

MARYLAND 4-H & FFA CODE OF ANIMAL SCIENCE ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals (beef, dairy, goat, horse, poultry, rabbit, sheep, dog, and swine), at all animal science activities and events shall at all times conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of education. This code applies to all 4-Hers who participate in structured classes of competition and animal science activities and events in 4-H. This code applies to all animals offered in any animal science activity, event, or show.

All youth leaders (including parents and MCE Volunteers) working with 4-H exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners who violate the code of animal science ethics will forfeit premiums, awards, and auction proceeds and may be prohibited from future participation. 4-H Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all animal exhibitors.

Infractions will be reviewed by a 4-H Board of Review, on the local or state level, as appropriate to the event in question and may be subject to a fair oversight committee. In addition, some acts may be subject to review of the State 4-H Office based upon the 4-H Behavioral Expectations (4-H 418) and/or MCE policies.

The following is a list of standards for all exhibitors and all animals in competitive events and activities:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock officials, proof of ownership, identity of animal, length of ownership and age of all animals owned. Misrepresentation of ownership, identity of animal, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or animal officials.
3. 4-H exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or animal science activities and events.
4. Animals shall be presented to activities and events where they will enter the food chain, free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in an animal show, activity, or event is giving the consent by the owner for event management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, hair, tissue, or other substance from the animal to be used in testing. Specimens may also be utilized to determine the identity of the animal. Animals entered shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Animals shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, hair, tissue, or other sample taken livestock, 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. 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 owner to prove otherwise at any review in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock event or 4-H. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or animal science event premises, a licensed veterinarian shall administer all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign sub-stance 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.

6. 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.
7. Hair removal, clipping or shaving of hair on hogs (Market and Breeding), or evidence thereof, besides ears, tails, and underline is prohibited.
8. The use of showing and/or handling devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices, are not acceptable and are prohibited.
9. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair, or animal show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and animal management, or other event officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them or exhibitors participating in the activity. For disciplinary procedures, please refer to 4-H 418.
10. No owner shall violate this Code of 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. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
11. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition to the owner 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.
12. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, parent, or guardian to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair, animal science event, MCE, or 4-H for violation of this Code of Animal Science Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair, animal science event, MCE, or 4-H without recourse against the fair, animal science event, MCE, or 4-H. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or animal event may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
13. The act of signing this form and/or entering of an animal in a fair or animal event or activity is the giving of verification by the owner that he or she has read the **Maryland 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics** and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further consented that any action, which contravenes these rules, and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

EXHIBITOR ENTRY STATEMENT:

I have read, understood, and, in consideration of being able to exhibit, or participate in Maryland 4-H animal events, consent to and agree to abide by the Maryland 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics. I understand this statement must be signed annually and will be on file in the local 4-H office and will apply to all 4-H animal science events and activities for that year. By not signing, one may not receive all associated materials and will not be eligible to exhibit in the current period.

All 4-H/FFA animal project exhibitors will be required to sign a current version of the code of animal science ethics when they re-enroll annually.



**DEPARTMENT A
LIVESTOCK
(Talbot County 4-H & FFA Only)**

RULES

1. All purebred animals for exhibition must be owned and registered in the exhibitor's name.
2. Unregistered (grade) animals may be exhibited by Talbot 4-H/FFA members only.
3. To be eligible to receive any awards, members must exhibit an approved animal and keep animal clean and attractive at all times during the Fair. Superintendent reserve the right of ruling on these provisions.
4. All entries are subject to the health regulations of the Maryland Department of Animal Health.
5. Entries to the Fairground must be accompanied by proper health certificates. Registration papers, proper health papers, and Maryland State Self Certification Form.
6. No more than 2 animals may be entered in any class by the same exhibitor.
7. All animals must be shown by their owners except where the member has 2 entries in one class, in which case, the second animal must be shown by a 4-H or FFA member.
8. In the event that livestock classes of similar nature do not have sufficient entries to warrant individual competition, these classes may be combined. Exhibitors will be awarded premiums and ribbons for the class originally entered.
9. Points to be considered in fitting and showmanship classes:
 - a. Fitting Of Animals
 - i. Body Condition. Includes quality of the hide and general condition of animal. Over-conditioned animals should receive slight to serious discrimination.
 - b. Performance in Show Ring
 - i. Performance of animals. Animals should stop, start, and post in satisfactory manner.
 - ii. Presentation of animals. A good showman minimizes minor faults of an animal.
 - iii. Ability to show animals other than own. Good showmen are at ease when handling any properly trained animal.
 - iv. Alertness of showman. Doing the right thing at the right time is important. (Follow instructions of the judge.)
 - v. Sportsmanship of showman. Includes courtesy.
 - vi. Personal appearance of showman. A neat personal appearance helps to round out the picture of a good showman.
 - vii. Established uniform dress: Dairy, Dairy Goats & Dairy Steers - 4-H boys & girls must wear white trousers/skirts and white shirt with green or black tie; Beef, Sheep, Swine - 4-H Boys - Khaki or green trousers, khaki or white shirt with green or black tie. 4-H Girls - white shirt, green or white skirt/slacks/culottes with green or black neck piece. Khaki outfit is also acceptable.
10. Exhibitors must be neatly dressed when showing an animal.
11. Livestock exhibitors may stay overnight dependent upon prior approval from parents and Livestock Chairperson.
12. Each livestock exhibitor is responsible for bringing their own straw or shavings, and cleaning their stalls before leaving fairgrounds.
13. All 4-H/FFA class exhibitors staying overnight with their livestock at the fairgrounds must complete and return the following: a Maryland 4-H Behavioral Expectations form and a Permission to Stay Overnight form. These forms must be completed and returned with your entry to the fair. Be sure to keep one copy of each of these two forms and return the other copies.



