GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

Mission Statement: The mission of the Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Inc., is to coordinate the efforts of our volunteers to present the annual Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. This event provides the opportunity for 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) members to exhibit their livestock, homemaking and craft projects. We also focus on promoting the science and preservation of agriculture in Montgomery County and educating Fair patrons and the community regarding agricultural related topics.

Rules are subject to change, please consult the Fair website at mcagfair.com for the most current information.

1. Every animal and article upon the grounds will be subject to the rules and regulations of the Ag Center. While every precaution will be taken for the safekeeping of the same, the Ag Center will, in no case, be responsible for any loss, damage or accident, which may occur. The Montgomery County Agricultural Fair will not be held liable for loss by fire, burglary, or theft of property belonging to any persons or organizations. Security personnel will be available on the grounds; however, this does not imply responsibility on the part of the Ag Center for theft, damage, accident, etc.
2. The gates will open to the public at 10am and close at 11pm each day during the exhibition. Exception: gates open at 3pm, Friday, August 14, 2026. The Fair closes at midnight each Friday & Saturday, and closes at 11pm on Sunday - Thursday.
3. No bills, posters or advertising stickers are allowed on the fences, buildings, telephone poles or other surfaces.
4. No illegal or disorderly conduct will be permitted.
5. No parking or driving on Maple, Hickory, Sycamore or Red Oak Avenues is permitted from 10am to midnight.
6. Exhibitors must abide by Fire Code regulations, which include no parking in designated fire lanes, no smoking in barns or buildings, and no propane tanks or other combustible materials in barns, trucks, or buildings. There is a $250 fine per fire code violation.
7. Exhibitors must read the rules and expectations for participation in the MCAC Fair and promise to support and practice humane treatment of animals at all times.
8. Only those dress costumes, or costume components that are part of a Fair performance contract or have been approved by the Fair Planning Committee or Board of Directors are allowed on the Fairgrounds property. The Agricultural Center reserves the right to deny access or remove those who are found, in the Agricultural Center's sole discretion, to be causing a disruption or not complying with the family-oriented nature of the Fair. Fair performance contracts allow the Agricultural Center to regulate behavior and enforce conduct standards in keeping with the Agricultural Center's family-oriented events.
9. ***"The Montgomery County Fairgrounds is a "Non-Bullying Zone". The repeated and intentional use of force, coercion, verbal abuse, hurtful teasing, insults, gestures, physical threats, outright intimidation or subtle actions directed at another person will not be tolerated and must be reported to an adult."***

ENTRIES

10. All exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor.
11. Entries are open to Montgomery County residents or out-of-county Montgomery County Agricultural Center members who have been granted a waiver, or as designated by individual departments. Exception: open class animal exhibitors may come from anywhere in the United States.
12. Entries are due and must be postmarked by July 20, 2026. Entries must be made on the regulation entry forms furnished by the Fair and all entry fees enclosed. Make all entry checks payable to The Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Inc., and mail to: 16 Chestnut Street, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877. Use certified mail when sending entries via US Postal Service. Lost mail will NOT be accepted as an excuse for late entry.
13. ***ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MIDNIGHT, JULY 20, 2026.***
14. The Ag Center reserves the right to accept or reject an exhibitor without giving reason for doing so. Any exhibitor displaying behavior that is deemed inappropriate will be removed from the Fairgrounds. The Ag Center further reserves the right to remove any exhibit or person without being liable for compensation. Participating or attending the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair is a privilege and not a right. Exhibitors and their associated participants are expected to behave in a respectful and courteous manner while following our rules and regulations. Any exhibitor or associated participants who engage in unlawful activity, such as intimidation, flashing gang related signs, engaging in criminal activity and/or committing overt acts to cause disruption or incite disorder while attending the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, or non-Fair events on the Fairgrounds are subject to ejection, being barred from the premises, being issued a trespass notice and possible arrest at the sole discretion of Ag Center management. If any person(s) including an Exhibitor or a family member of the Exhibitor or associated exhibitor participant, but not limited thereto, has been found in violation of the Rules, Regulations and Provisions of the 4-H, FFA, the International Association of Affairs and Expositions (IAFE), MAAFS (Maryland Association of Agricultural Fair and Shows) and/or other Fairs and Shows, the Fair in its sole discretion, may bar, deny, and exclude any person(s) or animals of such person(s) from participating in any activities, programs and events of the Fair or any non-Fair activities on the Fair Grounds and/or use of the Fairgrounds for any reason.
15. All animal exhibitors must provide the department Superintendent or designee with a self-certification of animal health prior to unloading. Animals may not be removed from trailers until this task has been completed. This form is available at www.mda.state.md.us.
16. Rabies Certification for applicable breeds must be presented to the department Superintendent or designee upon arrival at the Fairgrounds.
17. **NO Dairy Goat Bucks allowed on the Fairgrounds.**

