General Livestock Rules

1. Entries for all animal exhibits must be done online at cecilcountyfair.org by July 1.
2. 4-H animals staying for the week must be on the grounds by Saturday, July 20 at 4 p.m. The only exception to this is dairy.
3. Animals may not be removed from the grounds until 11:00 a.m. Sunday, July 27. Herdsman must not be taken down before 11:00 p.m. Saturday, July 27. Premium money will be withheld from exhibitors not complying or if asked to leave by officials because of health problems.
4. NO ADMISSION PASSES WILL BE FURNISHED. Exhibitors will be permitted to enter during official entry times; however, anyone accompanying exhibitor will be required to pay appropriate admission charges. Livestock exhibitor vehicle hangtags only allow the vehicle to be parked, it does not furnish entry of people in vehicle.
5. All animals exhibited must comply with the regulation of the Maryland Department of Agriculture - Animal Health Section. For information contact the MDA Animal Health Section (410) 841-5810. Health Regulation papers will be checked before the show by an appropriate, certified representative. All decisions made by the representative will be final.
6. Horses and livestock must be removed from the grounds by 2 p.m. Sunday, July 28.
7. All manure and bedding is to be piled in designated areas. Contestants who fail to comply with this rule will forfeit their premiums.
8. Clover may not enter in any 4-H Livestock or Horse and Pony Classes.
9. 4-H animals may be used in judging practices throughout the week, with your cooperation.
10. All 4-H exhibitors must show their own animal, unless they have two animals in the same class. If two animals are in the same class, the exhibitor must show one of the animals and a person of their age or younger must show the other animal. In the case of illness or emergency, barn chairs for sections A-E will determine if a substitute show person is allowed. If a 4-H exhibitor does not show their own animal (unless one of the special exceptions stated apply) the exhibitor will not receive 4-H premiums and will not be allowed to sell in the 4-H Livestock Sale.

4-H Livestock Exhibitor Information

4-H Animal Exhibitor Orientations/Livestock Sale Meetings:
AGAIN IN 2019: Cecil County Fair Mandatory Animal Exhibitor Meetings

The Cecil County Fair in partnership with the Cecil County 4-H program will be holding MANDATORY Animal Exhibitor meetings for ALL 4-H youth exhibitors and their parent/guardian that will be keeping animal projects at the Cecil County Fair. Following the animal exhibitor meeting will be the Livestock Sale Meeting. All new sellers and all youth who did not attend a sale meeting in 2018 along with a parent/guardian are required to attend a meeting in 2019, if they would like to sell an animal in the Cecil County Fair 4-H Livestock Sale. The Horse Herdsman exhibitor orientations will be held separately on other dates. The meetings are scheduled for the following evenings:

- Wednesday, May 29 - 4-H Animal Exhibitor Orientation with the Livestock Sale Meeting following, Cecil County Administrative Building Elk Room, Elkton, 7 PM
- Monday, June 10 - 4-H Animal Exhibitor Orientation with the Livestock Sale Meeting following, Calvert Grange, Calvert, 7 PM
- Wednesday, June 12 - 4-H Horse Herdsman Exhibitor Orientation, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, 7 PM
- Monday, June 17 - 4-H Horse Herdsman Exhibitor Orientation, Calvert Grange, Calvert, 7 PM

Animal Exhibitor Set Up:
Tuesday, July 16 at 6 PM
Entry Times:
- No animals may arrive on Friday, July 19. All 4-H Market and Breeding Beef, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goats; Dairy Steers; Dairy Goats and Rabbits staying the week must arrive between 7-11 AM & 2-4 PM on Saturday, July 20 (2-3:30 PM for Poultry).
- All 4-H dairy heifers can arrive on Saturday, July 20 between 7-11 AM & 2-4 PM or on Monday, July 22 between 7-10 AM or 2-4 PM.

Animals coming in for the day of the show are:

- Poultry: Saturday, July 20 from 1-2:30 PM
- Rabbit: Sunday, July 21 from 7-8 AM
- Dairy Goat: Sunday, July 21 from 3-4:30 PM
- Meat Goats: Monday, July 22 from 7-8:30 AM
- Beef: Wednesday, July 24 from 7-9 AM
- Dairy Cattle: Thursday, July 25 from 6 AM-9 AM
- Small and Large Pets/Pygmy Goats: Friday, July 26 from 8:45-9:15 AM
- Pretty Animal: Saturday, July 27 from 2-2:30 PM

Horse participating in Herdsman - Need to be in by 7 PM on Sunday, July 21.
Show Attire Regulations for Exhibitors

The following prescribed show attire is required for all exhibitors in fitting and showing, breed classes, and market classes.

