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CC 4-H & FFA Fair Reminders

We are closing in on our favorite week of the year! The 2023 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. Read through the Maryland 4-H Code of Conduct as a reminder for appropriate behavior during the week. A copy has been attached to this *Tribune* and must be signed and turned in to pick up your packet.

Remember, the fair relies on volunteers and EVERYONE’S help is needed for set-up, work food concessions/events throughout the week and clean-up afterwards.

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

Fair Grounds Set-Up—Sunday, July 23rd starting at 8am

Fair Grounds Clean-up—Saturday, August 5th starting at 9am and Sunday, August 6th

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 provide a signed Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair **Liability Release Form**, and **Code of Conduct**, which also needs to be signed by your parent/guardian. A copy is attached to the *Tribune*.

ALL MARKET LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS must complete the Feed Assurance Form attached to this *Tribune*.

All of the forms mentioned above can be found at the end of the online edition of the *Tribune* or at www.carrollcountyfair.com. Forms can be emailed to entries@carrollcountyfair.com by Thursday, July 20th or brought with you when you pick up your fair packet.

Red Building Updates

Fair Reminders...

Now is a good time to get prepared for the 126th 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 projects. 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 to see when your exhibits are being entered. This year, some departments will have “drop and go” entries, where you will drop off 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 27th—Booths and Banners, Club Books, Shoe Box Floats (club and individual), Service-Learning Exhibits (club and individual judged at time of entry), Crafts (judged at entry time) , Plants and Flowers, Garden Products, Art and General Exhibits (judged at entry time), Fair Beautification

Enter these departments on Friday, July 28th—Engineering & Technology (judged at entry time), Photography (entry time different from previous years & 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 29th—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 30th.

Foods Department (except Canning) will be entered on Wednesday, August 2nd and will have conference judging again this year. Cake discs are available at the Extension Office. Again 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!

Updates to the Fair Catalog -

Ag Commodities—Mary Rasche’s email is—maryarasche@gmail.com

Hay and straw bundles should be in white or clear bags. Clear bags will be available to exhibitors from superintendents on entry day.

Clothing—Superintendent—Jamie Lynne Hester—443-375-7082

Crafts—Class 69 is Jewelry-Rainbow Loom and Class 76 is Diamond Dotz Kit

Photography—Exhibits will be returning to conference judging this year. Only 5 entries in this department, so you will only need 5 tags. Substitutions are allowed. Change the class # and class name on tag.

Fair Reminders...

Fair Sweepstakes—NEW for 2023

Are you planning on entering the fair? Indoor exhibits or animals? The **Sweepstakes Competition** is being put on by the Junior Fair Board, which works to make the fair bigger and better through active youth in our 4-H program. The Sweepstakes Competition is based on earning points for your entries and service hours during the fair to obtain the most points to win a prize. This works by registering for the competition and then, during the fair, you can pick up a service form to track service hours to add to your “score”. Everyone's number of entries, participation in showmanship, skillathon, judging contests and informal demos will be counted up and added to your service hours. You must register for the Sweepstakes Competition **before** the first day of the fair. For more information about registration, please see the attached flyer online (Will also be in fair packets)

Livestock Buyer 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, the more it may pay off for you at the sale!

Please see the attached (online) flyer for the Livestock Sale. This multi-page flyer has lots of great information to send to your buyers! If you would like some printed copies, please email Becky (bridgewa@umd.edu) and let her know how many you would like. You can then pick them up at the Extension Office.

NEW LIVESTOCK SALE ORDER!

New Sale Order for 2023! Make sure to take a look as there are some changes, especially within the swine order. New order of the sale:

1/3 Market Swine, 1/2 Market Goat, 1/2 Market Sheep, 1/3 Market Swine... The sale will stop at 8pm for the Top 12 Grand Champions “Eggs, Meat Poultry, Meat Rabbits, Dairy Goat Basket, Market Goat, Market Sheep, Market Swine, Milk, Dairy Steer and Market Beef” then followed by Market Beef, Dairy Steers, 1/3 Market Swine, 1/2 Market Goats, 1/2 Market Lambs

Fair Information Booth—Help Needed!!