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE OF ENTRIES

18. Animals will be expected for check-in between the hours of 6am and midnight on Saturday. Exhibitors wishing to arrive between midnight and 6am, Sunday, must contact the department Superintendent to make arrangements. Refer to species sections for specific details. All animals shall remain on the grounds until released on the last Saturday of the Fair at 9pm or at the discretion of the Superintendent.
19. Any exhibitors wishing to remove their exhibit before the close of the Fair must possess a written statement for removal recommended by the Superintendent of the proper department. In the case of animals, early departures are allowed only if animals are entered in another show, in which case, verification of the entry from the Show Secretary must be received at check-in.
20. All premiums will be forfeited upon early removal of an exhibit before the designated departure time for that department.

JUDGING

21. Every entry that is entered for competition will be registered by number. The names of the exhibitors will not be attached to the entries until after the awards have been given.
22. Competitors attempting to interfere with judging will forfeit entry fees and the right to compete. All judges' decisions are final.
23. No animal or article can take more than one premium, except cattle, sheep, swine, horses, dogs, and goats, which compete for group and special prizes.
24. All animals or articles competing for the same prizes must be brought together publicly for judging and comply with any reasonable request made by the Judge or Superintendent of that department.
25. When there is one exhibitor in a class, the Judge(s) will award only one premium - the highest or a lower one as may be determined by the Judge(s) who will in no case award a premium where there is no merit.
26. Show Committee and Superintendents reserve the right to divide, combine, or cancel classes if necessary and to refuse any entry.
27. ***4-H Protest*** -

1. A protest, must pertain to an observed violation of a Montgomery County Fair rule or 4-H rule, or management of written processes. This includes procedures used for 4-H Livestock sales, weigh-in, tagging, showing, and 4-H events that occur at the Fair. A protest cannot pertain to behavior of 4-H member, volunteer, or family member. Complaints about behavior must be reported directly to the 4-H Educator(s) immediately. Protesting the official placing by a judge is not a rule infraction that is eligible for protest.
2. Eligibility: A 4-H Protest can be submitted by 4-H members, parents or guardians of Montgomery County 4-H members, superintendents, judges, UME 4-H volunteers, and Fair officials. Members of the general public are ineligible to file a protest. Anonymous protests will not be accepted.
3. Judging: Livestock Shows and related judging procedures will not be interrupted or delayed for pending protests.
4. ***Process***:

a. A written protest form must be handed in to the Executive Director, Fair President and/or the Fair Chairman within 12hrs of the observed violation with a $250 USD protest fee in cash only. The fee will be refunded if the complaint is held legitimate. If the protest is determined without foundation, the protest filing fee is forfeited to the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. Protest forms can be found in the Fair Office.

b. The Executive Director, President and/or Fair Chairman will notify the Extension Educator or Designee of the filed protest as soon as possible.

c. The Extension Educator, Executive Director, President of the Fair Board of Directors, Fair Chairman, and the superintendent or department chairperson will determine if the protest has merit and worthy of additional consideration.

d. If determined that the protest has merit, a Protest Review Committee will be convened by the President that will include, but not be limited to; the Executive Director, Fair Chairman, President, Extension Educator or designee, 4-H department superintendent, and others as might be appropriate.

e. The Protest Review Committee will review all relevant Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, 4-H Division, and Department rules and processes, the content of the protest, and evidence supporting or refuting the protest claim. The Committee will review documentation relevant to the protest and interview individuals who witnessed the protested activity or may have relevant knowledge and expertise.

f. Once the Protest Review Committee has reviewed the claim and rules, processes, and policies, Montgomery County 4-H faculty and staff, including, but not limited to, the Educator(s), Area Extension Director, or designee(s) will make the final decision.

g. A written response will be provided to the individual who submitted the protest.

h. Copies of all records related to the protest will be kept in the Fair Office and the 4-H Extension Office for no less than 2 years.

i. All written and verbal discussion pertaining to the claim(s) are confidential and not for distribution.

j. Montgomery County Agricultural Fair leadership reserves the right to take additional action outside of the 4-H protest response, as appropriate.

