



# Tribune

A Carroll County 4-H Newsletter

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## CC 4-H & FFA Fair Reminders

We are closing in on our favorite week of the year! The 2022 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair! Take time before fair week arrives to go through the schedule for all of the set-up times, entry times and events so your families are prepared beforehand. Double check all of the rules including the fair general rules and individual department rules that 4-Hers in your household are preparing for. **Remember the fair relies on volunteers and EVERYONE'S help is needed for set-up, working food concessions/events throughout the week and clean-up afterwards.**

**Here are some important dates to put in your calendars to help with set-up and clean-up of the fairgrounds:**

Fair Grounds Set-Up—Sunday, July 24th starting at 8am  
 Fair Grounds Clean-up—Saturday, August 6th starting at 9am and  
 Sunday, August 7th at 9am

This is a great way for 4-H members to gain service hours to meet CCPS requirements too!

**Exhibitor Packet/Parking Pass Pick-Up Reminders**—Don't forget that ALL exhibitors MUST sign the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Liability Release Form, which also needs to be signed by your parent/guardian.

**ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITORS** need to sign the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Code of Animal Ethics form. This is different from what you signed for weigh-in.

And, **ALL MARKET LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS** must complete the Feed Assurance Form.

**All of the forms mentioned above can be found at the end of the online edition of the *Tribune* or [www.carrollcountyfair.com](http://www.carrollcountyfair.com). Forms can be dropped off to the Extension Office by Thursday, July 21st or emailed to [entries@carrollcountyfair.com](mailto:entries@carrollcountyfair.com)**

## Red Building Fair Reminders

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Now is a good time to get prepared for the 125th Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair! Read the rules for each department you will be entering where you will find all of the information about entering your project(s). If you have specific questions, you will also find the contact information for the department superintendents. Next, check your fair schedule at [www.carrollcountyfair.com](http://www.carrollcountyfair.com) to see when your exhibits are being entered. This year, some departments will have “drop and go” entries, where you will drop off your project and it will be judged at a later time. Other departments will say “entered and judged” on the schedule. These departments will have conference judging and you will be able to talk to the judges about your project.

**Enter these departments on Thursday, July 28th**—Booths and Banners, Club Books, Club Shoe Box Floats, Service-Learning Exhibits (judged at entry time), Crafts (judged at entry time), Plants and Flowers, Garden Products, Art and General Exhibits (judged at entry time)

**Enter these departments on Friday, July 29th**—Engineering & Technology (judged at entry time), Photography, Shoe Box Floats (judged at entry time), Mechanical Arts (judged at entry time), Silk & Dried Flowers, Lost Arts (judged at entry time), Clothing (judged at entry time), Home Environment and Family Life

**Enter these departments on Saturday, July 30th**—Woodworking (judged at entry time), Canning (judged at entry time), Ag Commodities, Clover Exhibits (judged at entry time), and Natural Resources (judged at entry time)

**Small Pets entered and judged on Sunday, July 31st.**

Foods Department (except Canning) will be entered on Wednesday, August 2nd and will have conference judging this year. Cake discs are available at the Extension Office. New this year, you will be able to pick up the cake domes, so you will not need to transfer your cakes or pies at the fair. Please be realistic in the number of cake domes you take as they are expensive!

If you have questions, please contact the department superintendents.—Sandra Stonesifer, Indoor Building Superintendent

### Sunday Fair Activities

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Check out the events happening Sunday, July 31st at the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair! After the parade this year, the scholarships will be awarded in the Buck Miller Arena (normally held before the Livestock Sale). There will also be a 4-H Dance in the Buck Miller Arena starting at 7pm, which will be followed by fireworks at 9:30pm. Lots of fun activities for 4-H families Sunday night!!

### 4-H Writers Needed!

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The countdown to the fair is on! We are looking for 4-Hers and members of FFA to write a press release for the local newspapers! All press releases and articles should be submitted to [katiweko@yahoo.com](mailto:katiweko@yahoo.com). Please submit all releases by July 15th.