Section I - DAIRY (4-H/FFA)

Judged: Friday, July 9, 2010
5:00pm

RULES

1. Entry forms must be mailed on or before June 4, 2010.
2. Talbot County exhibitors are required to enter their dairy animals from 10 am -12:00pm, Wednesday, July 7, 2010. Talbot County dairy animals will be released Saturday, July 10, 2010 after the livestock auction.

FITTING AND SHOWING CLASSES

10121. Fitting & Showing, Senior Division (14-18 yrs.) - Ribbon
10122. Fitting & Showing, Intermediate Division (11-13yrs) - Ribbon
10123. Fitting & Showing, Junior Division (8-10yrs) - Ribbon
10124. Fitting & Showing, Novice Division (1st yr. Showing, 8 yrs or older) - Ribbon

Fitting & Showing, Champion – Rosette
Fitting & Showing, Reserve Champion – Rosette

through 5/31/09

10106. Heifer Winter Yearling, born 12/1/08 through 2/28/09
10107. Heifer Fall Yearling, born 9/1/08 through 11/30/08

Junior Champion – Rosette
Reserve Junior Champion - Rosette

10108. Cow, Jr., 2 yr. Old - Born 3/1/08 through 8/31/08
10109. Cow, Sr., 2 yr. Old - Born 9/1/07 through 2/28/08
10110. Cow, Jr., 3 yr. Old - Born 3/1/07 through 8/31/08
10111. Cow, Sr. 3 yr. Old - Born 9/1/06 through 2/28/07
10112. Cow, 4 yrs old and older Born before 8/31/06
10113. Dry Cow Class - Must have freshened at least once.

CLASS

10101. Heifer Spring Calf, born 3/1/10 through 4/30/10
10102. Heifer Winter Calf, born 12/1/09 through 2/28/10
10103. Heifer Fall Calf, born 9/1/09 through 11/30/09
10104. Heifer Summer Yearling, born 6/1/09 through 8/31/09
10105. Heifer Spring Yearling, born 3/1/09

Senior Champion - Rosette
Reserve Senior Champion - Rosette
Grand Champion - Rosette/Trophy
Reserve Grand Champion – Rosette



Section II - DAIRY STEERS (4-H/FFA)

Judged: Saturday, July 10, 2010
10:00am

RULES

1. Entry forms must be mailed on or before June 4, 2010.
2. Talbot County exhibitors are required to enter their dairy steers from 10 am - 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 7, 2010. Talbot County dairy steers will be released Saturday, July 10, 2010 after the livestock auction.

FITTING AND SHOWING CLASSES

Age determined as of January 1, 2010.

20121. Senior Fitting & Showing (8-10 yrs.) - Ribbon
20122. Intermediate Fitting & Showing, (11-13 yrs.)-Ribbon
20123. Junior Fitting & Showing (8-10 yrs.) - Ribbon
20124. Novice Fitting & Showing, first year showing, 8 yrs or older – Rosette

Champion Fitting & Showing - Rosette
Reserve Champion Fitting & Showing - Rosette

RULES

1. Calf must be born on or after 1/1/10.
2. Calf will weigh no more than 700 lbs. by show day.
3. Animals will be weighed the day of the show and placed into the appropriate classes.
4. Steers will be judged as finished and ready for market.

CLASS

20101. Feeder Calves
20102. Lightweight Steers, 12 months of age or less
20103. Heavyweight Steers, 13 months to 24 months of age

Champion - Trophy
Reserve Champion – Rosette



**Section III - BEEF CATTLE
(4-H/FFA)**

**Judged: Saturday, July 10, 2010
Following Dairy Steer show**

RULES

1. Entry forms must be mailed on or before June 4, 2010.
2. Talbot County exhibitors are required to enter their beef cattle from 10 am - 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 7, 2010. Talbot County beef cattle will be released Saturday, July 10, 2010 after the livestock auction.