1. No farm names or other identification shall appear on show uniforms.
2. Safe appropriate attire, including footwear, is required at all times. No open-toed shoes.
3. No spaghetti straps, tank tops, or exposed midriffs.
4. Shirts must be tucked in and no undergarments may be showing. No shorts will be allowed.
5. Caps or other headwear shall not be worn in the show ring, except for protective headgear in the Horse Division.
6. Cell phone or other electronic use by exhibitors is prohibited while exhibiting/during his or her show time.

NOTE: Exhibitors not adhering to the show attire requirement will forfeit their premiums. Please note that neckpieces include: neck tie, bow tie, bolo tie, or a tied bandana. Jewelry does not qualify as a neckpiece - no exceptions. (Loose necklaces are not to be worn in the show ring).

Girls may choose to wear a skirt of an appropriate length, instead of slacks. They must be in the appropriate color.

Dairy Cattle, Dairy Steers & Dairy Goats - White slacks with white shirt; neckpieces are optional.

Beef, Meat Goats, Sheep & Swine - Green or tan slacks, white or tan shirt with green or black necklace optional. Green, tan, or black suspenders also optional.

Horses - Appropriate riding clothes and headgear as defined in the MD 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book, including helmets (a must).

Dogs - Attire that is suitable for showing a dog - Boys: slacks, shirt and tie; Girls: skirt or slacks and blouse or shirt.

Rabbit and Cavy - No open-toed shoes; plain polo, and school appropriate khaki shorts, skirt, shorts, pants, or capris. Show apron optional.

Poultry, Small and Large Pets - No open-toed shoes; any appropriate shirt, jeans or slacks, skirt, or shorts accepted.

Pretty Animal - No open-toed shoes. Any appropriate attire or costumes.

OPEN LIVESTOCK SHOW

Rules & regulations

1. The Open Livestock Show is open to anyone in and outside of Cecil County.
2. All animals must meet state health regulations and must be accompanied by official health certificates. Any animal showing symptoms of any contagious or infectious disease, including ringworm, warts or pink eye must be removed from the fair at the time of inspection. The self-certification form (mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/Fairs-ShowAttireRegulations.aspx) must be completed for each animal coming to the fairgrounds prior to check-in with Animal Health Committee.
3. Stalls and pens will be allocated on a space available basis and exhibitors must provide bedding for their animals and clean stalls. Space is not guaranteed in the barns. Stalls not cleaned will not receive premiums.
4. Exhibitors are expected to keep their animals clean and under control at all times.
5. The show committee of each species will make decisions regarding the conduct of the specific show and these decisions will be final.
6. Trimming, blocking or squeeze chutes may only be used in areas designated by the Livestock Chairpersons. No other areas may be used.
7. All animals must be registered in the name of the exhibitor 30 days prior to the Cecil County Fair Show. Certificates or bill of sale will be checked prior to show day. Breeding animals must have their association tags or tattoos in their ears.
8. Classes may be combined or separated at the discretion of the department chairperson.
9. Refer to species section for arrival times.
10. Exhibitors must comply with these rules and any other rules listed in the appropriate section.
11. Please see general rules for appropriate show attire.
12. Please read specific animal departments, as they also apply.

4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW

Rules & regulations

1. There are no entry fees for Cecil County 4-Hers entering an exhibit in the 4-H Livestock Classes.
2. Fitting & Showing may be entered with either a breeding or market animal.
3. Each exhibitor is limited to 2 entries per breeding livestock class. All animals must meet state health regulations and must be accompanied by official health certificates.
4. All 4-H Livestock animals must arrive on the grounds 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 20 and will be released Saturday, July 27 at 11:00 p.m.
5. Breeding classes are for breeding animals only, not market animals. All breeding animals must be registered in exhibitors name and have their association tags or tattoos in their ears. The 4-H ownership deadline is June 1 for breeding animals.
6. All 4-H market animals must be tagged with Maryland 4-H Livestock Tags. Market animal weights: Market Goats 55-135 lbs, Market Lambs 90-155 lbs, Market Hog 220-290 lbs; Market Steers over 1000 lbs. Animals under or over weight can only be shown in Fitting & Showing and exhibition classes with no premiums. They cannot be sold in the sale. The 4-H market ownership deadline is May 17.
7. Exhibitor must comply with these rules and any other rules listed in their appropriate section.
8. All 4-H exhibitors must show their own animal, unless they have two animals in the same class. If two animals are in the same class, the exhibitor must show one of the animals and a person of their 4-H age or younger must show the other animal. In the case of illness or emergency, a group of at least 3 livestock sale committee members determine if a substitute show person is allowed. If a 4-H exhibitor does not show their own animal (unless one of the special exceptions stated apply) the exhibitor will not receive 4-H premiums and will not be allowed to sell in the 4-H Livestock sale.
9. Please see general rules for appropriate show attire.
10. Please read specific animal departments, as they also apply.
Department B - BEEF