The fair is currently seeking help to staff and operate the Information and Raffle Booth at the fair this year. The Information Booth plays a pivotal part and is an anchor to our fair goers experience. We thank Barb Yeager and family for the many years of assistance and will definitely miss their outstanding help this year. If your family, club or a friend may be interested in helping in the Information Booth, please reach out to Jim Weishaar (jim133wb@gmail.com) or Raina Gover at 410-848-3247

Fair Silent Auction

The Silent Auction Committee is reaching out to local 4-H and FFA Clubs to help make this a memorable year. We are searching for donations of filled baskets, bags, services, antiques, etc. for the Silent Auction that will be held July 29th-August 4th. All proceeds from the silent auction help support future activities for our youth. Funds help pay 4-H state contest fees for members. For questions, or if you would like to donate items, please contact Tracey Paulsen at 443-722-6659 or paulsen66@comcast.net.



Children's Day 2023 at the Fair—4-H Clubs are Invited to Participate

Attention all 4-H and all FFA clubs! The Fair will once again be hosting Children's Day on Tuesday, August 1st, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. 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, 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, we are also looking for donations! 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/CCChildrensDay23>

4-H/UME Cards

4-H Member and UME Volunteer Cards **WERE** mailed directly to each family household on June 16th.

Notify the Extension Office before Friday, July 21st if you do not receive your

4-H member/UME Volunteer Card.

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

Animal Quality Assurance

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. An email will be sent when the website is opened by Maryland 4-H. (<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. Quality Assurance must be completed by **Friday, July 21st to be eligible to show** at the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair.



Maryland State Fair

***** NEW FOR 2023! MARYLAND STATE FAIR ENTRIES ARE NOW DUE BY JULY 15TH BY 11:59PM. DON'T MISS OUT ON GETTING YOUR ENTRIES COMPLETED EARLY THIS YEAR! *****

Don't forget that Maryland State Fair Entries are due by July 15th! This is an earlier deadline than in previous years. Entries for most departments can be completed at www.marylandstatefair.com

If you are planning to participate in any of the events below, you will need to complete these state fair entries through 4-H Online (v2.4honline.com). Remember, some of these events you will need to place in the top 2 at the county fair contest or qualify to make a judging team. You are encouraged to complete your registration now, so you don't have to worry about it later. Entries you submit through 4-H Online will not be processed until the Extension Office has been notified that you qualify for the state event.

State Fair Events to enter through 4-H Online include: Dairy Goat Judging, Dairy Judging, Livestock Judging, Poultry Judging, Rabbit Judging, Dog Show, Fashion Revue, 4-H Presents, 4-H Top Chef, Horticulture Contest, Horticulture Communication Contest, Bicycle Safety Event, Electricity/Energy Event, Small Engine Event, Lawn Tractor Event, Tractor Operator Safety and Robotics

*Note - Some of these events will have an associated registration cost. Please select "**Pay by Check**" and the Extension Office will cover those fees.*

ATTN LEADERS: You will also need to follow these directions to enter your Club Booth and Club Banner. All banners are eligible to go to state fair. Only two 4-H Club Booths can go to state fair, so the entries will be approved once the county fair judging is complete.

Livestock Judging

Livestock Judging is continuing with on farm practices. Judging is a great way to learn more about beef, sheep and swine! If you have specific questions about judging, give Kathy Gordon a call at 301-667-0559 or email kgordon80@aol.com.

July 6—Harrison/Schulze, Woodbine (beef), 7pm

July 12—Mason-Dixon, PA (all species), Early start time and a small fee to participate in contest

July 13—Zepp, New Windsor (cattle and sheep), 7pm

July 20—State FFA Contest (practice for us), Washington County (all species), Time to be determined

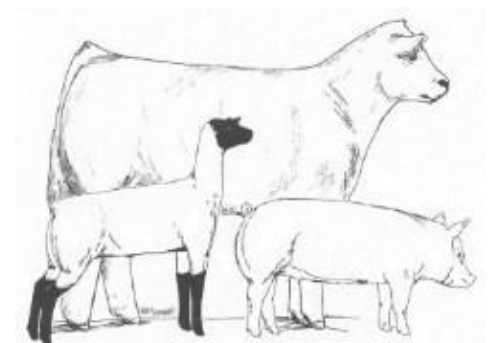
July 25—Knatz, Hampstead (swine), 7pm

August 2—Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Contest, 10am

August 12—Howard County Practice, Howard County Fair, Time to be determined

September 2—Maryland State Fair Contest, 8am

To be eligible for the State Team/Alternate, you must attend at least 1 of the 3 species practices and the Carroll County Fair contest is mandatory!



