

## **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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Rabbit	
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 20, 2012. 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 19, 2012. (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 maximum of **5** animals total per exhibitor will receive transportation allowances **NOT per department**. See Special Rules for each species). Additional animals may be entered but will not receive any participation premiums. **Participation fee is due to change based upon the State allocated funds.**
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. If an animal gets away from the showman twice, the superintendent of that department has the right to ask the animal to be removed from the ring/show.
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. Allowances are due to change based upon the availability of funds from the Fair Board. Premiums are \$12.00 per head – Cattle-Beef or Dairy; \$5.00 per head – Sheep, Swine, Goats; \$2.00 per head – Dogs; \$1.00 per head – Chickens or Rabbits. A maximum of 5 animals total per exhibitor **NOT per department will receive the transportation allowances.** These apply to all shows and may not be changed except by action of the MD Ag Fair Board
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., ramping 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.

## DEPARTMENT VII - POULTRY SHOW

Chairperson - Richard G. Holmes Phone: 410-465-7778

Assistant Chairman – Nancy Carlisle

### Rules

1. There will be a live bird competition for Meat Birds, Egg Production Birds, Purebred Large Fowl, Bantams, Pigeons, Waterfowl, and Broilers.
2. **Advance entries** will be needed. Entry blank is attached to this premium list.
3. This will be a **Carry-out** show and exhibitors should bring sufficient carriers as birds will remain in carriers until specific class is called at which time exhibitor is to bring appropriate bird(s) for that class to the judges table.
4. Birds will be received at the Exhibit Building 1 or 2 from 8 A.M. to 9 AM on the day of the show. Judging will start at 9 A.M. with the judge announcing all his reasons for placing the birds and the exhibitors and interested viewers sitting in chairs opposite the judging. If there is a conflict with exhibitor showing another species at the fair, another 4-H'er may show the exhibitor's birds for them.
5. Any bird showing symptoms of any disease will be disqualified and must be removed immediately from the building for the duration of the show.
6. A certificate of a negative pullorum and avian influenza test must be shown for all birds at coop-in time.
7. The greatest care will be taken of all specimens, but the show will not be responsible for any accident, loss or damage, from whatever arises.
8. Crossbred large fowl should be entered under the heavyweight or lightweight egg production classification. Crossbred large fowl will only receive premium money if they are recognized crosses for meat or egg production. Unrecognized crossbred large fowl will receive ribbons only and receive no premium money.

### Classes

For this show only, the basis for determining a bird's proper age classification will be as follows:

COCK: Male over one year in age.

COCKEREL: Male under one year of age.

HEN: Female over one year

PULLET: Female under one year of age

(In Purebred chickens be sure to state on your entry blank whether they are Large Fowl or Bantams, Single Comb or Rose Comb and Bearded or Non-Bearded.)

**Classes will be provided as follows:**

MEAT TYPE BREEDER

EGG PRODUCTION (Heavyweight and Lightweight compete together)

PUREBRED LARGE FOWL - (All breeds competing together)

PUREBRED BANTAMS - (All breeds competing together)

WATERFOWL

DUCKS - (All breeds competing together)

GEESE - (All breeds competing together)

BROILERS

PIGEONS - (All breeds competing together)

**Awards**

- Premiums will be paid for COCK, HEN, COCKEREL and PULLET in each of the above categories.
- PREMIUMS: \$1.00 participation money will be paid on each bird entered up to ten birds per exhibitor. No premium will be paid for above five birds per exhibitor. You may enter as many birds as you wish.
- Rosettes for Champion & Reserve in each of the nine divisions.
- Awards for Grand Champion & Reserve in both the overall Commercial & Purebred Divisions.

WILLS SPRING 4-H & FFA FAIR  
POULTRY SHOW ENTRY FORM

EXHIBITOR'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP

AGE (AS OF JANUARY 1, 2012): \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_ (The county where you are enrolled in 4-H/FFA.)

NOTE: Premiums will be paid to a maximum of 10 birds per exhibitor. Exhibitors may exhibit more than 10 birds. One bird per entry per line please.

Secretary's Coop Number	Class or Award	Name and Variety and Breed - Be sure and state whether they are Large Fowl or Bantams, Single Comb or Rose Comb, and Bearded or Non-Bearded	Band Numbers			
			Cock	Hen	Cockereel	Pullet
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**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 20, 2012.**

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The Fair Management will not be held responsible for any accident or injury that may occur to any person, exhibit or property. Maryland 4-H programs are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, or national origin.

All information must be completed. Incomplete entries will not be accepted. I am familiar with the rules and regulations relating to 4-H club and FFA exhibits and exhibitors at this fair. I am an active member of 4-H \_\_\_ FFA \_\_\_

Exhibitors Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
I certify that this member is eligible to exhibit in the 4-H and FFA Classes at this Fair.

County Extension Educator/FFA Advisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_