

Wills Spring 4-H/FFA Fair

The Wills Spring 4-H/FFA Fair, one of four regional spring livestock shows for Maryland 4-H and FFA members, is named in honor of the late Richard N. Wills who for more than fifty years provided leadership that enabled hundreds of youth and adults to participate in agricultural related activities.

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Alpacas	Kevin Buker & Rick German
Dairy	Susan Harrison/Judy Iager/Kathy Patrick/Crystal Dell, Bob Valentine
Dairy Goats	Don Marston
Meat Goats	Bruce Bennett
Beef	Allan Pickett, Charles Smallwood, Thomas & Tyler Tessier,
Rabbit	Rebecca Buker
Sheep	Cortney Hill-Dukehart
Dogs	Karen Herriotts
Poultry	Richard Holmes, Nancy Carlisle

SUPPORT THE FOOD CONCESSION BOOTH. A portion of the proceeds from the food booth goes to support the expenses of conducting the show.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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General Rules

1. Exhibitors must review and abide by general rules and the rules for their respective species.
2. **NEW ENTRY PROCEDURE-PLEASE READ!!!!** Entries must be submitted no later than April 18, 2011. Entries need to be mailed to: **4-H Department, Carroll County Extension, 700 Agriculture Center, Westminster, MD 21157. Once entries are received, all entries will be reviewed and signed by your county 4-H educator. DO NOT** send your entries to your local extension office!
3. Exhibitors must comply with State of Maryland Health Regulations and present a copy of the veterinary health certificate to the State Veterinarian on arrival on the grounds.
4. **All animals (except beef) must be on the grounds no later than 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 21, 2011. (Beef exhibitors: see Special Beef Rules)**
5. Upon arrival, all exhibitors should report to the show superintendent at the designated show area. (See Special Rules for each species). Stall assignments will be posted on the ends of the barns.
6. Exhibitors requiring additional time for preparation for the various shows may arrive on the fairgrounds Friday evening after 6:00 p.m. Exhibitors staying overnight on the grounds must have an adult chaperon who must be on the fairgrounds from 10 p.m Friday to 6 a.m. Saturday.
7. Bedding must be provided by exhibitors.
8. **Exhibitors are required to clean their stalls or pens before leaving. Bedding must be removed from stalls/pens and removed from grounds. (There will be dumpsters available on a first come, first served basis for removal of bedding.)Transportation allowances will be withheld for failure to clean stalls or pens. Exhibitors should tie their animals in barn space provided. Do not show out of trailers.**
9. A total of six large animals per exhibitor will be awarded a participation premium. (See Special Rules for each species). Additional animals may be entered but will not receive any participation premiums.
10. Exhibitors will show their own animals unless two animals are eligible for the same class. In this case the second animal must be shown by another 4-H/FFA member who is of the same chronological age or younger.
11. Exhibitors are expected to keep their animals under control at all times.

12. Animals will be released following the conclusion of the appropriate show.
13. Transportation allowances will be provided through support from the **MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL FAIR BOARD** and will be forwarded to exhibitors by check through their local University of Maryland Extension Office following the show. Premiums are \$16.00 for dairy cattle, dairy steers, and beef (max. 6); \$8.00 for alpacas, sheep and goats (max.6); \$5.00 for dogs (max.5); and \$3.00 for rabbits and covies, and poultry(max.10).
14. Water will be available in the barns and at the wash racks.
No washing of cattle in the sheep/swine barns.
15. Fitting and Showing/Showmanship Scoring: The judging of fitting and showing/showmanship classes will be based on the following factors:
 - Showmanship ability and appearance of the exhibitor - 75%
 - Grooming, clipping, cleanliness, and appearance of the animal - 25%Because this show is held early in the year, emphasis will not be placed on condition of the animal as far as fleshing is concerned. **Beef exhibitors see rule #7 in beef department.**
16. The show will be held rain or shine.
17. Age divisions will be as follows: Juniors 8-10 years of age; Intermediates 11-13 years of age, and Seniors 14-18 years old, as of January 1 of the current year.
18. The show committee of each species will make decisions regarding the conduct of the specific show and these decisions will be final.
19. Exhibitors must review and abide by the rules for their respective species.
20. The fair management will not be responsible for any accidents or injuries which may occur to any person, exhibit or property. A paramedic will be available on the grounds in the event of an emergency. Rescue squad ambulance is on standby basis.
21. Anyone caught vandalizing property will be expelled from the show. The Maryland 4-H Code of Conduct will be in effect throughout the show weekend.
22. **Exhibitors must sign the Code of Animal Science Ethics annually and have it on file in the local 4-H office. (Code adapted from the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics).**

The following practices or procedures are unacceptable and are defined as being fraudulent and/or unethical in the care, fitting, preparation and showing of all animals. Animals entered may be subject to blood and/or urine sampling and testing at any time during the fair.

1. Misrepresenting the age of an animal for a class in which it is shown.
2. Treating an animal, internally or externally, with an irritant or counter-irritant, or other substance to artificially change its conformation or appearance for a show. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of graphite, powders, hemp, artificial coloring or similar substances. As an example, the use of products such as show glo, shaving cream, and hair mousse used to improve eye appeal, would be permitted. The use of dyes, spray paint or other artificial coloring which result in the misrepresentation of the animal (i.e., that change the natural color of the hair/wool, etc.), would not be permitted. This shall also include the offering for consumption by the animal, any substance not considered a normal component of a diet for livestock.
3. The use of tranquilizers, sedatives, depressants or similar substances which alter the physical or physiological state of the animal.
4. Surgery, injection or insertion of foreign material under the skin and/or into the flesh of an animal to change the natural contour, conformation or appearance of the animal's body.
5. The use of inhumane fitting, showing and/or handling practices (i.e., raming lambs, etc.).
6. Exhibiting animals found to carry false hair/wool that has been relocated to enhance the contour, conformation or appearance of the animal with the exception of a false switch.
7. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors while in the show ring and other conduct detrimental to the show including, but not limited to, unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the exhibitor.
8. Sheep/dairy goats must have Scrapie ID tag.