## Livestock Sale Update

**ALL 2022 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale Exhibitors** are responsible for transporting their 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale project to the processor of their buyer's choosing. Please read the attached information carefully (you signed a carbon copy form at weigh-in or when you submitted livestock registration forms). All exhibitors will be required to sign and return the form if they intend to sell in the CC 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale. In addition, the Livestock Sale Committee voted to decrease their commission from the original 6% to 5%. Hopefully, this will help exhibitors offset transportation costs to processors. Finally, beginning this year, the **CC 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale will start at 4:30pm**. The buyers' picnic will run from 4-6pm. Please refer to the livestock sale rules found on the fair website for additional information. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to email us at [sale@carrollcountyfair.com](mailto:sale@carrollcountyfair.com)

## Livestock Buyers Letters

It's never too early to start contacting potential buyers for the livestock sale! Remember, it's your responsibility to find businesses and/or individuals to come to the sale and support your 4-H project. The more time you invest in finding a buyer may pay off for you at the sale! Information was included in the weigh-in packets with ideas for advertising your 4-H projects to potential buyers.

## Livestock Sale Flyer

The 2022 Livestock Sale Flyer is now available! This is a great resource to send with your buyers letters! There are great Frequently Asked Questions that can help your buyers, Sale schedule, Processor Information, Pre-Registration Form and more! The flyer can be found attached to the online *Tribune*. If you would like copies of this promotional flyer, let Becky Ridgeway ([bridgewa@umd.edu](mailto:bridgewa@umd.edu)) know and the Extension Office can make copies for you.

## 4-H Alumni Baked Goods Contest Debuting for the 125th Anniversary of the Fair!

In celebration of the 125th Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair, we invite Carroll County 4-H alumni to participate in an inaugural baked goods contest! Dig out those award-winning recipes and start practicing, as we would love to see many of you participate! Each alumnus can enter up to two different categories out of ten options by registering online by Friday, July 29th at 11:59pm. Entries will be judged on Wednesday, August 3rd from 3:00-5:00pm in the Red Building. All entered items will be sold during the Indoor Bake Sale starting at 5:30pm; therefore, all proceeds made will go directly back to the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair. Online entries can be submitted at <https://tinyurl.com/22AlumniBGContest>. If you have any questions, please contact one of the committee members: Jennifer Hiscock (443-244-1633) or



## Children's Day 2022 at the Fair—4-H Clubs are Invited to Participate

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Attention all 4-H and all FFA clubs! The fair will once again be hosting Children's Day on Tuesday, August 2nd, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and we need your help! In previous years, more than 1,200 children have attended this event at the Carroll County Fair, and this success has been due to the participation of 4-H clubs, members, and volunteers!

We are asking that clubs sign up for a make-it and take-it craft table as in the past or to volunteer. The tables or stations can be 2.5 hours or all-day (5 hours) time slots. When preparing these games and crafts, we ask that you keep agriculture, farming, and 4-H in mind. Remember that these activities should engage our youth and encourage them to stay for the day! If you or your club would like to help with Children's Day, but cannot attend that day, please consider a donation instead. You could provide a monetary donation, a donation for goodie bags, or items such as face paints, crayons, etc.

We hope that your club will be able to participate in some way, as it will be a wonderful opportunity to promote and educate young children and their families about the great 4-H program and agriculture here in Carroll County! To sign up for a make-it and take-it table, to volunteer, or to provide donations, please follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/CCChildrensDay2022>

### Silent Auction—CC 4-H & FFA Fair

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The Silent Auction committee is reaching out to help make the 125th fair anniversary a memorable one! The committee would like to reach a record-breaking year! Donations are being accepted and can include: filled baskets, services, antiques, gift cards or anything you are willing to donate! The silent auction will be held July 30th-August 5th (closing at 7pm on August 5th). All the proceeds from the auction will help support future activities for our 4-H and FFA members. Funds help to pay annual state 4-H contest fees and donations are tax deductible. If you have any questions or would like to donate, please call/text Tracey Paulsen at 443-722-6659 or email [paulsen66@comcast.net](mailto:paulsen66@comcast.net). We'd like all donations by July 29th.