Dairy Judging

Interested in learning more about dairy cattle? Then come and try out the dairy judging program. You will have the opportunity to visit different farms, learn what you need to look for in judging cows and learn how to defend your selections! If you have specific questions, please contact Kelly Zepp at zredcows@gmail.com.

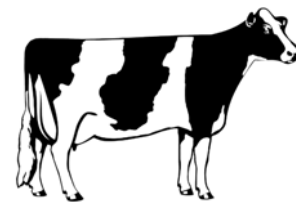
July 5th—Spring Valley Farm , Westminster, 10am

July 12th—Maple Dell Farm, Woodbine, 10am

July 20th—State FFA Dairy Judging Contest, Washington County Ag Expo, 9am

July 25th—Crown Stone Farm, Clear Springs, 10am

July 30th—Carroll County Fair, Carroll County Ag Center, 9:30am



Poultry Judging

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.

All practices will start at 7pm at the Extension Office on Tuesdays:

July 11th, 18th, 25th

Practices prepare youth for the county contest which will be held on August 3, 2023. There are also opportunities to compete on the state and national levels. For more information, please reach out to Irene Hintze at 667-314-5425 or irenehintze18@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Horse Rulebook and Bit Guide for 2023

The Maryland 4-H Horse Program has updated the Maryland 4-H Horse Show Rulebook. Additionally, in order to provide education and clarification on acceptable bits and bridles, a Maryland State 4-H Bit and Bridle Guide is available. This guide should help exhibitors understand what bits are and are not acceptable for given classes before coming to a Maryland 4-H show. The rulebook and bit guide can be found here: [Maryland 4-H Horse Program Webpage](#).

Project Record—2023 Update of Requirement

In 2023, all project records that are completed will be held to meeting 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.* The speech/demonstration must relate to your project. You cannot do a demonstration on your swine project and think that covers your beef project too. You must do an individual speech/demo for each project record you are planning to submit this fall. Don't forget that participating in programs such as skillathon, bowls, and judging programs count toward this requirement. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office at 410-386-2760.

Leadership Council and All Stars Meeting

The next Carroll County 4-H Leadership Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 14th at 6:30pm at the Extension Office**. This is an opportunity for our 4-H Families and Volunteers to hear updates on the program and provide comments and questions about the county program. **Immediately following the Leadership Meeting, the Carroll County 4-H All Stars will meet.** This is a great way to provide input on the 4-H program, plus get two meetings finished in one night!

UME Volunteer Training

If you aren't already a UME Volunteer, make plans to complete the training in 2023. 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!

Fall Program Dates

Mark your calendars now for new programs this fall! More information will be in the September Tribune, but we wanted to make everyone aware! (NOTE: Dates are subject to change)

Friday, September 22nd AND 29th, Beginners Robotics and Block Coding Workshop

Saturday, October 7, 14, 21—Bird Watching Series

Friday, October 20th, 9am-3pm—4-H Project Day

Tuesday, October 24th, 6:30pm—College Finance Night

Friday, November 3rd, 6pm—Senior Portfolio Workshop

Friday, November 17th, 6pm - 4-H Project Night

Friday, December 1st, 6pm—4-H Holiday Project Night



Congratulations to our New Carroll County 4-H All Stars



Congratulations to Makenna Steele and Ashley Barber who were initiated into the Maryland 4-H All Stars on June 17th. Also, attending the Maryland 4-H All Stars meeting were Jennifer Hiscock-Maryland 4-H All Star Vice President, Cheryl Hill and Erica McAndrew.

Fair Reminders

Everyone is welcome to participate in Fair Board meetings held at the Extension Office/Ag Center. The next meeting is July 19th at 7:30pm and Fair Evaluation will be on Wednesday, August 9th, 7:30pm

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.

