



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.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to the MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL FAIR BOARD for their financial support for premiums, ribbons and special awards. We thank the HOWARD COUNTY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS for their cooperation in the use of their grounds and buildings.

Show location: Howard Co. Fairgrounds, 2210 Fairgrounds Rd. West Friendship, MD

General Rules - All Species (The rabbit rules begin on page 4)

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 counterirritant, 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 a Scrapie ID tag.

Rabbit and Cavy Department

This is an ARBA sanctioned show and ARBA rules are in effect.

Show Superintendent: Kathy Harden 410-984-8253

Show Secretary: Kari Splitter karisplitter@yahoo.com

ARBA Convention: Wichita, KS Oct. 27- 31, 2012

Rabbit Judge: Dr. Wendy Feaga

Cavy Judge: Faith Storms

Special Rules for Rabbits and Cavies

1. Rabbits will be housed in the 4-H Exhibit Building directly opposite the cattle barns. Rabbits must be in place by 8:00 a.m. Judging begins at 9:00 a.m.
2. Exhibitors will be limited to a maximum of 10 animals.
3. All rabbits must be tattooed in the left ear. Diseased or very poorly conditioned rabbits will be sent home.
4. No rabbits under three months of age will be allowed except in market classes. All expecting animals are to be left at home.
5. All rabbits must be pre-entered by the entry due date – these entries go to the Carroll Co. Extension service, address on page 1, general rules, and not to the show secretary. Substitutions, but no additions, may be made until May 5th by e-mailing Kari Splitter at karisplitter@yahoo.com. Substitutions in same breed and class will be accepted the day of the show.
6. No smoking or alcohol will be permitted in the Rabbit Building.
7. The Show Chairmen or members of their committee have the right to dismiss from the rabbit show area anyone not following the rules or interfering with the conduct of the show.
8. All rabbit breeds and cavies will be accepted. The ARBA recognized animals will be judged first. At the end of the ARBA sanctioned show, crossbreeds and cavies will then be judged. The crossbreed rabbits will be divided into fancy and commercial types, to permit easier judging.
9. If you have classes elsewhere, make arrangements with other 4-H/FFA members to get your rabbits or cavies to the judges table. A class will be called 3 times. After the third call, the class will be judged without your animal.
10. Market Pens-Pen of three rabbits of same breed and variety (3-5 lb.). It is important that these rabbits be uniform in size and weight.

Awards

- A minimum of five animals per breed will be required in order to be eligible for Best of Breed awards and Best Opposite rosettes.
- Ribbons will be awarded 1st-10th place.
- Champion rosette ribbons will be awarded in each age division of rabbits and cavies.
- Awards will be presented to the Best in Show, Best Fancy, Best Commercial and Best Cavy entries, Best of Breed - 5, Best Opposite Breed – 5

Division I - RABBIT SHOW

Classes

Rabbits are shown by sex – buck or doe, and by age, Junior (under 6 months), Intermediate (6-8 months) and Senior (over 8 months in large breeds and over 6 months in smaller breeds). The smaller breeds do not have an intermediate class, and if entered in this class they will be placed in the senior class.

Breed Listing

- Breed ID #1 American Chinchilla
- Breed ID #2 American Fuzzy Lop (No intermediate classes)
- Breed ID #3 American
- Breed ID #4 American Sable (No intermediate classes)
- Breed ID #5 Belgian Hare (No intermediate classes)
- Breed ID #6 Beveren
- Breed ID #7 Britannia Petite (No intermediate classes)
- Breed ID #8 Californian
- Breed ID #9 Champagne D'argent
- Breed ID #10 Checkered Giant
- Breed ID #11 Cinnamon
- Breed ID #12 Cream D'argent
- Breed ID #13 Dutch (No intermediate classes)
- Breed ID #14 Dwarf Hotot (No intermediate classes)
- Breed ID #15 English Angora (No intermediate classes)
- Breed ID #16 English Lop
- Breed ID #17 English Spot (No intermediate classes)
- Breed ID #18 Flemish Giant
- Breed ID #19 Florida White (No intermediate classes)
- Breed ID #20 French Angora (No intermediate classes)
- Breed ID #21 French Lop
- Breed ID #22 Giant Angora
- Breed ID #23 Giant Chinchilla
- Breed ID #24 Harlequin (No intermediate classes)
- Breed ID #25 Havana (No intermediate classes)
- Breed ID #26 Himalayan (No intermediate classes)
- Breed ID #27 Holland Lop (No intermediate classes)
- Breed ID #28 Hotot de Blanc
- Breed ID #29 Jersey Woolly (No intermediate classes)
- Breed ID #30 Lilac (No intermediate classes)
- Breed ID #31 Mini Lop (No intermediate classes)
- Breed ID #32 Mini Rex (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)

- Breed ID #33 Netherland Dwarf (No intermediate classes)
- Breed ID #34 New Zealand
- Breed ID #35 Palomino
- Breed ID #36 Polish (No intermediate classes)
- Breed ID #37 Rex (No intermediate classes)
- Breed ID #38 Rhinelander (No intermediate classes)

Breed ID #39 Satin Angora (No intermediate classes)
Breed ID #40 Satin
Breed ID #41 Silver Fox
Breed ID #42 Silver (No intermediate classes)
Breed ID #43 Silver Marten (No intermediate classes)
Breed ID #44 Standard Chinchilla (No intermediate classes) \
Breed ID #45 Tan (No intermediate classes)
Breed ID #46 Mini Satin (No intermediate classes)
Breed ID #47 Thrianta (No intermediate classes)
Breed ID #48 Lion Head
Breed ID #49 Crossbred/Pet

Division II – CAVIES

Classes

Cavies are shown by sex – Boar or sow, and by age, Junior (under 4 months), Intermediate (4-6 months) and Senior (over 6 months).

Class 49 - American/American Satin
Class 50 - Peruvian/Peruvian Satin
Class 51 - Abyssinian/Abyssinian Satin
Class 52 - Teddy/Teddy Satin
Class 53 - White Crested
Class 54 - Silkie/Silkie Satin
Class 55 – Textel
Class 56 – Coronet

Division III - Educational Poster/Display

Judged on the Danish system and no premiums offered.

Class 57 - Juniors (ages 8-10)
Class 58 - Intermediates (ages 11-13)
Class 59 - Seniors (ages 14-18)

Division IV – Showmanship

Class 60 – Juniors (ages 8-10)
Class 61 - Intermediates (ages 11-13)
Class 62 - Seniors (ages 14-18)

The 4-H club program is open to all persons without regard to race, color, religion, age, national origin, sex and handicap.