### Animal Quality Assurance

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If you are a new member or have moved to a new age group (Junior to Intermediate, Intermediate to Senior), you are required to take the online Quality Assurance Program this year. The online program is required for ALL 4-H members showing beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goats, horses/ponies, poultry, rabbits and alpacas/llamas. AHQA can be completed at: <https://ahqa.umd.edu/> You will need to register and complete this program if you are planning to show at any 4-H show. If you have questions, please contact Becky at [bridgewa@umd.edu](mailto:bridgewa@umd.edu). Quality Assurance must be completed by **Friday, July 22nd to be eligible to show** at the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair.



## Rabbit Fair Department Update

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If you are planning to exhibit a rabbit at the 2022 CC 4-H & FFA Fair, make sure to carefully read the department rules at [www.carrollcountyfair.com](http://www.carrollcountyfair.com). There are some changes as to how the rabbit show will run this year. Updated information will be posted under the department rules. If you have questions, contact Peggy Luers, Rabbit Superintendent at 410-848-9584.

### Maryland State Fair

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The Maryland State Fair will be here before you know it! Make sure to check out the NEW SCHEDULE! The State Fair will now be held over 3 weekends! There have been some changes that will affect some of our 4-Hers that participate in Dairy Goats and Engineering Events as they are moving to the 3rd weekend!

Maryland State Fair entries are due by July 31st. The system is not open as the *Tribune* was being printed, so check out [www.marylandstatefair.com](http://www.marylandstatefair.com) under the Exhibitors Tag (4-H/FFA) for department information and entry system.

### Dairy Judging

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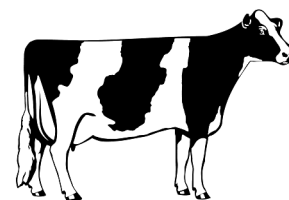
Come out and learn all about dairy cattle! Learn what it takes to pick the best animal in each class! If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Zepp or call the Extension Office at 410-386-2760.

July 6th—Spring Valley Farm (10am)

July 14th—Maple Dell Farm (10am)

July 26th—Crown Stone Farm (10am)

July 31st—Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair (9:30am)



### Livestock Judging

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Livestock Judging for 2022 has begun. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Gordon (301-667-0559) or Andy Cashman (443-324-2160). Note times for each practices as they do vary.

July 7th—Knatz's (swine), 6:30pm

July 13th—SE PA Regional Contest (multi-species)

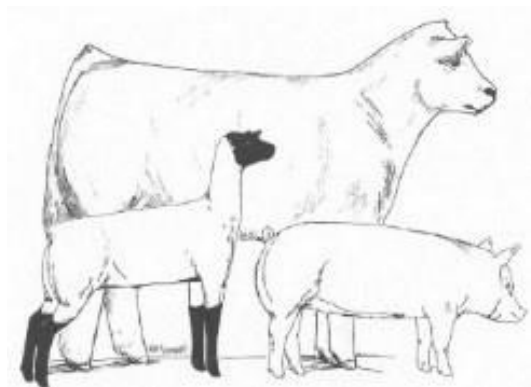
July 19th—Zepp's (multi-species), 6:30pm

July 27th—Millers (sheep), 6:30pm

August 3rd—Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair Contest

August 13th—Howard County Fair Contest

September 5th—Maryland 4-H Contest



## Poultry Judging

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Hello Past and Future Poultry Judges! Want to come learn about the USDA standards for eggs, market, and egg production hens all while building self-esteem and practicing your public speaking skills? Then come out to poultry judging practice! You don't need to own chickens or have any background in poultry. We'll teach you everything you need to know and have loads of fun along the way. **Practices will be on Tuesday nights at 7pm in the Extension Office basement on the following dates: July 19 and July 26.** Practices prepare youth for a county contest which will be held on Thursday, August 4th. There are also opportunities to compete on the state and national levels. For more information, please reach out to Kaitlyn Davey at [krosedavey@gmail.com](mailto:krosedavey@gmail.com) or 443-821-1885. Hope to see you there!