28. ***Open Class Protest Process*** - Written protests of alleged rule infractions must be filed in writing, using the Appeal/Protest Form, and turned into the Fair Chairman, President of the Board of Directors or the Executive Director within 12 hours of the observed violation with a $250 dollar cash protest fee. The fee will be refunded if the complaint is held legitimate. The Department Superintendent or Chairperson will be contacted as soon as possible to begin the review process. Each protest will be reviewed by the Department Superintendent, Fair Chairman and the Executive Director to determine merit. If the complaint is found to be credible, an Oversight Committee, appointed by the President, will be convened that will include, but not be limited to, the Executive Director, Fair Chairman, and others as might be appropriate. The president will designate the Oversight Committee Chairperson. The committee will have the responsibility for making a decision regarding the merit of the protest.
29. Scheduled shows will occur as planned and will not be postponed or cancelled to adjudicate a protest.

PREMIUMS

30. All premiums as recorded by the department clerk shall be mailed to the exhibitors following the close of Fair. Exhibitors must include their correct address when submitting entries, or upon arrival, in order to receive premiums. Every effort will be made to correctly mail premiums returned to the Fair until October 31, 2026.
31. Any discrepancies or questions regarding premiums must be made in writing and mailed to the Fair Office by September 30, 2026. The form for this request is included with the premium check. ***Premium checks must be cashed within 90 days of issuance. Any checks not cashed within that time are considered a donation to the fair and WILL NOT BE RE-ISSUED. NO EXCEPTIONS!***
32. **Any Exhibitor receiving premium awards totaling $600 or more must complete a W-9 form before their premium check will be mailed.**

ANIMAL POLICY

33. During Fair time, no animals are allowed on Ag Center property unless they are registered for exhibition at that time or they have been granted a special Ag Center permit.
34. Owners of animals granted a permit by the Ag Center shall abide by all restrictions imposed by the Ag Center.

GOLF CARTS, SCOOTERS, ETC.

35. Unauthorized golf carts, scooters, gators, cushman's, mules, segway's, etc. are not permitted on Ag Center property.
36. Segway use is permitted by special approval for law enforcement and Fair management personnel only.

FAIR ANIMAL HEALTH

If the health of an animal is in question, the department Superintendent will contact the Fair veterinarian to perform an assessment. If there is cause to consider additional action, the Superintendent will contact either a Fair Chairperson or the Executive Director who will convene a committee of at least three of the following persons: Fair

veterinarian, Department Superintendent, Fair Chairperson, Executive Director, or Board of Directors member to determine next steps that could include, but not limited to: taking no action, sending the animal home, etc. The decision of the Committee is final.

TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

The Montgomery County Agricultural Fair (MCAF) supports animal welfare principles which seek to ensure and improve the treatment and well being of all animals during our Fair. Supporting animal welfare means believing proper care that is dictated by the Maryland State Department of Agriculture (MDA), U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Animal Control Officer for the City of Gaithersburg is implemented at all times. It is our belief and mission that every animal participating in the activities of the MCAF shall at all times be provided proper care and management. The primary care, custody, and control of the animals brought to the MCAF is the responsibility of our exhibitors who agree to support principles related to humane treatment of animals. Our department Superintendants, chairpersons, Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers shall monitor, document, and report to the Fair Office at (301) 926-3100 x205, any concerns regarding animal health or welfare on the Fair grounds. In the event there is an animal welfare concern, a witness should immediately contact the Fair's main office at the number listed above.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REQUIREMENTS

The MDA Animal Health Section strives in safeguarding Maryland's animal industries at our Fairs and Shows. With an increased potential of disease transmission occurring when large numbers of animals gather for exhibition, MDA has set forth requirements for exhibitors to follow at Maryland Fairs and Shows. As an exhibitor you can help reduce the potential risk of introduction and spread of infectious and/or contagious diseases by following the species specific health requirements as specified below.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Exhibitors shall ensure that the animals they present at fairs or shows are in good health. Any animals showing signs of contagious or infectious disease are not permitted to enter or remain at the exhibition. All exhibitors must adhere to the MDA Animal Health Rejection Policy.