FITTING AND SHOWING CLASSES

Age determined as of January 1, 2010.

30121. Senior Fitting & Showing (14-18 yrs.) - Ribbon
30122. Intermediate Fitting & Showing (11-13 yrs.) - Ribbon
30123. Junior Fitting & Showing (8-10 yrs.) - Ribbon
30124. Novice Fitting & Showing (1st yr. Showing, 8 yrs or older) - Ribbon

Champion Fitting & Showing – Rosette
Reserve Champion Fitting & Showing – Rosette

HEIFERS

CLASS

30101. Junior Heifer Calves - Born on/or after 1/1/10
(If this heifer is shown in Class 1, it will not be eligible to be shown in Feeder Calf Class - 7).
30102. Senior Heifer Calf - Born 9/1/09 through 12/31/09
30103. Summer Yearling - Born 5/1/09 through 8/31/09
30104. Junior Yearling - Born 1/1/09 through 4/30/09
30105. Senior Yearling - Born 9/1/08 through 12/31/08

Champion - Rosette
Reserve Champion – Rosette

CALVES

RULES

1. Calf must be born on/or after 1/1/10.
2. Calf will weigh no more than 700 lbs. by show day.
3. This class will be open to any breed; dairy beef included, steers or heifers only.

CLASS

30106. Feeder Calves

STEERS

1. Steers will be judged as finished and ready for market.
2. Animals will be weighed the day of the show and placed into the appropriate classes.

CLASS

30107. Market Steers

Champion - Trophy
Reserve Champion - Rosette



**Section IV - MARKET HOGS
(4-H/FFA)
Judged: Wednesday, July 7, 2010
4:00pm**

RULES

1. Ownership of market hogs must be obtained by June 1, 2010.
2. Weight classes to be determined at the Fair.
3. Each exhibitor will be limited to three hogs for the show and two in any weight class.
4. Entry forms must be mailed on or before June 5, 2010.
5. Talbot County exhibitors are required to enter their hogs from 10 am -12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 7, 2010. Talbot County hogs will be released Saturday, July 10, 2010 after the livestock auction.

FITTING AND SHOWING CLASSES

- 40121. Fitting & Showing, Senior Division (14-18yrs.) - Ribbon
- 40122. Fitting & Showing, Intermediate Division (11-13yrs.) - Ribbon
- 40123. Fitting & Showing, Junior Division (8-10 yrs) - Ribbon
- 40124. Fitting & Showing, Novice Division (1st yr showing, 8 yrs and older) - Ribbon

Fitting & Showing, Champion - Rosette
Fitting & Showing, Reserve Champion - Rosette

MARKET CLASS

- 40101. Market Hogs - Hogs will be divided into classes by weight

Champion - Trophy
Reserve Champion – Rosette



**Section V - GOATS
(4-H/FFA)**



**DAIRY GOATS
Judged: Thursday, July 8, 2010
12:30pm**

RULES

1. No show milk out!
2. Established uniform: White or khaki slacks or skirt, white shirt and green tie for 4-H and FFA fitting and showing classes.
3. Each exhibitor is responsible for bringing their own straw or shavings.
4. Each exhibitor will be limited to six (6) goats for the show.
5. Entry forms must be mailed on or before June 4, 2010.
6. Talbot County exhibitors are required to enter their goats from 10 am – 12:00 pm, Wednesday, July 7, 2010. Talbot County goats will be released Saturday, July 10, 2010 after the livestock auction.

FITTING AND SHOWING CLASSES

Age determined as of January 1, 2010.

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| 50121. Fitting & Showing, Senior Division (14-18 yrs.) – Ribbon | 50123. Fitting & Showing, Junior Division, (8-10 yrs.)- Ribbon |
| 50122. Fitting & Showing, Intermediate Division (11-13 yrs.) - Ribbon | 50124. Fitting & Showing, Novice Division, first year showing, 8 yrs or older - Ribbon |
| | Fitting & Showing, Champion - Rosette |
| | Fitting & Showing, Reserve Champion - Rosette |

BREEDING CLASSES

Goats will be shown in the following order: Oberhashi, Lamanchas, Nubians, Toggenburgs, Alpines, Recorded Grades, All Other Breeds.

CLASS

Junior Does - Any doe under 24 months that has never freshened.