### Project Record—2022 Update of Requirement

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In 2022, all project records that are completed will be held to meet all standards, including the communication section. Remember, that 4-Hers must present a speech or demonstration to 3 or more people not related to them to meet this requirement. *This is a speech or demonstration the youth has given, not something they attended.* Don't forget that participating in programs such as skillathon, bowls, and judging programs count toward this requirement. The Extension Office has been lenient of this project record requirement since 2020, but with clubs and programs happening again in-person, all project records submitted MUST have a communication piece. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office at 410-386-2760.

### Maryland Park Service Youth Group Pass

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The office now has a Maryland Park Service Youth-Group Pass available for check-out! Call the office to learn more!

The Maryland Park Service Youth-group Pass allows free day-use entry into Maryland state parks. The pass also entitles youth groups to camp in those parks that have designated youth group areas, subject to site availability. In order to camp, all groups must have a valid Maryland Park Service Youth-group Pass and must make a reservation.

A few things to be aware of:

- Usage excludes weekends and holidays from Memorial Day through Labor Day.
- Maryland Park Service reserves the right to restrict the maximum number of vehicles and individuals admitted under one Youth-group pass per visit.
- A minimum ratio of one adult supervisor for every five youth is required (may be waived by the facility manager).
- The minimum allowed age of group members is 6 years old and the maximum allowed age of group members is 18 years old.
- Family members that are accompanying the group, but not part of the leadership of the group, may be subject to additional service charges.
- Service charges for special facilities such as shelters, boat concessions, reservations and special events are not covered by the youth pass.

For more information, and to see a list of parks open to Youth-group camping, visit the following link:

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/youthcamp.aspx>

## 4-H/UME Cards

4-H Member and UME Volunteer Cards were mailed the last week in June to each family household.

Notify the Extension Office **before** Friday, July 22, 2022 if you do not receive your 4-H member/UME Volunteer Cards.

**NO CARDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT FAIR WEEK!!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

## UME Volunteers

When completing your volunteer enrollment, remember this is a two-step process. Step 1 is the enrollment which leads into step 2, the screening process.

Please note that the state will be approving the screening section of all volunteers once the background checks have been completed and before the county office can approve enrollments. **There was a March 1st deadline of completing your re-enrollment to be covered under the Maryland Tort Claims Act which provides you coverage (if ever needed) as a UME Volunteer.**

Also, we are required by UME/Maryland 4-H volunteer policies to have volunteer position descriptions signed every 3 years. Many volunteers will need to sign their position descriptions again. Be on the lookout in your mail and return to the Extension Office to ensure that we have all your information up to date in the office.

## UME Volunteer Training

If you aren't already a UME Volunteer, make plans to complete the training in 2022. Just email Becky (bridgewa@umd.edu) and you can complete all of the required paperwork and training directly from your home. Trainings can be completed at anytime!

## Carroll County 4-H All Stars Can Now Stay Up-to-date Through Facebook!

Congratulations to Marissa Roberts and Shannon Haines who were initiated into the Maryland 4-H All Stars on June 18th. Also, attending the Maryland 4-H All Stars meeting were Jason Watt (Past President Maryland 4-H All Stars), Jennifer Hiscock (Maryland 4-H All Star Vice President) and Cheryl Hill (Maryland 4-H All Stars Northern District Representative).



## Fall 4-H Programs

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We are planning for some exciting programs this fall! Mark the dates on your calendar now and look for more information in the coming months!

September 23rd—4-H Open House (We will have opportunities for clubs and 4-H members to participate)

September 26-27th—4-H Paint Night Fundraisers (Welcome Signs)

October 21st—Cupcake Wars and Public Speaking (No School, so join us!)

October 24-25th—4-H Paint Night Fundraisers (Welcome Signs)

November 4th—Senior Portfolio/Record Book

November 25th—Holiday Kick-Off

December 2nd—Family Gingerbread Night



## Fair Reminders

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**Everyone** is welcome to participate in Fair Board meetings held at the Extension Office/Ag Center. The next meeting date is: July 20th at 7:30pm. Fair Evaluation will be held on August 10th at 7:30pm.