2023 Fair Dates—July 29-August 4, 2023

2023 Fair Theme—The Power of YOUth



Dates to Remember

July 7	Fair Fun Day, CC Extension Office, 9am
July 10-14	Residential Camp, Hashawha
July 14	Fair Fun Day, CC Extension Office, 9am
July 15	Maryland State Fair Entry System Closes, 11:59pm
July 21	Fair Fun Day, CC Extension Office, 9am
July 29-Aug 4	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair
Aug 24-Aug 27	Maryland State Fair—First Weekend (4-H Livestock Weekend)
Aug 31—Sept 4	Maryland State Fair—2nd Weekend (4-H Dairy Weekend/ Judging Contests)
September 4	CC Extension Office, CLOSED
Sept 7-Sept 10	Maryland State Fair—3rd Weekend (4-H Dairy Goat Weekend)
September 14	Leadership Council/All-Star Meeting, CC Extension Office, 6:30pm
September 28	Club Leader Meeting, CC Extension Office, 7pm
October 9	CC Extension Office, CLOSED
October 20	4-H Project Day, CC Extension Office, 9am-3pm
October 24	College Finance Night, CC Extension Office, 6:30pm
November 3	Senior Portfolio Workshop, CC Extension Office, 6pm
November 17	4-H Project Night, CC Extension Office, 6pm
November 27	4-H Project Records due to Extension Office
December 1	4-H Holiday Project Night, CC Extension Office, 6pm



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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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CARROLL COUNTY 4-H & FFA FAIR

July 29th – AUGUST 4th, 2023

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

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:

Participant's Address:

Signature:

Date:

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: _____



Maryland 4-H Youth Code of Conduct

A goal of the Maryland 4-H Program is to provide opportunities for children and youth to build character. Maryland 4-H supports the CHARACTER COUNTSSM six pillars of character: **TRUSTWORTHINESS, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, FAIRNESS, CARING, AND CITIZENSHIP**. In order to ensure Maryland 4-H programs provide positive environments for all individuals to learn and grow, 4-H participants agree to abide by these expectations of behavior:

- ✿ I will be **TRUSTWORTHY**. I will be worthy of trust, honor, and confidence. I will be a model of integrity by doing the right thing even when the cost is high. I will be honest in all my activities, and I will not cheat, lie, knowingly give false information, or be dishonest in any other way. I will follow through on commitments I make and responsibilities I accept. I will not engage in illegal or unethical behavior.
- ✿ I will be **RESPECTFUL**. I will show respect, courtesy, and consideration to everyone, including other program participants, those in authority, and myself. I will act and speak respectfully. I will not use vulgar or abusive language or cause physical, mental, or emotional harm. I will dress in a manner that is appropriate, tasteful, and respectful for youth. I will take care of property and facilities and will not intentionally cause harm or damage. I will appreciate diversity in skill, ability, gender, ethnicity, family, and personal beliefs. I understand that Maryland 4-H does not tolerate statements or acts of discrimination or prejudice.
- ✿ I will be **RESPONSIBLE**. I will be responsible, accountable, and self-disciplined in the pursuit of excellence. I will live up to high expectations so I can be proud of my work and conduct. I accept my personal responsibility to be informed of and follow policies, rules, and procedures of Maryland 4-H and 4-H events or activities in which I participate. I will be accountable for my choices and actions and I will take responsibility for any mistakes or misconduct in which I participate.
- ✿ I will be **FAIR**. I will be just, fair, and open-minded. I will participate in events by following the rules, not taking advantage of others, and not asking for special exception or consideration. I will demonstrate good sportsmanship and will accept the final outcome of events and contests.
- ✿ I will be **CARING**. I will be caring in my relationships with others. I will be kind and show compassion for other people and living things. I will treat others the way I want to be treated. I will show appreciation for the efforts of others. I will help members of my group to have a good experience by striving to include everyone.
- ✿ I will be a **GOOD CITIZEN**. I will be a contributing and law-abiding member of the organization, community, and society. I will not use illegal or illicit substances such as tobacco, alcohol, or drugs. I will not act in a manner that is threatening, harassing, demeaning, or violent toward others, and I will not use technology or media to promote such actions. I will be respectful to the environment and contribute to the greater good. I will promote a spirit of inclusion by welcoming individuals from all backgrounds in my club and community. I will positively represent Maryland 4-H by holding myself to the standards of the 4-H Pledge and Motto.