General Requirements (COMAR 15.11.14.04-06)

1. **Exhibitor Requirements:** Exhibitors at state, county, and district fairs, along with other livestock exhibitions, expositions, and shows are required to comply with regulatory provisions of the State of Maryland relating to animal health as noted in COMAR 15.11.14.04-06. These requirements are summarized below.
2. **Requirements Apply to All Livestock:** Livestock - means those species of animals used for human food or fiber or those species of animals used for service to humans. This includes but not limited to cattle, sheep, new world camelids (llamas, alpacas, vicunas, and guanacos), goats, bison, privately owned cervids, ratites (cassowaries, kiwis, ostriches, and emus), swine, equine, poultry, aquaculture, and rabbits. Livestock does not include dogs and cats.
3. **Documentation:** Documentation is required for entry of all livestock and is described below. Examples of forms can be obtained by clicking on links. For out-of-state animals, see species specific out of state requirements.

   Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection — a legible record, made on an official form of the state of origin, issued by an accredited veterinarian, issued for animals being imported to or exported from this state within 30 days before the importation or exportation of the animals it describes which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of destination.

   Intrastate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection — a legible record, made on an official form of the state of origin, issued by an accredited veterinarian, issued for animals being shown within the state and not crossing a state line, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of that state. In Maryland, it is good for entire show season (Jan. 1–Dec. 31).

   Self Certification — a document signed by the owner/caretaker/transporter stating that the animals presented for exhibition are not showing any signs of, or having recent exposure to (within 21 days) infectious or contagious diseases. See species specific requirement for copies of species specific Self Certification Forms.

   Test Report Forms — Testing is required for some species. Examples are shown below:
   – Avian Influenza Testing Report
   – Pullorum-Typhoid Testing Report
   – Coggins Test Report (Equine Infectious Anemia)

   Maryland Poultry Premises Identification — All premises with poultry are required to be registered in Maryland.
4. Livestock with clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases or external parasites (such as, but not limited to, active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair, sore mouth, caseous lymphadenitis, mange, or multiple warts easily visible without close examination) are not permitted entry or allowed to remain at the exhibition.
5. Upon request, a person who exhibits livestock shall present for inspection all reports, test charts, and appropriate health certificates required to accompany the livestock.
6. All Maryland entries must be accompanied by an Intrastate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for show, except Equine, Poultry and Rabbits. The Intrastate CVI is valid for the entire show season (Jan. 1–Dec. 31), providing that the status of the herd or animal(s) does not change.
7. The Intrastate CVI must be filled out, completed, and signed by an accredited veterinarian using the proper CVI form. The veterinarian is required to send the original top (white) copy to MDA Headquarters, the middle (yellow) transport copy is to be retained by the owner of the livestock, and the last (pink) copy is for the veterinarian's records.
8. All out-of-state entries must be accompanied by an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. An APPROVED copy of this certificate must be forwarded by the State of Origin to the Animal Health Section. The Interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of inspection.
9. Each animal must be properly identified on the Intrastate or Interstate CVI.
10. Self-certification forms must be filled out within 24 hours prior to loading and presented upon request to the designated representative.
11. **By authority of the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 15.11.14.06, Exhibitor Requirements), the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Animal Health Program now require that ALL cattle and 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.** For Open Class questions contact Maryland Department of Agriculture at 410-841-5810. For questions with 4-H contact Catherine Savage, at 240-812-2312.

SPECIES SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general requirements above, specific requirements by species are shown below:

CATTLE

A. All Cattle: General Requirements:

Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be a legible tattoo, official MDA approved metal ear tag, or registration num-

ber. ALL cattle exhibited must have Official United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Ear Tags.

B. Maryland Cattle

Brucellosis: Maryland is a Bovine Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland cattle.

Tuberculosis: Maryland is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland cattle.

Immunization: Bovine Respiratory Complex is required on all Maryland cattle to include Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Bovine Viral Diarrhea, Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis and Parainfluenza. Leptospirosis is recommended.

C. Out-of-State Cattle

Brucellosis:

1. Bovine Brucellosis Class Free State, Region, or Zone
   a. No brucellosis test is required.
2. Non-Bovine Brucellosis Class Free State, Region, or Zone
   a. Must have official vaccinates under 24 months old with vaccination dates recorded on the Interstate CVI, or
   b. Must be tested negative within 30 days before entry.