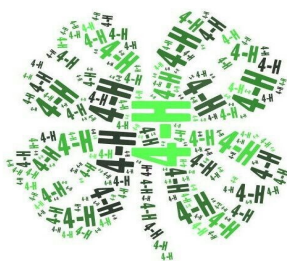
**2022 Fair Dates**—July 30 - August 5, 2022

**2022 Fair Theme**—Rooted in Traditions, Celebrating 125 Years of Memories

**Too many ribbons?** Don't throw them away. If they are in good shape, drop them off at the Extension Office and we will recycle them for next year! Let's recycle!

**Indoor Department**— There will be an **indoor department superintendent meeting** on Tuesday, July 19th at the Extension Office. Judging Sheets should be available for pick up at this meeting.

**Volunteers Needed!** - The fair is run by volunteers and everyone's help is needed! Check out the fair schedule for set-up and clean-up days as everyone's help can be used. Also, help out during fair week at the red building concession/French Fry stand.





## Dates to Remember

July 5	Fair Fun Day—Sewing, Extension Office
July 11-15	Residential Camp—Older Week, Hashawha
July 12	Fair Fun Day—Crafts, Extension Office
July 13-15	Clover Fun Days, Extension Office
July 19	Fair Fun Day—Baking, Extension Office
July 20	CC 4-H & FFA Fair Board Mtg, Ag Center, 7:30pm
July 24	Fair Set-Up Day, Ag Center
July 30-August 5	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair
August 10	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Evaluation Meeting, Ag Center, 7:30pm
Aug 25-Aug 28	Maryland State Fair (Market/Breeding Livestock, Horse Shows, Poultry, Rabbit, Robotics)
Sept 1—Sept 5	Maryland State Fair (Dairy Cattle, Judging Contests, Fashion Revue)
Sept 8-Sept 11	Maryland State Fair (Dairy Goats, Dogs, Engineering Contests)
September 23	4-H Open House
September 26	4-H Paint Night Fundraiser (Welcome Signs)
September 27	4-H Paint Night Fundraiser (Welcome Signs)
September 29	4-H Club Leader Meeting, Extension Office, 7pm



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The Carroll County 4-H Website. Find the *Tribune* online, plus other forms and information for youth and leaders.

<http://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county>

The MD 4-H Youth Development Website, news & information from all over the state, plus forms and information for youth & volunteers. <http://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development>

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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity, please contact the Carroll County Extension Office at 410-386-2760, fax: 410-876-0132, at least two (2) weeks prior to the program.





# ***CARROLL COUNTY 4-H & FFA FAIR***

***July 30<sup>th</sup> – AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022***

## ***RELEASE OF LIABILITY***

In consideration of the risk of injury or illness while participating in Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair (the "Activity"), and as consideration for the right to participate in the Activity, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, or personal representatives, knowingly and voluntarily enter into this waiver and release of liability and hereby waive any and all rights, claims or causes of action of any kind whatsoever arising out of my participation in the Activity, and do hereby release and forever discharge Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Board and Carroll County Agriculture Center, located at 706 Agriculture Center Drive, Westminster, Maryland 21157, their affiliates, managers, members, agents, attorneys, staff, volunteers, heirs, representatives, predecessors, successors and assigns, for any physical or psychological injury, including but not limited to illness, paralysis, death, damages, economical or emotional loss, that I may suffer as a direct result of my participation in the aforementioned Activity, including traveling to and from an event related to this Activity.

I am voluntarily participating in the aforementioned Activity and I am aware of the risks associated with traveling to and from as well as participating in this Activity, which may include, but are not limited to, physical or psychological injury, pain, suffering, illness, disfigurement, temporary or permanent disability (including paralysis), economic or emotional loss, and death. I understand that these injuries or outcomes may arise from my own or others' negligence, conditions related to travel, or the condition of the Activity location(s). Nonetheless, I assume all related risks, both known or unknown to me, of my participation in this Activity, including travel to, from and during this Activity.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Board and Carroll County Agriculture Center against any and all claims, suits or actions of any kind whatsoever for liability, damages, compensation or otherwise brought by me or anyone on my behalf, including attorney's fees and any related costs, if litigation arises pursuant to any claims made by me or by anyone else acting on my behalf. If Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Board and Carroll County Agriculture Center incurs any of these types of expenses, I agree to reimburse Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Board and Carroll County Agriculture Center.

