

## **Elite East Information 2015 updated 3/6/15**

### **Entries- Hogs**

- Entry fees for all entries must accompany the respective entry form.
- Entry fees will be as follows; Entries postmarked or delivered to Farmers Cooperative in Frederick, Maryland by April 1, 2015 - fees will be \$10 per entry animal.
- Entries postmarked or delivered to Farmers Cooperative in Frederick, Maryland after April 1, 2015 (including day of show & sale) - \$15 per entry animal. Animals will not be accepted at show & sale without entry form and payment on file or in hand. All entry fees are non-refundable. Entry fees may be paid by cash, check or credit card. Payment may be made the morning of the show & sale, but must be paid prior to check-in. **DO NOT MAIL CASH.**
- All pig entries must be in place by 8:00am on the day of the Show, Saturday, April 11th.
- All pigs selected for the respective sales (female and male) must be offered for sale.
- The 2015 Elite East will be a sifted show. Animals sifted during the show will not be eligible for the sale. The Judge's decision is final. Any conflicts with rules will be dealt with on a case by case basis.
- Checks will be mailed within 21 business days. A six percent (6%) seller's premium will be deducted from the selling price after the sale. All pig sales will incur this premium. Pig sales will be paid for by cash or check the day of the sale.
- Pigs are not to be loaded until the sale is complete, and proper documentation of payment is presented.

### **Rules- Hogs**

- \*No clipping the day of the event.\*
  - Should weigh between 40 and 70 pounds (not required).
  - Should be born between January 1, 2015 - March 12, 2015.
  - All purebred pigs that show in the purebred class must have a pedigree that accompanies each entry. Breeders will be responsible for providing pedigrees on the day of the sale or transferring them within a timely manner as to avoid unnecessary fees.
  - Entries are open to all swine breeds and all crossbreds. Classes will be divided by breed, sex, and age.
  - There is no limit to pigs (barrows, boars or gilts) per exhibitor.
  - Castrated males must be completely healed.
- \* Maryland has rescinded the no clipping rule. Breeders will be allowed to clip pigs this year, but we request that they not be clipped the day of the event.

**CONTINUED FOR 2015: Federal and State Animal Identification requirements are being implemented this season All animals except rabbits must have "Official Identification" to enter exhibitions. In most cases, this means the animal will have to be identified using an official USDA or MD tag that is associated with a registered premise. Official Identification criteria and examples are provided at the end of this document. These requirements specifically affect:**

1. Swine: Recognized breed ear notches or tattoos will not be acceptable as official identification in Maryland exhibitions. Swine must have tags bearing official identification.
2. Sheep and Goats: All sheep and goats must be officially scrapie-identified. Official identification for sheep and goats include the following:
  - a. USDA-approved eartags;
  - b. Legible registration tattoos, for which the registration paper shall accompany the animals;or

- c. Legible tattoos consisting of an individual animal number unique within the flock in one ear and the official scrapie premise identification number (flock ID) in the other ear, except that the tail web or flank may be used for earless animals or animals with damaged ears and must be accompanied by an owner statement.
4. CVIs must be submitted by veterinarians to the Maryland Department of Agriculture within 5 working days of inspection.

Official identification tags may be requested from the Maryland Department of Agriculture by calling 410-841-5810 or emailing [animal.disease.traceability@maryland.gov](mailto:animal.disease.traceability@maryland.gov).

To receive official sheep and goat ear tags or devices for interstate movement: Call 1-866-USDA-TAG (866-873-2824) to be connected to your local Veterinary Services Area Office and request that a premises identification number and Flock ID be assigned to your flock.

General Requirements for All Animal Species (COMAR 15.11.14.04-06) Exhibitor Requirements: Exhibitors at state, county, and district fairs, along with other livestock exhibitions, expositions, and shows are required to comply with regulatory provisions of the State of Maryland relating to animal health as noted in COMAR 15.11.14.04-06. These requirements are summarized below. Requirements Apply to All Livestock: Livestock - means those species of animals used for human food or fiber or those species of animals used for service to humans. This includes but not limited to cattle, sheep, new world camelids (llamas, alpacas, vicunas, and guanacos), goats, bison, privately owned cervids, ratites (cassowaries, kiwis, ostriches, and emus), swine, equine, poultry, aquaculture, and rabbits. Livestock does not include dogs and cats.

