s) in which they plan to participate. All animals that are to be exhibited must be listed on a health paper.

b. The Superintendent of the event will collect the health paper copies from the data processing office as the registrations are processed and have them on location the day of the event. Exhibitors will still be required to bring their original health papers with them to the event.

c. Exhibitors will be allowed to unload and place the animals upon arrival. If time allows, MDA inspectors will, as in the past, arrive at the event at the beginning of check–in time. However, if there are other events occurring and/or this Fair has multiple day check-ins (different species classes, open classes, etc.) the inspector(s) will arrive as soon as possible to begin inspections. In this situation the inspector(s) will check in with the Superintendent to see if there are any known problems, do a random check on the health papers and, then, visually check the animals.

1. The Superintendent will check all exhibitors' registration papers in the Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, Swine Departments. All identification of animals must correspond with registration papers. Only registered animals may be shown in these departments.
2. Please see department section for arrival time of animals.
3. Stall assignments will be based on the number of animals actually exhibited. Entry fees paid by exhibitor will not dictate stall space.
4. Superintendents reserve the right to reassign any space, stall, or pen not occupied by the exhibitor by the specified time. No exhibitor is allowed to sublet or sell any space, privilege, stall, pen, or coop without written permission from the Superintendent.
5. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their animals while on the grounds. Premiums will not be paid to exhibitors who fail to keep the animals and stalls clean and attractive at all times. Superintendents reserve the right to take corrective action in situations observed that affect the safety and well-being of the animals, and management reserves the right to remove any exhibitor from the grounds who is deemed to be mistreating any animal.
6. Bedrolls are to be made up by 8am and the exhibit ready for Fair patrons to see.
7. Manure is disposed of as provided by the Ag Center. Litter is to be placed in trash containers for that purpose.
8. First bedding will be furnished free; straw for sheep, and goats; sawdust for horses; rabbits and poultry. Exhibitors must provide all other feed, hay and additional bedding (exception: beef, rabbits, horses and poultry where all bedding is furnished.) No bedding is furnished for dairy cattle.
9. Specific rules for each species are listed in that department and must be followed.
10. Electrical equipment and appliances used by exhibitors shall be properly shielded, grounded if necessary, for safe operation. All electric cords must be Underwriters Approved and shall be in good condition without breaks in insulation.
11. The Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Inc./Fair is not responsible for the well being of exhibitors who spend the night in the barns.
12. Participants must abide by the rules, guidelines, and policies of their respective specie organizations, especially a sanctioned show.
13. No "For Sale" signs larger than 8.5"x11" can be posted in livestock barns. No commercial business advertisements or banners will be allowed in barns without paying a fee to the Fair.
14. **NO Dairy Goat Bucks allowed on the Fairgrounds.**

CODE OF ETHICS

Exhibitors must abide by the code of ethics:
Treating an animal, internally or externally, with an irritant or counter-irritant or other substance to artificially change its conformation or appearance for a show is not permitted. There will be no filling by means of a stomach pump or drench. The use of inhumane fitting, showing, and/or handling practices will not be tolerated. Any animal suspected to be erroneously entered or artificially altered by changing the natural conformation or the color of the hair, wool or hide in any way, shall be evaluated by the livestock committee and a veterinarian or expert appointed by this committee. The committee is hereby authorized, in the event such animal is declared to be erroneously entered or artificially altered, to bar such animal from competition in the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair and may bar the exhibitor who entered the animal, his or her manager or herdsman, or any and all from further participation in the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. Should the disqualification be determined following the awarding

of any trophies, ribbons, or premiums, the exhibitor of such animal, upon request of the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, shall immediately return same to the show. Individuals barred from any other Fair or show holding membership with the International Association of Fairs and Expositions or Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs and Shows will not be permitted to exhibit at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair.