- 50101. 0-3 months
- 50102. 3-6 months
- 50103. 6-12 months
- 50104. 12-24 months

Junior Champion Doe - Rosette
Reserve Champion Doe – Rosette

Senior Does - Does that have freshened or are in milk

- 50105. Milkers under two
- 50106. 2-3 years
- 50107. 3-4 years
- 50108. 4-5 years
- 50109. 5 years and over

Senior Champion Doe - Rosette
Reserve Champion Doe - Rosette

Grand Champion Doe in Show - the Junior and Senior Champions will compete for Grand Champion - Trophy



**BOER GOAT SHOW
(4-H/FFA)**

**Judged: Thursday, July 8, 2010
4:00pm**

Animals will be weighed the day of the show and placed into appropriate classes.

RULES

1. No show milk out!
2. Established uniform: White or khaki slacks or shirt, white shirt and green tie for 4-H and FFA fitting and showing.
3. Each exhibitor is responsible for bringing their own straw or shavings, and cleaning their stall before leaving fairgrounds.
4. Each exhibitor will be limited to six (6) goats for the show.
5. Entry forms must be mailed on or before June 4, 2010.
6. Talbot County exhibitors are required to enter their goats from 10 am - 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 7, 2010. Talbot County goats will be released Saturday, July 10, 2010 after the livestock auction.

FITTING AND SHOWING CLASSES

Fitting and Showing classes will be limited to 4-H and FFA members. Age determined as of Jan., 1, 2009.

70108. 4-5 years
70109. 5 years and over

70121. Fitting & Showing, Senior (14-19 yrs) - Ribbon

Senior Champion Doe – Rosette
Reserve Senior Champion Doe – Rosette

70122. Fitting & Showing, Intermediate (11-13 yrs)- Ribbon

Junior Buckling Boer

70123. Fitting & Showing, Junior Division (8-10yrs) - Ribbon

70110. 0-3 months
70111. 3-6 months

70124. Fitting & Showing, Novice Division, first year showing, 8 yrs or older – Ribbon

70112. 6-12 months
70113. 12-24 months

Fitting & Showing, Champion - Rosette
Fitting & Showing, Reserve Champion – Rosette

Champion Buckling – Rosette
Reserve Champion Buckling -- Rosette

BREEDS

Boer (purebreds with registration paper), crosses (percentages)

Grand Champion Boer – Trophy
Grand Champion Cross -- Trophy

CLASS

Junior Does - any does under 24 months that have never freshened.

CLASS

70114. Market Goats - Goats will be divided into classes by weight.

70101. 0-3 months

70102. 3-6 months

70103. 6-12 months

70104. 12-24 months

Grand Champion Market Goat - Trophy
Reserve Champion Market Goat – Rosette

Junior Champion Doe - Rosette
Reserve Junior Champion Doe – Rosette

70115. Pygmy Goat - Junior Doe 0-24 months (never have freshened)

70116. Pygmy Goat - Senior Doe 1 year and up (that have freshened)

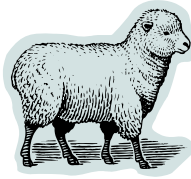
Senior Does – Does that have freshened or are in milk

70105. Milkers under 2 years

70106. 2-3 years

70107. 3-4 years

Grand Champion Pygmy Goat - Rosette
Reserve Champion Pygmy Goat – Rosette



**Section VI - SHEEP
(4-H/FFA)**

**Judged: Saturday, July, 10, 2010
2:00pm**

RULES

1. Entry forms must be mailed on or before June 4, 2010.
2. Talbot County exhibitors are required to enter their sheep from 10 am – 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 7, 2010. Talbot County sheep will be released Saturday, July 10, 2010 after the livestock auction.

FITTING AND SHOWING CLASSES

Fitting and showing classes will be limited to 4-H and FFA members. Age determined as of 1/1/10.

60121. Fitting & Showing, Senior Division (14-18yrs) - Ribbon
60122. Fitting & Showing, Intermediate Division (11-13 yrs) - Ribbon
60123. Fitting & Showing, Junior Division (8-10 yrs) - Ribbon
60124. Fitting & Showing, Novice Division (1st yr. Showing, 8 yrs or older) - Ribbon

Fitting & Showing, Champion – Rosette
Fitting & Showing, Reserve Champion - Rosette

BREED SHEEP

CLASS

60101. Junior Ram Lamb - Born on/or after 1/1/10
60102. Senior Ram Lamb - Born 9/1/09 through 12/31/09
60103. Ram 1 year and under 2 years

Champion Ram - Rosette

60104. Junior Ewe Lamb - Born on or after 1/1/10
60105. Senior Ewe Lamb - Born 9/1/09 through 12/31/09
60106. Yearling ewe 1 year and under 2 years

Champion Ewe - Rosette

MARKET LAMBS

60107. Market Lamb - Lambs will be divided into classes by weight

Champion Market Lamb - Trophy
Reserve Champion Market Lamb - Rosette

