

*It should be noted that the rules cited here are subject to change by the Maryland Department of Agriculture and/or Washington County Health Department.*

### **4-H Market Animal Sale Policy, Rules and Procedures**

- 1) All Champion and Reserve Champion animals **must** be sold.
- 2) The Champion and Reserve Champions will sell first; all other animals will sell by lottery system.
- 3) Deductions will be 5%; 3% and will be used to offset expenses associated with tagging and the sale, and 2% will be designated by the Market Sale Committee.
- 4) All 4-H/FFA members are encouraged to have picture(s) taken and present them to the buyer(s). Picture expenses will be provided by the Market Sale Committee and paid from the Market Sale account.
- 5) There will be no individual species animal promotion during the sale.
- 6) Checks will not be distributed to 4-H/FFA members until all payments have been received from the buyers or until sufficient funds have been received to pay all members.
- 7) All members must submit thank you note(s) to the 4-H office with the buyer's address on a stamped envelope by August 15, 2010. **There will be no exceptions.** Failure to comply with this rule will result in the 4-H/FFA member being ineligible to sell market animals in the following year's Ag Expo and being ineligible for the Market Animal Committee scholarship.
- 8) All re-sale animals must be donated for a specific 4-H/FFA club, 4-H/FFA activity or the exhibitor of that specific animal. All re-sale animals will be sent to the livestock sale with proceeds going to the designated project or exhibiting 4-H/FFA member.
- 9) Full-time post-secondary (college) students are granted the same privileges relative to market sale.
- 10) Animals must be shown in Market Sale weight range and in their respective species show during Ag Expo in order to be eligible for sale. Show classes created out of the Market Sale weights will not sell. Weight for shows will be the weight for the sale.
- 11) Any deductions on re-sale animals will be deducted from the check of the organization to which the animal is donated..
- 12) All animals sold at the Washington County Market Animal Sale must meet and pass all requirements and regulations upon carcass inspection by the USDA Meat Inspector. For any 4-H/FFA Washington County market animal not meeting or passing all requirements and regulations as stipulated by the USDA Meat Inspections Division, the seller will refund in total the amount paid by the buyer for the animal(s) and any transportation and slaughter fees. This ruling applies only to animals hauled directly to a slaughter facility.
- 13) The Market Sale Committee will only be responsible for transporting animals sold in the sale.
- 14) The Market Animal Project is an educational component of the 4-H/FFA program where members learn methods of modern animal husbandry and the principles of marketing. In order to accomplish the educational goals and objectives of the market project, 4-H/FFA members **must** be actively engaged in the daily care of their market project animal(s). All members not involved in the constant care of their project animal will be ineligible to show as determined by the 4-H Extension Educator and FFA Advisor in consultation with the 4-H project leader and/or 4-H Ag Expo department superintendent.
- 15) The Market Sale Committee reserves the right to refuse sale of any animal due to violation of any rules identified in the Market Animal Sale Procedures book.
- 16) **Market animals that go through the sale must not be shown or sold in any other 4-H fair.**
- 17) All market sale animals will be weighed Saturday or Sunday as posted on grounds. Weights recorded will be applicable to both show and sale.

**All policies, rules, and procedures relative to the Market Animal Sale shall be governed by the Washington County Market Animal Sale Committee Procedures Book.**

#### **2010 Market Animals**

Dairy Steers	Tag 3	Show 3	Sell 2	900-unlimited
Lambs	Tag 4	Show 3	Sell 2	90-150 lbs

Swine	Tag 5	Show 3	Sell 2	210-285 lbs
Market Goats	Tag 4	Show 3	Sell 2	40-115 lbs
Rabbits (Meat Pen of 3 Rabbits)	—	Show 1	Sell 1	3.5-6.0 lbs each
Longhorn Steers	Tag 3	Show 2	Sell 2	900-1400 lbs
Beef	Tag 3	Show 3	Sell 2	1000-1400 lbs

## 2010 Fair and Show Requirements

The Maryland Department of Agriculture's (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/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*.

Self Certification is required for all species. The Self Certification documents shall be filled out by the owner/authorized caretaker/transporter prior to loading and presented upon request to the designated fair/show representative(s) or MDA Animal Health Official.

- 1) All Maryland entries must be accompanied by an approved Intrastate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for show; except Equine, Poultry and Rabbits.
- 2) All out-of-state entries must be accompanied by an interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. An APPROVED copy of the 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.
- 3) Each animal must be properly identified on the intrastate or interstate CVI.
- 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 or fair. 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 the date of the first event you expect to attend on the form.
- 6) The approved intrastate CVI is valid for the entire show season, providing that the status of the herd or animal(s) does not change.
- 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 the show or fair.

### Livestock Exhibitors

- 1) All livestock for exhibition shall be inspected by an accredited veterinarian within (60) days of the first exhibition. It is the veterinarian's responsibility to have knowledge of the current animal health requirements prior to -inspection of animals and completion of the current MDA Intrastate CVI form. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to have the completed CVI form approved and stamped by the regional MDA Animal Health office prior to the date of the first exhibition. The form must include the date of the first event to be -attended. The MDA intrastate CVI is valid for the entire show season.
- 2) All Out-of-State livestock for exhibition in Maryland shall meet MDA Animal Health import requirements for the appropriate species and any additional Maryland exhibitor requirements. Obtain an Interstate CVI from an accredited veterinarian. The interstate CVI in valid for 30 days from the date of inspection.
- 3) *Livestock Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health* will be filled out by the owner/authorized caretaker/transporter prior to loading and will be presented upon request to the designated fair/show representative(s) or MDA Animal Health Official at each show attended.