Wednesday, July 24, After Swine Show
Stephen Sprout, Chairperson

1. All exhibitors must comply with the general rules and regulations and 4-H Show Rules and Open Show Rules. Entry fees must be submitted with your online entry by July 1. Open Beef entry fee is $4.00 per entry.
2. All beef steers must be born after 8/1/17.
3. Steers must be castrated and healed before the show.
4. All steers will be weighed and shown in classes as determined by show committee.
5. 4-H beef steers must have MD 4-H Livestock tag in ear.
6. Beef steers must weigh over 1,000 lbs. to be eligible for livestock sale.
7. Each 4-H'er showing a beef steer must be enrolled in a 4-H beef steer project to be eligible to show and sell.
8. All steers must be shown in the beef show to be able to be in the livestock sale.
9. All steers have to lead into show ring to be shown and lead into the sale ring to be sold.
10. All open beef must be on Fairgrounds between 7 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. day of show.

Section 1 - 4-H FITTING & SHOWING

Fitting and preparation of all 4-H animals is the responsibility of the 4-H'er.

CLASSES 4B001 - 4B004 AWARDS

1st  2nd  3rd  4th  5th
$15  $13  $11  $10  $9

B0023 Heifer, Junior Calf, born after 1/1/19
B0024 Heifer, Senior Calf, born 9/1/18 - 12/31/18
B0025 Heifer, Summer Yearling, born 5/1/18 - 8/31/18
B0026 Heifer, Summer Yearling, born 6/1/18 - 9/30/18
B0027 Heifer, Junior Yearling, born 1/1/18 - 4/30/18
B0028 Heifer, Senior Yearling, born 8/1/17 - 12/31/17

Group Class (no entry fee)

B0029 Cow & Calf Pair, Cow born before 8/1/17
Calf born after 1/1/19

Section 1 - 4-H BREEDING BEEF

May be any registered purebred or appropriately tagged commercial crossbreed.

CLASSES  4B020 - 4B029  AWARDS

1st  2nd  3rd  4th  5th
$15  $13  $11  $10  $9

4B023 Heifer, Junior Calf, born after 1/1/19
4B024 Heifer, Senior Calf, born 9/1/18 - 12/31/18
4B025 Heifer, Summer Yearling, born 5/1/18 - 8/31/18
4B026 Heifer, Junior Yearling, born 1/1/18 - 4/30/18
4B027 Heifer, Senior Yearling, born 8/1/17 - 12/31/17

Group Class (no entry fee)

4B029 Cow & Calf Pair, Cow born before 8/1/17
Calf born after 1/1/19

Section 1 - 4-H BREEDING BEEF

May be any registered purebred or appropriately tagged commercial crossbreed.

CLASSES  4B020 - 4B029  AWARDS

1st  2nd  3rd  4th  5th
$15  $13  $11  $10  $9

4B023 Heifer, Junior Calf, born after 1/1/19
4B024 Heifer, Senior Calf, born 9/1/18 - 12/31/18
4B025 Heifer, Summer Yearling, born 5/1/18 - 8/31/18
4B026 Heifer, Junior Yearling, born 1/1/18 - 4/30/18
4B027 Heifer, Senior Yearling, born 8/1/17 - 12/31/17

Group Class (no entry fee)

4B029 Cow & Calf Pair, Cow born before 8/1/17
Calf born after 1/1/19

Section 1 - MARKET BEEF - 4-H & OPEN

No cross entering between breeding and market classes. Weight over 1000 lbs, born after 8/1/17.

CLASS B0040 AWARDS

1st  2nd  3rd  4th  5th
$15  $13  $11  $10  $9

OPEN  4-H
B0039 4B039 Feeder Steers
B0040 4B040 Market Steers (Classes will be divided when animals are weighed at the fair.)
4B041 State Fair Market Steer