1. Documentation: Documentation is required for entry of all livestock and is described below. Examples of forms can be obtained by clicking on links. For out of state animals, see species specific out of state requirements.  
<http://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Documents/2015%20Fair%20and%20Show%20Regulations.pdf>
2. Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Definition: a legible record, made on an official form of the state of origin, issued by an accredited veterinarian, issued for animals being imported to or exported from this state within 30 days before the importation or exportation of the animals it describes which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of destination.
3. Intrastate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Definition: a legible record, made on an official form of the state of origin, issued by an accredited veterinarian, issued for animals being shown within the state and not crossing a state line, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of that state. In Maryland, this document is good for entire show season (Jan 1-Dec 31).
4. Self Certification Definition: a document signed by the owner/caretaker/transporter stating that the animals presented for exhibition are not showing any signs of, or having recent exposure to (within 21 days) infectious or contagious diseases. See species specific requirement for copies of species specific Self Certification Forms.
5. Livestock with clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases or external parasites are not permitted entry or allowed to remain at the exhibition. Clinical signs include but not limited to; active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair, sore mouth, caseous lymphadenitis, mange or multiple warts easily visible without close examination.
6. Upon request, a person who exhibits livestock shall present for inspection all reports, test charts, and appropriate health certificates required to accompany the livestock.
7. All Maryland entries must be accompanied by an Intrastate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for show, except Equine, Poultry and Rabbits. The Intrastate CVI is valid for the entire show season (Jan 1 - Dec. 31), providing that the status of the herd or animal(s) does not change.
8. The Intrastate CVI must be filled out, completed and signed by an accredited veterinarian using the proper CVI form. The veterinarian is required to send the original top (white) copy to MDA Headquarters, the middle (yellow) transport copy is to be retained by the owner of the livestock and the last (pink) copy is for the veterinarian's records.
9. All out-of-state entries must be accompanied by an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. An APPROVED copy of this certificate must be forwarded by the State of Origin to the Animal Health Section. The Interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of inspection.

10. Each animal must be properly identified on the Intrastate or Interstate CVI.
11. Self-Certification forms must be filled out within 24 hours prior to loading and presented upon request to the designated representative.

### **Health Regulations- Hogs**

- All health certificates must carry the following statements:

*“Farm or origin of the swine has not had pseudorabies or swine dysentery in the last 12 months, has not had any clinical signs or diagnosis of TGE or PEDv in the last 60 days, feeds no garbage, uses no PRV vaccine, and is not under quarantine for any disease condition; also that vesicular stomatitis has not been diagnosed within 10 miles of the farm of origin within the last 30 days.”*

#### ***Maryland Swine***

Identification: Swine shall be individually identified by an official ear tag. Ear notches or tattoos will not be accepted for official identification.

#### ***Out-of-State Swine***

Identification: Swine shall be individually identified by an official ear tag. Ear notches or tattoos will not be accepted for official identification.

- All animals entering the Frederick County Fairgrounds must meet these health regulations:

**• All swine entries (out of state) must be accompanied by an official transport copy of an interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. CVI required- must be written by an accredited vet 30 days of entry into MD and must include ear tag or ear notch, tattoo number, description of animals, and the date shipped. Test results must also be included on the CVI. The interstate (CVI) is only valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. All out of state breeders must obtain a permit number. Permit numbers can be obtained by calling (410) 841-5810 at least 10 days prior to the Elite East Show & Sale. Ear Notches identification is not acceptable for crossbred animals.**

**\* In state entries have to have intrastate papers.**

• All animals will be inspected for general health upon presentation. Those showing clinical signs of ANY contagious or infectious disease must be removed from the Show, and Fairgrounds. In such cases the health certificate may be modified, suspended or revoked.