I acknowledge that Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Board & Carroll County Agriculture Center and their directors, officers, volunteers, representatives and agents are not responsible for errors, omissions, acts or failures to act of any party or entity conducting a specific event or activity on behalf of Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Board & Carroll County Agriculture Center.

I acknowledge that this Activity may involve a test of a person's physical and mental limits and may carry with it the potential for death, serious injury, and property loss. The risks may include, but are not limited to, those caused by terrain, facilities, temperature, weather, lack of hydration, condition of participants, equipment, vehicular traffic and actions of others, including but not limited to, participants, volunteers, spectators, coaches, event officials and event monitors, and/or producers, of the event and lack of hydration.

In the event that I should require medical care or treatment, I agree to be financially responsible for any costs incurred as a result of such treatment. I am aware and understand that I should carry my own health insurance.

In the event that any damage to equipment or facilities occurs as a result of my or my family's willful actions, neglect or recklessness, I acknowledge and agree to be held liable for any and all costs associated with any actions of neglect or recklessness.

This Agreement was entered into at arm's-length, without duress or coercion, and is to be interpreted as an agreement between two parties of equal bargaining strength. Both the Participant, \_\_\_\_\_, Parent/Guardian, \_\_\_\_\_, and Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Board and Carroll County Agriculture Center agree that this Agreement is clear and unambiguous as to its terms, and that no other evidence will be used or admitted to alter or explain the terms of this Agreement, but that it will be interpreted based on the language in accordance with the purposes for which it is entered into.

In the event that any provision contained within this Release of Liability shall be deemed to be severable or invalid, or if any term, condition, phrase or portion of this agreement shall be determined to be unlawful or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of this agreement shall remain in full force and effect, so long as the clause severed does not affect the intent of the parties. If a court should find that any provision of this agreement to be invalid or unenforceable, but that by limiting said provision it would become valid and enforceable, then said provision shall be deemed to be written, construed and enforced as so limited.

In the event of an emergency, please contact the following person(s) in the order presented:

**Emergency Contact**

**Contact Relationship**

**Contact Telephone**

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I, the undersigned participant, affirm that I am of the age of 18 years or older, and that I am freely signing this agreement. I certify that I have read this agreement, and that I fully understand its content. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract and that I am signing it of my own free will.

**Participant's Name:**

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**Participant's Address:**

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**Signature:**

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**Date:**

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PARENT / GUARDIAN WAIVER FOR MINORS

In the event that the participant is under the age of consent (18 years of age), then this release must be signed by a parent or guardian, as follows:

I hereby certify that I am the parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, named above, and do hereby give my consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of this individual.

**Parent / Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to Minor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



# *CARROLL COUNTY 4-H & FFA FAIR*

*July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

## **Code of Animal Science Ethics**

Participants enrolled in animal science projects (e.g., beef, camelids, dairy, dog, goat, horse, poultry, rabbit, sheep, small pet, and swine) shall, at all times, conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship, including while with their projects and at all animal science activities and events. Their conduct should always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of 4-H and its animal science program. Participants, as well as parents, volunteers and others working with them, are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts; and their conduct and values must serve as a positive influence on others.

This Code of Ethics applies to all Participating members who are enrolled in animal science projects, and to others (exhibitors, parents, volunteers, owners, etc.) who participate in the animal science program; and it covers daily animal care, as well as participation in competition and other 4-H animal activities and events.

Fair Exhibitors and others who violate this Code of Ethics demean the integrity of Fair and its animal science program. Exhibitors who violate the code of animal science ethics are subject to sanctions including, but not limited to, forfeiture of premiums, awards, and/or auction proceeds and may be prohibited from participation in Fair or 4-H/UME events or activities; other violators may also be subject to sanction, as appropriate. Infractions may be reviewed by 4-H and/or UME (on the local or state level, as appropriate to the infraction and to the event and/or activity in question), and/or may be subject to a fair oversight committee or other entity that oversees an activity or event. In addition, some acts may also be subject to review based upon the Maryland 4-H Youth Code of Conduct and/or other UME policies.