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Maryland 4-H Youth Code of Conduct Agreement

Youth Code of Conduct:

Maryland 4-H expects youth participating in programs to behave in an acceptable manner and in accordance with the Maryland 4-H Code of Conduct outlined on the reverse of this document. 4-H participants who engage in unacceptable conduct are subject to discipline. Youth behaviors that are unacceptable under the Code of Conduct include, but are not limited to:

- Possession, use, or distribution of alcohol and/or illegal or illicit drugs
- Possession or use of weapons or dangerous materials
- Possession or use of tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, e-cigarettes, smokeless "vaping" devices, and/or other nicotine delivery devices
- Misuse of prescription or non-prescription drugs or substances
- Sexual activity
- Lying, cheating, misrepresenting project work, or other unethical practices
- Unauthorized absence from program site
- Physical, verbal, emotional, or mental abuse of, or threats toward, another person
- Theft, destruction, or abuse of property
- Use of electronic devices and/or social media to bully, demean, harass, or threaten another person
- Use of technology to create, transmit, post, or willingly receive unacceptable content such as that containing profanity, advocacy of use/possession of alcohol or drugs, violence, sexual misconduct, nudity, etc

Maryland 4-H Disciplinary Policy and Procedures:

A participant in a 4-H program who engages in conduct that may jeopardize the health or safety of the participant, other people, or the integrity of 4-H will be immediately dismissed from the program or activity. This determination and dismissal will be made at the discretion of the University of Maryland Extension (UME) faculty/staff member or UME volunteer in charge of the program or activity. The dismissed youth participant's parent or guardian will be responsible for providing transportation away from the program or event.

Following dismissal from a program, the 4-H participant and his/her parent or guardian will be notified in writing of the nature of any unacceptable conduct for which sanctions, up to and including suspension or dismissal from 4-H programs or activities, are being considered. In such cases:

- The county/city UME faculty or staff member with overall responsibility for the program will set up a meeting to hear the 4-H participant. The 4-H participant's parent/guardian will be present at this meeting. At the discretion of UME or at the request of the 4-H participant, a committee may be appointed by UME to review the matter.
- Following the meeting, the 4-H participant and his/her parent/guardian will be notified in writing of the outcome of the meeting and any sanction(s) to be imposed.
- Sanctions may be appealed in writing within seven (7) calendar days after the 4-H participant receives notice of the decision, to the Area Extension Director (AED). The AED will consult with the appropriate State 4-H Specialist(s) in considering the 4-H participant's appeal. The 4-H participant and his/her parent/guardian will be notified in writing of the decision of the AED.
- The decision of the AED may be appealed in writing to the State 4-H Leader within seven (7) days after the 4-H participant receives notice of the decision. The 4-H participant and his/her parent/guardian will be notified in writing of the State 4-H Leader's decision. The decision of the State 4-H Leader is final.

BEHAVIOR PLEDGE

I have read the Maryland 4-H Code of Conduct and the Maryland 4-H Disciplinary Policy and Procedures. I am aware that my actions and decisions affect me and others and that poor actions or decisions may result in my loss of privileges for current and future 4-H programs. I will accept the appropriate and logical consequences of my actions, as determined by Maryland 4-H.

4-Her's Printed Name

4-Her's Signature

Date

As the parent/guardian of _____, I have read the Maryland 4-H Code of Conduct and the Maryland 4-H Disciplinary Policy and Procedures. I will support and uphold these principles, and will model positive behavior for my child and other 4-H youth and families. I will support the individual in charge of maintaining appropriate behavior at 4-H programs, events, and activities. I agree to accept the appropriate and logical consequences of my child's actions as determined by Maryland 4-H and the University of Maryland Extension.

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

2023 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.

Livestock Feed Assurance Certificate

Submit Livestock Feed Assurance Certificate to the Carroll County Extension Office no later than **Sunday, July 23, 2023**.

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 4, 2023 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: _____