Tuberculosis:

1. Accredited Tuberculosis Free States, Region or Zone
   a. No tuberculin test required.
2. Modified Accredited Advanced or lower Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)
   a. All cattle over 6 months of age shall comply with the following:

- Cattle must originate from a herd where a complete herd test was conducted within the past 12 months; progeny from such herds born since that test may be imported without a tuberculin test, or
- Any individual animal, over 6 months, entering Maryland must have a negative tuberculin test within 60 days before import.
- Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate.

SWINE

A. Maryland Swine

Identification:

1. Swine shall be identified by an MDA approved official ear tag, tattoo, or recognized breed ear notch. **ALL swine exhibited must have Official United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Ear Tags.**
2. Ear notch identification is acceptable for barrows, crossbred gilts, and breeding swine.

Brucellosis: Maryland is a Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland swine.

Tuberculosis: Maryland is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland swine.

Immunization: Leptospirosis is recommended.

B. Out-of-State Swine

Identification:

1. Individually identified by an MDA approved official ear tag, tattoo or recognized breed ear notch.
2. Ear notch identification is not acceptable for crossbred animals.

Brucellosis: All swine, expect barrows, 6 months of age and older shall be negative to an official test for brucellosis within 30 days prior to exhibition entry, or originate directly from a validated brucellosis-free herd.

Pseudorabies: Swine over 6 months of age shall be negative to an official test for Pseudorabies conducted within 30 days prior to exhibition entry, or originate immediately and directly from a qualified Pseudorabies negative herd.

Immunization: Leptospirosis is recommended.

SHEEP

A. All Sheep: General Requirements

Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be by an official USDA scrapie ear tattoo or MDA approved official metal or plastic tag. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader. Ear tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal. When using an ear tag, the tag must indicate the premises ID and state of origin. The tag number must be assigned by a state or APHIS representative and recorded in the Scrapie Record Database. Contact the USDA at 410-349-9708 for ear tags.

B. Maryland and Out-of-State Sheep

No additional requirements.

C. Market Lambs

It is recommended that all lambs be slick shorn prior to entry for inspection for club lamb fungus.

GOATS

A. All Goats: General Requirements

Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be by an official USDA Scrapie ear tattoo, or official MDA approved metal or plastic tag. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader. Tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal. When using an ear tag, the tag must indicate the premises ID and state of origin. The tag number must be assigned by a state or APHIS representative and recorded in the Scrapie Record Database. Ears should be used for tattooing when possible. If there is no space in the ear, the flank or tail fold may be used. Contact the USDA at 410-349-9708 for ear tags.

B. Maryland Goats

Brucellosis: Maryland is a Brucellosis Class-Free State Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland goats.

Tuberculosis: Maryland is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland goats.

C. Out-of-State Goats

Tuberculosis:

1. Accredited Tuberculosis-Free States, Region or Zone
   a. No tuberculin test required.
2. Modified Accredited Advanced or lower Tuberculosis-Free Areas or States (Not TB Free).
   a. All goats over 6 months of age shall comply with the following:

- Goats must originate from herds in which all animals are tested negative within past 12 months; progeny from such herds born since that test, may be imported without a tuberculin test, or
- Any individual animal entering Maryland must have a negative tuberculin test within 60 days before import.
- Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate.

HORSES, PONIES, MULES, AND OTHER EQUINE

A. All Equine: General Requirements:

Identification: Individual identification shall include the following as applicable; name, registration number, tattoo or brand, breed, age, sex, color and markings if present.

Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins): All equine for exhibition shall

be accompanied by a valid Coggins Test done within 12 months prior to exhibition entry.

Self Certification Requirement and Exemption: An exhibitor's Self-Certification of Animal Health is required for each equine entering a fair or show-type event where multiple livestock species are present. The form must be available for inspection if requested. Those participating in equine-only shows and events are exempt from this requirement; however, it is good practice to thoroughly double check the health and skin condition of the animal before departing for the event. The form provides an easy checklist to do this. Exhibitors may not bring an animal having apparent or known signs of a contagious or infectious disease to a show.

B. Maryland Equine

1. All horses and other equidae, 9 months of age and older, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) made within the 12 months before the date of the event. A copy of this test shall accompany every animal.
2. bA CVI is not required for Maryland equine.