The following is a list of standards and requirements for all Fair animal science projects, at all times, whether at home, at animal exhibitions or events, or any other 4-H event or activity.

1. The care of all fair project animals is the responsibility of the Exhibitors. Exhibitors must properly care for and groom their animals for the duration of their project.
2. All project animals must be housed at the Exhibitor's residence unless a different location is submitted to and approved in writing by the local fair staff. Any change in location must be approved in writing by the local fair staff; however, it is not necessary to report direct transport to and from shows or other events.

3. Upon request of fair, or other program, event or animal officials, Exhibitors must present proof of ownership, length of ownership, identity and/or age of all fair project animals owned or leased. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or identity of animal, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited. If a fair project animal is sold in a livestock sale, it is no longer eligible to be shown in a 4-H event in Maryland in that year.
4. Exhibitors must provide appropriate animal health certificates upon request of fair, or other program, event or animal officials.
5. Fair project animals must be presented to competition, activities and/or events, where they will enter the food chain, free of volatile drug residues. Animals which are presented to competition, events and/or activities that do not culminate with the animal entering the food chain, shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and rules. Fair project animals shall not be exhibited if drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations and rules may affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. At any time after an animal arrives on a fair or other activity or event premises, a licensed veterinarian must administer or, in consultation with fair, event, or officials, direct the administration of any treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications. Drenching at any time after an animal arrives on a fair or other activity or event premises is prohibited, except when performed or directed by a licensed veterinarian in consultation with fair, event, State officials for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal.
6. The act of enrolling in a fair animal science project, and/or entering a project animal in a fair competition, show, activity, or other event, gives consent for fair or event authorities to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, hair, tissue, or other substance from the animal to be used for testing purposes including, but not limited to, drugs or identification. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved, and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the project owner to prove otherwise at any review in regard to the matter conducted by a fair or other event . If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, hair, tissue or other sample, taken from a fair animal science project, indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally.
7. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counter irritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
8. Using ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses, internally or externally, other than those prescribed to relieve heat stress or a medical condition as diagnosed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
9. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices, such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical devices, or other similar practices, are not acceptable and are prohibited.

10. All judges, fair, event officials and volunteers shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect, and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them or toward exhibitors or others participating in the activity. In addition, direct criticism or interference with a judge, fair, show or event official, exhibitor, breed representative, fair staff or volunteer before, during, or after an event or other activity is prohibited.
  
11. No one shall violate this Code of Animal Science Ethics or conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this Code of Ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this Code of Ethics.
  
12. The application of this Code of Ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition to the exhibitor whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this Code of Ethics.
  
13. By enrolling in an animal science project and/or entering an animal in a fair, event or activity, the exhibitor, and his/her parent or guardian, consent to have disciplinary action taken by appropriate authorities (including fair, event and/or other activity officials) for violation of this Code of Animal Science Ethics and/or any other applicable rules of a fair, activity or other event, without recourse against the fair and/or other authorities. In addition, the exhibitor, and his/her parent or guardian, further understand and agree that any action which contravenes these rules, and is also in violation of federal, state, or local laws, statutes, regulations, or rules, may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

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**Note:** By signing this form the Exhibitor and his/her parent or guardian each verify that they have read and understand the **Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair, INC Code of Animal Science Ethics** and the consequences of and penalties provided for violations of the Code.