"ANIMAL RIGHTS" MATTERS

By court action "Animal Rights" demonstrations are prohibited on Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Inc., property. Should one occur, PLEASE follow these guidelines:

- DO NOT debate with demonstrators.
- REMAIN CALM if an event is disrupted.
- DO NOT talk to the media regarding the demonstration.

Please alert Fair Office (301-926-3100 x205) of any questionable activities. A direct confrontation with demonstrators ensures them the attention they seek.

HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITED IN MARYLAND — GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. All Maryland entries except horses, rabbits and poultry must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for show.
2. ~~All out of state entries except horses, rabbits and poultry must be accompanied by an APPROVED Interstate CVI. An APPROVED copy of the certificate must be forwarded by the State of Origin to the Animal Health Section, prior to the arrival of the animals. The Interstate CVI is only valid for 30 days from the date of issue.~~
3. ~~Each animal must be identified on the certificate.~~
4. ~~All animals will be inspected for general health upon arrival. Those showing clinical signs of ANY contagious or infectious disease must be removed from the show and Fair. The State Veterinarian reserves the right to the final determination. In such cases the health certificate may be modified, suspended or revoked.~~
5. ~~The CVI for Maryland exhibitors must be filled out, completed and signed by an accredited veterinarian within 60 days of the first exhibition. The exhibitor should have the completed CVI form approved and stamped by the Animal Health headquarters office or a MDA Regional Diagnostic Laboratory. Record on the form the date of the first event you expect to attend.~~
6. ~~Approval of all entries for the first showing in Maryland will extend in 60 day increments through the show season providing that the status of the herd or animal(s) does not change. The CVI must be signed and dated on the reverse side by a MDA Animal Health Official at each event to extend the 60 day effective date.~~
7. ~~Where immunization is recommended or required it must be done in conformity with standard procedures and practices consistent with the development of immunity PRIOR to Show or Fair.~~

IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

CATTLE, GOATS AND CAMELIDS

Identification:

A. All cattle must be individually identified by eartag, tattoo, or registration number. **ALL cattle exhibited during the 2026 Maryland Fairs and Shows Season must have Official United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Ear Tags.**

B. All goats, regardless of age or sex must be from flocks registered in the scrapie control program and so identified by USDA approved tags, a legible registration tattoo, or an approved premise tattoo.

Tuberculosis: Cattle, goats, and camelids originating in Maryland from herds not under quarantine or restriction, are not required to be tested for Tuberculosis for shows in Maryland.

Brucellosis: Cattle, goats, and camelids originating in Maryland from herds not under quarantine or restriction are not required to be tested for Brucellosis for shows in Maryland.

Immunization:

A. Required for cattle: Bovine Respiratory Complex to include: Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Bovine viral Diarrhea, Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis, and Parainfluenza

B. Recommended for cattle: Leptospirosis

SWINE

Identifiction: All swine must be individually identified by eartag, tattoo, or registration number. **ALL swine exhibited during the 2026 Maryland Fairs and Shows Season must have Official United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Ear Tags.**

Immunization: Leptospirosis — recommended

SHEEP

All sheep, regardless of age or sex, must be from flocks registered in the scrapie control program and so identified by USDA approved tags, a legible registration tattoo, or an approved premise tattoo, before going to a Maryland fair or show.

In addition to the general requirements for individual sheep, the entire flock must be inspected for the presence of contagious or infectious diseases by an accredited veterinarian.

HORSES

Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) — All horses must be accompanied by a record of a negative EIA test within the last 12 months.

POULTRY

A MDA Domestic Poultry and Exotic Bird Poultry Premises Registration Number will be required for Maryland poultry producers to exhibit at 2026 Fairs and shows. Information concerning that registration will be available on the MDA website by March 2026.

