2023 Livestock Rules and Regulations

1. All entries must be pre-registered by **Friday, August 25, 2023**. Only forms sent by mail or email will be accepted. Online applications will also be accepted.

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 MDA, USDA requirements and applicable 4-H requirements.

3. All animals must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor. All 4-H exhibitors must be registered by June 1, 2023 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."

4. Entries shall be limited to Open Youth ages 8 - 18 and 4-H & FFA Youth ages 8 to 18, There will be separate classes for Open Youth and 4-H/FFA.

5. **move in will be from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., on Thursday, September 14, 2023.** All animals must be checked in and secured in pens with proper bedding, feed and water by 10:00 p.m. **All exhibitors shall attend a barn meeting at 6:00 p.m. on September 15, 2023.** The Livestock Areas shall be in order when the Fair Opens Friday, September 15, 2023. Livestock may not be removed until 4.30 p.m. Sunday, September 17, 2023.

6. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their animals. Pens, Stalls and Animals shall be kept presentable at all times. **The exhibitor is responsible for providing all needed equipment to care for the animals and to keep the Barn in order.** Aisles must 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 Showmanship 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. Due to space limitations Dairy and Beef entries will be limited to 4 animals per exhibitor.

10 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.**

11. **All animals exhibited in Showmanship, Pairs or Herd Classes must be exhibited in a Market or Breeding Class. No animal may be exhibited in two classes with the exception of those shown in Showmanship, Pairs or Herd Classes.**

12. 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.

13. 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 Judge.

14. 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. Alcoholic Beverages, Illegal Drugs and Smoking or disrespectful language will not be permitted in the Livestock Area.

15. All exhibitors are expected to prepare their animals for Showmanship Classes. Assistance from other 4-Her's is permitted, and 4-Her's are encouraged to assist one another. Parents or leaders may assist novice exhibitors. Guidance is permitted for Junior exhibitors, but the exhibitors are expected to do the work themselves. Senior exhibitors are not permitted to receive assistance in preparing animals. Parents/Leaders may help move animals.

16. Overnight stay at the Fair shall be limited to those youth with Goats, 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. All youth staying overnight will not be permitted to leave the Fair Grounds after Fair Hours unless accompanied by a parent or approved adult supervisor

18. ***All exhibitors will be expected to cleanout their pens on Sunday, September 17, 2023.***

19. 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.

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

WORCESTER COUNTY FAIR
At BYRD PARK
LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS

(Dairy, Beef, Swine, Goats, Sheep, Poultry, Rabbit Entries)

ENTRY FORM

Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # _____

email _____

4-H _____ 4-H/FFA Club: _____

Open Youth _____ Age as of 1/1/2023 _____

DIVISION	CLASS No.	AGE DIVISION	BREED	ITEM DESCRIPTION Include sex of animal & Tag Number

	# of Animals	# of Pens
Goats		
Sheep		
Swine		
Beef		
Dairy		
Poultry		
Rabbits		

Complete and Return this Form to
Worcester County 4-H FFA Fair
P.O. Box 356, Snow Hill MD 21863

By Friday, August 25, 2023

You May Copy this Form or Use a Blank Sheet of Paper for Additional Entries

You can register online at: **https://worcester.fairwire.com/**