**ANIMAL SCIENCE PROJECT ENROLLMENT STATEMENT**

**I have read and understand the Fair Code of Animal Science Ethics, and I consent and agree to abide by the Fair Code of Animal Science Ethics. I understand this Statement must be signed by both the Exhibitor and his/her parent or guardian, will be kept on file in the Fair office, and will apply to all Fair animal science activities and events. I understand that if I do not agree to or sign this Code, I/my youth may not be eligible to enroll in a fair animal science project, may not receive associated materials, and/or may not be allowed exhibit or participate in covered activities.**

Exhibitor Signature	Date
Parent or Guardian of the Exhibitor	Date
Parent or Guardian of the Exhibitor	Date
Attendent or Volunteer	Date

Printed Name of Exhibitor	Date
Printed name of Parent or Guardian	Date
Printed name of Parent or Guardian	Date
Printed name of Attendent or Volunteer	Date



This Code of Ethics has been adapted from the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics; LMH; JWS; JWL 2001; JWL 2002; JWL 2007; CWA, Reviewed by DA 3/2009; CWA 11/2009; CWA, Reviewed by CP 12/2017.

# 2022 Carroll Co. 4-H & FFA Livestock Exhibitor Feed Assurance Documentation

What is BSE? Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), also known as Mad Cow Disease, is a form of disease that is progressively degenerative to the central nervous system and is fatal. This disease affects ruminant animals.

Ruminant animals are defined as any animals that have a four-chambered stomach; Ruminant animals sold in our sale include cattle, sheep, and goats. Hogs, chickens and rabbits are NOT ruminant animals.

Feeding ruminants protein that comes from potentially contaminated tissues may transmit BSE.

The United States has taken measures to help reduce the risk of American animals contracting the disease. The United States Food and Drug Administration adopted a regulation in 1997 that would prohibit ruminant animal feeds from containing any protein sources that came from ruminant animal tissues. For example, a cattle feed could not have a protein source that came from sheep.

FDA Regulation 21 CFR 589.2000 states that animal proteins are prohibited in ruminant feeds. The FDA defines animal's proteins as "any protein containing portions of mammalian animals.

EXCLUDING: blood and blood products; gelatin; inspected meat products which have been cooked and offered for human food and further processed for feed (such as plate waste and used cellulose food casings); milk products, and any product whose only mammalian protein consists entirely of porcine or equine protein." A full copy of the regulation is on file at the Extension Office.

Because of this regulation, commercial feed suppliers do not include the prohibited ingredients in their prepared mixes. It is important that you do pay attention to feed labels and feed only those feeds that have been missed for that species to that species. Example: hog feeds should not be fed to cattle, sheep, or goats.

Because BSE has been in the news recently, livestock producers need to do everything possible to reassure the public consumers that all steps are being taken to keep our meat supply safe.

A number of packers and processors, as well as retail operations, have established certification programs to ensure that they are receiving animals that have been properly fed and cared for. They have made it clear that they will not accept or purchase any ruminant animals that have been fed any feed containing protein from ruminant animal tissues, or any animals that have illegal levels of drug residues.

**What does it mean to you?** As a 4-H or FFA project member, you will need to sign, along with your parent or guardian, the certificate of Feed Assurance Quality for your sale animals agreeing that your ruminant animals (cattle, sheep and goats) have not been fed proteins derived from ruminant animal tissue, and that none of your animals (cattle, sheep, goats, hogs, market rabbits, capons) sold will have illegal levels of drug residue. This simply puts into writing the management practices you should be following throughout your project.

If we do not have this form on file, you will not be permitted to sell your animal(s) in the Livestock Sale. This form will help us to assure our buyers and the consumers that you are doing everything you can do to bring them a safe, quality product and could also help you to get a better price for your animal. Questions may be directed to the Extension Office at 410-386-2760.

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## Livestock Feed Assurance Certificate

Submit Livestock Feed Assurance Certificate to the Carroll County Extension Office no later than **Thursday, July 21, 2022.**

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge, none of my livestock offered for sale in the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale on Friday, August 6, 2021 will be adulterated within the meaning of the FDA's Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

- No ruminates have been fed proteins derived from mammalian tissues as the term is defined in 21 CFR 589.2000
- No livestock sale animals will have an illegal level of drug residues.

Following are tag numbers of my project animals:

Steers: \_\_\_\_\_ Lambs: \_\_\_\_\_  
Swine: \_\_\_\_\_ Goats: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibitor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_