Pullorum-Typhoid: All exhibitors must show proof that poultry originated from a Pullorum-Typhoid Free Flock or have been tested negative for pullorum-typhoid not more than 90 days before the exhibition. Proof is to be documented on MDA-E06 and MDA-E20, VS Form 9-2, VS Form 9-3 or comparable form. Junior 4-H exhibitors of broiler stock only can substitute the above with either MDA-E-16 Health Certificate for Show or official letter endorsed by a MD Cooperative Extension Agent attesting to approved source of the birds. The health of the birds need not be attested to, only that they are from an approved source. Testing must be completed before arrival at exhibition.

Avian Influenza (AI): All poultry must originate from a flock that is a participant of the U.S. NPIP Avian Influenza-Clean Flock Program. Otherwise, the exhibitor must have a minimum of 15 birds (or the complete flock if fewer than 15) randomly tested negative for AI by an official test (AI-AGID, AI-PRT PCR, or VI) by a state or federally

recognized laboratory. For exhibitors who want to test only the birds exhibited, all of the birds to be shown must be tested for AI at least 20 days prior to the event and be negative. The results will be good for 20 days after insurance. Certification will be revoked if tested birds are commingled with non-tested birds. The samples should only be collected by a State Dept. of Ag. Animal Health staff, an accredited veterinarian or a state-certified poultry technician. A flock wherein at least 30 birds or complete flock were tested negative for AI will qualify to register as a US NPIP Avian Influenza-Clean flock and will only need to be retested every 90 days to maintain that status, provided no untested poultry was commingled during that period. All poultry entries must be individually tagged and shall be accompanied by MDA-E06 and MDA-E20, USDA VS Form 9-3 or a CVI indicating negative avian influenza test results.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions please feel free to call 410-841-5810 or write to the : Maryland Department of Agriculture, Animal Health Section, 50 S. Truman Park Way, Annapolis, MD 21401.

FAXED SHOW CERTIFICATES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AT THE SHOWS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED!

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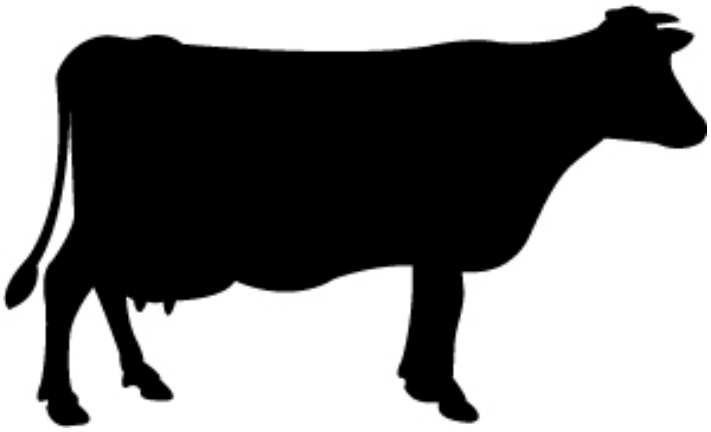

OPEN CLASS DAIRY CATTLE
Department A

SUPERINTENDENT

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COMMITTEE

Diane and Dale Geary, Kristi Geary, Michele Gerhart, Mandy and Ronnie German, and Debbie and Robert Malone

SHOW TIMES

Tuesday, Aug. 18
- 1pm: Ayrshire and Guernsey

Tuesday, Aug. 18
- 6pm: Jersey

Wednesday, Aug. 19
- 1pm: Brown Swiss, and Milking Shorthorn

Wednesday, Aug. 19
- 6pm: Holstein

Thursday, Aug. 20
- 8pm: Supreme Champion Selections

ENTRY DEADLINE: July 20, 2026

Use Open Livestock Entry Form at mcagfair.com
For Online Entry visit mcagfair.com

After Midnight on July 20, Open Dairy entries will be accepted online only with a $50.00 late fee per exhibitor until midnight on August 1st. No entries will be accepted after August 1st.

ENTRY FEE

$7 per head
Montgomery County 4-H/FFA/YOUTH: $2 per head
ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

ENTRY TIMES

No later than Monday at 10am