C. Out-of-State Equine

1. All horses and other equidae, 9 months of age and older, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) made within the 12 months before the date of the event. A copy of this test shall accompany every animal.
2. All horses and other equidae shall be accompanied by a CVI issued within 30 days prior to entry.
3. The following states are exempted from the CVI requirement: Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

POULTRY

A. All Poultry: General Requirements

1. **Identification:** All poultry entering an exhibition shall be identified with a numbered leg or wing band.
2. **Testing:** All poultry for exhibition shall meet the requirements for Avian Influenza and Pullorum-Typhoid testing.
3. All poultry exhibitors shall complete a Poultry Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health.

B. Maryland Poultry

1. **Premise Registration:** All poultry exhibitors must have valid proof of a registered Maryland Poultry Premises ID Number.
2. All poultry except waterfowl, pigeons and doves shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one or more of the following requirements:
   a. Originate directly from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and all amendments to that publication thereafter adopted pursuant to rules that the director may promulgate, OR
   b. Have a negative official test for Salmonella pullorum-typhoid within 90 days before entry to exhibition. Poultry must remain segregated from any untested birds after a partial flock test.
3. Documentation of test results on MDA-E06 and MDA – E20, VS form 9-2, VS form 9-3 or comparable form.
4. All poultry except pigeons and doves must have negative avian influenza test conducted on at least 10 birds from their flock (or complete flock if fewer than 10) on official test within 21 days prior to event.

C. Out-of-State Poultry

1. All poultry except waterfowl, pigeons and doves shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one or more of the following requirements:
   a. Originate directly from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and all amendments to that publication thereafter adopted pursuant to rules that the director may promulgate, OR
   b. Have a negative official test for Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid within 90 days before fair, exhibitions, exposition, or show facility and remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid test status.
2. Documentation of test results on MDA-E06 and MDA - E20, VS form 9-2, VS form 9-3 or comparable form.
3. All poultry except pigeons and doves must have negative Avian Influenza test conducted on at least 30 birds from their flock (or complete flock if fewer than 30) on official test within 10 days prior to event.

RABBITS

A. All Rabbits: General Requirements

1. See: 2025 Rabbit Waiver - Rabbits are not required to have an Interstate or Intrastate CVI.
2. All Rabbits for exhibition shall complete a Rabbit Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health.

B. Maryland and Out-of-State Rabbits

No additional requirements

CAMELIDS

A. All Camelids: General Requirements

Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be a legible tattoo, official metal ear tag or registration number.

B. Maryland Camelids

Brucellosis: Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland camelids.
Tuberculosis: Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland camelids.

C. Out-Of-State Camelids

Brucellosis: Brucellosis testing is not required for out-of-state camelids.

Tuberculosis: All Camelids, including castrates, 6 months or older, shall meet at least one of the following requirements to be eligible for exhibition:

- Originate directly from a herd not under restriction or quarantine for tuberculosis and from which all animals have tested negative for tuberculosis within the past 12 months; or
- Have a negative individual Tuberculin test documented within 60 days of exhibition.

PLEASE NOTE:

Maryland Law provides penalties for violations of Animal Health Law and Regulations. Livestock failing to meet Health Requirements will be denied entry or removed from the exhibition — "REJECTED". See policy below:

Animal Health Rejection Policy

Animal rejections for health reasons can be made by MDA Animal Health veterinarians or field inspectors, private veterinarians contracted by the Ag. Center, University of Maryland Extension employees, or individuals designated by the Ag. Center. Suspicion of communicable disease is adequate grounds for rejection. Confirmed diagnosis is not required since timely removal of suspicious animals is required by law to protect the remaining animals. If it is believed that there is a potentially serious communicable disease present, all animals originating with the suspect animal may be rejected. Vesicular diseases are of particular concern. All decisions are final. **The exhibitor is responsible for removal of the animal(s) from the grounds immediately.**

QUESTIONS???
If you have any questions or are unsure of any of these animal health requirements for Maryland fairs and shows, please contact the MDA Animal Health Headquarters Office or Diagnostic Laboratory during normal business hours.

MDA Animal Health Program Headquarters
50 Harry S. Truman Parkway
Annapolis, MD 21401
(410) 841-5810

Frederick Animal Health Lab
1840 Rosemont Ave 45
Frederick, MD 21702
(301) 600-1548

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27722 Nanticoke Road
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