### **Cattle, Goats and Camelids**

- 1) In addition to general requirements above, all cattle must be individually identified by eartag, tattoo, or registration number.
- 2) All goats, regardless of age or sex must be from flocks registered in the scrapie control program and so identified by a) USDA approved tags, b) a legible registration tattoo, or c) an approved premise tattoo, before going to a fair or show.
  - a) **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.
  - b) **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.
  - c) **IMMUNIZATION** – Cattle; Bovine Respiratory Complex to include: Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Bovine viral Diarrhea, Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis, and Parainfluenza – Required  
Leptospirosis – Recommended

### **Swine**

- 1) In addition to General requirements above, all swine must be individually identified by eartag, tattoo, or registration number.
  - a) **IMMUNIZATION** – Leptospirosis – Recommended

### **Sheep**

- 1) All sheep, regardless of age or sex, must be from flocks registered in the scrapie control program and so identified by a) USDA approved tags, b) a legible registration tattoo, or c) an approved premise tattoo, before going to a Maryland fair or show.
- 2) 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.

### **Equine Exhibitors**

- 1) All equine for exhibition shall be accompanied by a valid Coggins Test (within 12 months).
- 2) *Equine Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health* is required for each equine entering a fair/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.

### **Poultry Exhibitors**

- 1) All poultry exhibitors must have valid proof of a registered *Maryland Poultry Premises ID Number*.
- 2) All exhibitors must show proof that poultry (*pigeons and waterfowl excluded*) originated from a Pullorum-typhoid free flock or have all individual poultry entries tested negative for Pullorum-typhoid not more than **90 days** before the exhibition. Blood samples for official tests shall be drawn by an authorized agent, authorized testing agent or state inspector and tested by an authorized state or federally recognized laboratory. Official test for Pullorum-typhoid shall be the standard tube agglutination test, the micro agglutination test, the enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay ELISA test, and the stained antigen rapid whole – blood test. Proof is to be documented on MDA-E20, VS Form 9-2, VS Form 9-3 or comparable form. Testing must be completed before arrival at exhibition.

- 3) All poultry (*pigeons excluded*) must originate from a flock that is a participant in the Maryland Avian Influenza-Monitored Flock Program, or the exhibitor must have a minimum of **10 birds** (or the complete flock if fewer than 10), randomly tested negative for avian influenza by an official test. Official tests for avian influenza are the agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID), the enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) or the real-time polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR). Samples must be tested by an authorized state or federally recognized laboratory. *For waterfowl, Cloacal swab samples must be collected for testing.* The samples should only be collected by MDA Animal Health staff, an accredited veterinarian or a state-certified poultry technician. Negative Avian Influenza test results reported on the MDA Avian Influenza Testing Report will be effective for **90 days** from the date of issuance. A flock wherein at least 30 birds or complete flock tested negative for AI will qualify to register as a MD Avian Influenza-Monitored Flock and will need to be retested every 90 days to maintain that status, provided no untested poultry was commingled during that period. All poultry entries shall be accompanied by the MDA AI Test Report Form MDA 12-06-08, MDA-E20 or USDA VS Form 9-3.
- 4) All poultry exhibitors shall complete a *Poultry Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health.*

#### **Rabbit Exhibitors**

- 1) All Rabbits for exhibition shall complete a *Rabbit Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health.*

#### **Dogs & Cats**

- 1) Need rabies vaccination.

#### **Ag-Ventures Learning Center**

- 1) Animals exhibited in the Ag-Ventures Learning Center at the fair are -expected to have the same health paper certification, testing, and immunizations as other exhibited livestock and poultry.
- 2) All animals must have a rabies vaccination.

**Note:** -If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Frederick -Office at (301) 600-1548.

#### **Questions**

If you have any questions or are unsure of any of these animal health requirements for Maryland fairs and shows, please contact your MDA Regional Health Offices during normal business hours.

\* -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.

**MDA Headquarters:** 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401  
(410)-841-5810

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

**Salisbury Animal Health Lab:** 27722 Nanticoke Rd., Salisbury, MD 21801  
(410)-543-6610

### **Home Arts Food Health Regulations**

- 1) Food protection
  - a) All food, drink and water supplies must be obtained from an approved source and shall be clean, wholesome, free from spoilage or contamination, and safe to human consumption.
  - b) Potentially Hazardous Foods are any perishable food which consists in whole or in part of milk or milk products, eggs, meat, poultry, fish, shellfish, or other ingredients of animal or plant origin capable of supporting rapid and progressive growth of infectious and/or toxigenic microorganisms.
  - c) Exhibitors may not use any potentially hazardous foods in any uncooked item, i.e. icing.
  - d) All items must be shelf stable with no refrigeration necessary.
  - e) Effective measures shall be in place to prevent the exposure of foods to flies and other vermin.
  - f) Foods must be kept covered or wrapped in a manner to prevent contamination or cross-contamination.

**Note:** -If you still have questions or need additional assistance, please call the Washington County Health Department at 240-313-3400.