• Where immunization is recommended or required it must be done in conformity with standard procedures and practices consistent with the development of immunity PRIOR to entering Fairgrounds.

• It is recommended that all pigs be vaccinated for mycoplasma and swine influenza. Two injections given at least two weeks apart is preferred. These products are available commercially from several vaccine companies. This is not a sale requirement.

**• All pigs must be vaccinated for circovirus. This is a sale requirement.**

## **Lambs**

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- All lamb entries must be in place by Noon on the day of the Show, Saturday, April 11th.
- All lambs selected for the respective sales (female and male) must be offered for sale.
- The 2015 Elite East lamb sale prospects will be sifted. The Judge's decision is final. Any conflicts with rules will be dealt with on a case by case basis.
- Checks will be mailed within 21 business days. A six percent (6%) seller's premium will be deducted from the selling price after the sale. All sales will incur this premium. Sales will be paid for by cash or check the day of the sale.
- Lambs may be loaded right after the sale is complete, and proper documentation of payment is presented.
- Breeders are also welcome to invite buyers to attend.

## **Rules- Lambs**

\*No clipping the day of the event.\*

- Lambs should be born after January 1, 2015
- Entries are open to all lamb breeds and crossbreds
- Limit 5 lambs per exhibitor
- Males must be castrated
- Scrapie Tags MUST be in the ear of every sheep consigned
- All entries must be slick sheared above the knees and hocks prior to the sale
- Non Sale entered sheep are not allowed in the barns

## **Sale Guarantee- Lambs**

- All guarantees shall constitute a contract between the buyer and seller only, and no other parties assume any liability, legal or otherwise, expressed or implied.
- Neither the Sale Managers nor the Sale Committee can or will assume any responsibility as to the authenticity of the pedigrees, bloodline or DNA information provided by the consignor, or otherwise, and the subsequent genetic performance of any sheep purchased. All such information must be accepted at face value. Any special guarantees or claims offered by individual consignors is strictly between the consignor and buyer, and will not be enforced by the sale management or committee.
- The number of sheep selling will be determined after the sift is complete.

There will be NO Floor on the sale of the animals. All animals entering the sale ring will be sold to the highest bidder.

- Farmers Cooperative Sale Committee and Management reserve the right to refuse any entries for failure to comply with any of the rules of the sale.

## **Health- Lambs**

### **All Sheep:**

### **General Requirements**

**Identification for Sheep:** All sheep must be officially scrapie-identified. Official identification for sheep includes the following:

- a. USDA-approved eartags;
- b. Legible registration tattoos, for which the registration paper shall accompany the animals; or
- c. Legible tattoos consisting of an individual animal number unique within the flock in one ear and the official scrapie premise identification number (flock ID) in the other ear, except that the tail web or flank may be used for earless animals or animals with damaged ears and must be accompanied by an owner statement.
- d. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.

### **Maryland and Out of State Sheep**

No additional requirements.

- Health Regulations: All sheep must have health certificate upon arrival at the fairgrounds

- **no exceptions!** Health Certificate must have been issued within 30 days of the sale and all Scrapie Identification must be noted on certificate. Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be by an official USDA scrapie ear tattoo or official metal or plastic tag. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader. Ear Tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal. When using ear tag, the tag must indicate the premises ID and state of origin. The tag number must be assigned by a state or APHIS representative and recorded in the Scrapie Record Database. Contact the USDA at 410-349-9708 for ear tags.

- It is recommended that all lambs be slick shorn prior to entry for inspection for club lamb fungus.
  - All Lambs have been vaccinated with CD&T and wormed.
  - Wethers: All wethers must be castrated

#### **Sale Format- Lambs**

- Sale will be a Live Auction
  - Payment must be made promptly after the sale, cash or good check
  - Ask about delivery arrangements if needed. Animals should be removed at the close of the sale, unless prior arrangements are made
- <http://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows>