

So. MD Invitational Livestock Expo



and
RABBIT/CAVY SHOW

June 23, 24 & 25, 2017
St. Mary's County Fairgrounds
Leonardtown, MD

SMILE

SOUTHERN MARYLAND INVITATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPO

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, 23 June

3:00 – 5:00 PM..... Check In
6:00 – 8:00 PM..... Weigh In

Saturday, 24 June

6:30 – 8:30 AM..... Weigh In
..... Check In
9:00 – 9:30 AM..... Opening Remarks
9:30 AM..... **Fitting & Showing – Dairy Goats**
..... Sheep Ring
..... **Dairy Goat Breeding**
..... Sheep Ring
10:00 AM..... **Cavy/Rabbit Show**
..... Commercial One
..... **Fitting & Showing – Meat Goat**
..... Beef Ring
..... **Meat Goat - Breeding**
..... Beef Ring
..... **Meat Goat – Market**
..... Beef Ring
11:00 AM..... **Fitting & Showing – Dairy Cow**
..... Sheep Ring
..... **Dairy Cow – Breeding**
..... Sheep Ring
12:30 – 1:00 PM..... **Lunch**
3:00 PM..... **Obstacle Course**
..... Horse Ring
3:30 **Brandon Cullins**
..... Barrell Racing Demonstration – Horse Ring
..... **Tug-of-War**
..... Horse Ring
6:00 PM..... **Dinner/Auction/Drawing**
..... Auditorium

Sunday, 25 June

9:00 AM..... **Fitting & Showing – Sheep**
..... Sheep Ring
..... **Sheep - Breeding**
..... Sheep Ring
..... **- Market - Sheep**
..... Sheep Ring
..... **Fitting & Showing – Swine**
..... Beef Ring
..... **Swine – Breeding**
..... Beef Ring
..... **Swine - Market**
..... Beef Ring
11:30 AM..... **Fitting and Showing - Beef**
..... Beef Ring
..... **Breeding – Beef**
..... Beef Ring
..... **Beef – Market**
..... Beef Ring

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42455 Fairgrounds Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650

The Southern Maryland Invitational Livestock Expo (SMILE) is organized as a tax exempt public body operating to provide an educational, fun and nurturing environment for area youth to showcase their skills and talents, foster camaraderie and enhance their knowledge and appreciation of Southern Maryland's rich agricultural heritage, and provide outreach to the community in order to inform and increase awareness of the vibrant and diverse possibilities of farming and agricultural enterprises in Southern Maryland. SMILE operates primarily within the Southern Maryland region consisting of Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's counties and other counties by invitation.

It is the organizers' policy that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, age, marital or parental status, or disability.

If you need special assistance to participate in the Livestock show, please contact Ms. Susan McQuilkin (301) 274-1922 by May 25.

Proposed premiums subject to change based on number of entries

Check in of animals, Friday, 23 June 3:00- 5:00 pm and Saturday, June 24, 6:30 am – 8:30 am

All blankets must be removed from animals prior to check-in.

Complete show schedule is dependent upon number of entries in each species and will be published after registration deadline.

Two Show Rings (Dairy Goat/Market Goat and Sheep/Swine) will be conducted simultaneously.

**ALL TRAILERS MUST ENTER THE FAIRGROUNDS
THROUGH THE SOUTH GATE.**

All animals must be properly cleaned and presented for the show or will be dismissed by the Show Committee.

Fun and Games Saturday afternoon.

Saturday Night Dinner available, see enclosed form, 6:00 p.m. followed by an Auction



Sponsored by:

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland

www.somarylandsgood.com

General Rules and Regulations

CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS: Jay Farrell (301) 884-3334 or Susan McQuilkin (301) 274-1922

- No false hair or twining
- **Entry Fee must be Post Marked 5/25**
- All Committee Decisions are final
- Entry Fees are Non-Refundable
- Entries are confirmed once received
- **No child is permitted to stay overnight at the fairgrounds without individual's parent staying – must be prearranged.**
- It is the intent of this show for children to show their own animals. All exhibitors must be present on the fairgrounds during the show in order for the animal to be shown. Pre-arranged substitutions may be allowed by the superintendent.
- Proper attire must be worn during all shows. Optional Show shirt available for purchase or your own collar shirt, boots, and no soft shoes allowed in showing.
- Animals must arrive at time stated – NO LATE ARRIVALS.
- Exhibitors are not limited to numbers of animals. May only win 2 premiums per class.
- Full name ownership is required on all registration paperwork; no initials will be accepted.
- No animals released until conclusion of show on Sunday, June 25. Stalls must be cleaned and checked by superintendent before leaving. Comments cards to be turned in to superintendent at that time.
- Age of Participants – 8yrs by 1 Jan 17 – 21 yrs as of 1 Jan 18
- Food available for purchase on premises.
- A copy of all registration papers must accompany all entry forms.
- Forms available on www.SMILE-Inc.org
- Pens must be cleaned daily by 8:00 am and rebedded.
- All blankets must be removed from animals prior to check-in.
- All trailers must enter the fairgrounds through the South Gate.
- All animals must have premises tag. (www.mda.state.md.us)
- Straw, Sawdust or Shavings Bedding ONLY
- Bring own bedding and clean up own bedding
- Must meet Maryland Animal Health Regulations
- Committee not responsible for accidents
- Once space constraints are met, entries are cut off

Entry Fees: Beef: \$25 per entry/Swine, Sheep, Dairy Cows and Goats: \$15 per entry, Rabbit Breed Class \$2 per entry, Rabbit Market Pen \$3 per entry, Rabbit Pet Class \$2 per entry, Cavy \$1 per entry

Make checks payable to: **SMILE, Inc.**
Send livestock entry forms and fees to:

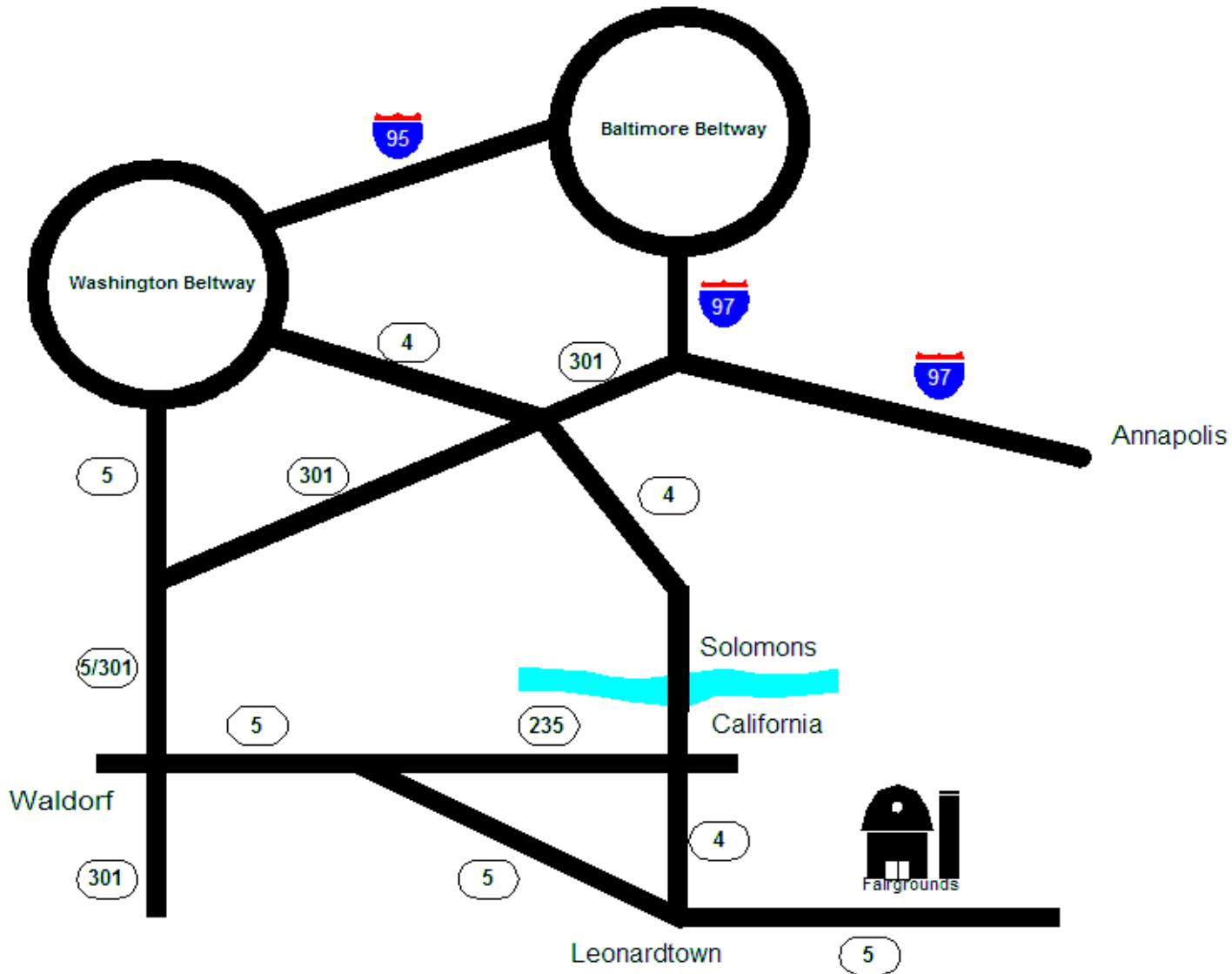
Southern Maryland Invitational Livestock Expo
c/o Mr. Jay Farrell
27281 Baptist Church Road
Mechanicsville, MD 20659

Send rabbit/cavy entry forms and fees to:

Ms. Deborah Hanson
4585 Phillips Road
LaPlata, MD 20646

Map and Directions to St. Mary's County Fairgrounds

Area Hotel
Country Inn & Suites 301-737-5227
Lexington Park, MD
Ask for SMILE Block



From Waldorf, MD
Take Route 5 South. Route 5 eventually merges into Route 235. Continue straight onto Route 235 until you intersect with Route 4 in California, MD. Turn right on Route 4 and continue until 4 ends at Route 5. Turn left onto Route 5. The fairgrounds are on the left approximately one mile beyond the turn. Go through the light at Fairgrounds Road and the first driveway on the left pass the Fast Stop is the entrance to the South Gate.

From Calvert County, MD
Take Route 4 South. Continue over the bridge at Solomons into St. Mary's County. Continue through the intersection of Routes 4 and 235 until 4 ends at Route 5. Turn left onto Route 5. The fairgrounds are on the left approximately one mile beyond the turn. Go through the light at Fairgrounds Road and the first driveway on the left pass the Fast Stop is the entrance to the South Gate.

BEEF

Superintendents: Mike Mohler, Bryan Thomas

Division Rules and Regulations:

GRAND CHAMPION STEER \$200.00
RESERVE CHAMPION STEER \$150.00
SUPREME HEIFER \$200.00

Entry fee \$25.00 per head.

Exhibitors and their exhibits must comply with Maryland Animal Health Regulations.

1. Entries will be received as stated on cover sheet.
 - a. Pre-entry is required. Entries are due by **May 25, 2017**.
 - b. **STEERS WILL BE SHOWN BY WEIGHT**. All animals will be weighed and divided into classes at the superintendent's discretion. Number of classes may vary. Re-weigh will NOT be permitted. Steers must be born after January 1, 2016.
 - c. For heifers, indicate breed, date of birth, registration number, sire and dam on entry form. Heifers must be 6 months old and weaned.
 - d. Breeding cattle registration will be checked at steer weigh in.
 - e. Steers and heifers must be dehorned and healed. For safety reasons, entries for animals not meeting these criteria will not be accepted.
 - f. Commercial heifers are unrecorded crossbreds.
2. Ownership: All steers must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor by Jan 1 of the current year.
 - a. Breeding heifers, will be shown by breed, must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and must be solely owned and registered in the name of the exhibitor only by June 1 of the current year.
 - b. Ear tattoos must be legible and conform to the BREED ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE. Exhibitors must clean the animal's ears prior to check in. Wet ink will be disqualified.

Classes:

- A. Novice Showmanship (6-7)
 1. Fitting and Showing – Juniors (8-11)
 2. Fitting and Showing – Intermediates (12-15)
 3. Fitting and Showing – Seniors (16-21)

Champion Fitting and Showing

Reserve Champion Fitting and Showing

4. Feeder Steer Classes by weight

Champion Feeder Steer

Reserve Champion Feeder Steer

5. Heifer Classes (By Breeds)
 - a. 6 – 8 months of age (must be weaned)
 - b. 9-10 months of age
 - c. 11-12 months of age
 - d. 13-14 months of age
 - e. 15-16 months of age
 - f. 17-20 months of age
 - g. 21-22 months of age

Supreme Heifer

NOTE: All heifers will be shown by breed. All heifers must have registration papers to show in breed classes. All other will be shown in Crossbreed. Crossbreed classes will be determined by show committee based on number of entries.

SHEEP

Superintendent: Doris Buckler

Division Rules and Regulations:

GRAND CHAMPION MARKET LAMB \$100.00

RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET LAMB \$75.00

SUPREME EWE \$100.00

Entry fee \$15.00 per head.

1. Exhibitors and their exhibits must comply with Maryland Animal Health Regulations.
2. Entries will be received as stated on cover sheet.
 - a. Pre-entry is required. Entries are due by **May 25, 2017**.
3. Ownership
 - a. All Breeding sheep must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and must be owned and registered with the Breed Association in the full name of the exhibitor only by June 1 of the current year. Initials are not acceptable. Registration papers and ear identification of animals will be checked by the Superintendent. No joint ownership will be allowed.
4. All sheep must be properly presented for show. Market lambs must be slick shorn.
5. No artificial coloring may be used on any part of any animal regardless of class.
6. Teeth requirements: Spring lambs – All lamb teeth must be present. Fall lambs – Yearling teeth may be present but must not be up even with the lamb teeth at time of show. Yearling – sheep may not have more than 4 permanent teeth showing at time of show.
7. All sheep must have official scrapies ID. Per USDA regulations, a registration tattoo will suffice if the sheep is accompanied by its registration paper or a completed application for registry. Wet ink will be disqualified.
8. Market lambs must be born on January 1, 2017 or after.
9. Classes will be Suffolk, Hampshire, Southdown, Wool breeds, Crossbred, all other registered breed.
10. All slickshorn sheep must be shorn before arrival. **NO SHEERING ON FAIRGROUNDS. HAND CLIPPING ONLY IS ALLOWED.**

Classes:

- B. Novice Showmanship (6-7)
6. Fitting and Showing – Juniors (8-11)
7. Fitting and Showing – Intermediates (12-15)
8. Fitting and Showing – Seniors (16-21)

Champion Fitting and Showing

Reserve Champion Fitting and Showing

9. Feeder lambs Classes by weight

Champion Feeder Lamb

Reserve Champion Feeder Lamb

10. Breeding
 - a. Under 6 months
 - b. 6 - 12 months ewe
 - c. 12 - 24 months ewe
 - d. Over 2 years old

Champion Ewe

NOTE: All sheep showing in breed classes must be registered in the appropriate breed association or will show in crossbreed class.

SWINE

Superintendents: Sam Goddard/Sonny Trossbach/Sammy Goddard

Division Rules and Regulations:

GRAND CHAMPION HOG \$100.00

RESERVE CHAMPION HOG \$75.00

BEST OF SHOW FEMALE HOG \$100.00

Entry fee \$15.00 per head.

1. Exhibitors and their exhibits must comply with Maryland Animal Health Regulations.
2. Entries will be received as stated on cover sheet.
 - a. Pre-entry is required. Entries are due by **May 25, 2017**
3. Ownership
 - a. All Breeding swine must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and must be owned and registered with the Breed Association in the full name of the exhibitor only by June 1 of the current year. Initials are not acceptable. Registration papers and ear identification of animals will be checked by the Superintendent. No joint ownership will be allowed. Commercial breeding animals must be tagged with a personal identification ear tag.
4. Hog classifications: Duroc, Hampshire, Poland China, Yorkshire and all other register breed. All breeds of domestic swine that are bred for commercial food production are eligible to show. **All breeding swine must be purebreds, with pedigrees and ownership verified by registration papers issued by a bona fide breed registry.**
5. Gilts may be entered in market hog classes but any gilt entered in breeding classes is not eligible for market hog classes.
6. All breeds and crossbreeds will show together in market classes and fitting and showmanship classes.
7. Water and white talcum powder are the **ONLY** substances that may be placed on the skin of a swine to enhance show ring appearance (this rule applies to all swine). Any evidence of hair removal, clipping or shaving of hair on hogs (Market and fitting and showmanship) besides ears, tails and underline is prohibited.
8. Feeder hog must be born January 1, 2017 or after.
9. Hogs **MAY** be dismissed early at discretion of Show Committee.

Classes:

- C. Novice Showmanship (6-7)
11. Fitting and Showing – Juniors (8-11)
12. Fitting and Showing – Intermediates (12-15)
13. Fitting and Showing – Seniors (16-21)

Champion Fitting and Showing

Reserve Champion Fitting and Showing

14. Feeder Hog Classes by weight

Champion Feeder Hog

Reserve Champion Feeder Hog

NOTE: All feeder hogs will be shown by weight regardless of breed.

15. Breeding
 - a. Gilt 3 month to 6 months (must be weaned)
 - b. Gilt 6-12 months
 - c. Sow over 12 months and under 2 years

Champion Female Hog

NOTE: All breeding hogs will be shown by breed. Hogs must be purebred to show in respective classes. All others will show as crossbreed.

GOATS

Superintendent: Nick and Annette Samouris, Kristin Hutmaker

Division Rules and Regulations:

GRAND CHAMPION MARKET GOAT \$100.00

RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET GOAT \$75.00

BEST OF SHOW MEAT DOE \$100.00

BEST OF SHOW DAIRY DOE \$100.00

Entry fee \$15.00 per head.

1. Exhibitors and their exhibits must comply with Maryland Animal Health Regulations.
2. Entries will be received as stated on cover sheet.
3. Pre-entry is required. Entries are due by **May 25, 2017**.
4. "Papers pending" for animals less than 5 months of age must have stamped duplication registration applications.

Special Rules for Meat Goats:

1. Meat goats will be allowed to carry horns, but must have them tipped blunt. Blunting (also called tipping) simply means removing the pointy tip of the horn. This can be done with a pair of hoof trimmers. Only a small amount of horn should be removed to prevent bleeding. For the safety of the exhibitors, sharp horns will not be allowed. The debudding of market goats is encouraged, but not required.
2. Meat goats may be shown with a collar.
3. All meat goats must have official scrapie ID. Per USDA regulations, a registration tattoo will suffice if the goat is accompanied by its registration paper or a completed application for registry. Wet ink will be disqualified.
4. Market goats must be born on January 1, 2017 or after.
5. Market goats should have 3/8" of hair or less.
6. Any meat goat without proper registration papers will be moved to commercial class.
7. There will be 3 classes: Fullblood 94% and above with papers, Percentage 50% - 93% with papers and commercial no papers.

Meat Classes:

- D. Novice Showmanship (6-7)
16. Meat Goat Fitting and Showing – Juniors (8-11)
17. Meat Goat Fitting and Showing – Intermediates (12-15)
18. Meat Goat Fitting and Showing – Seniors (16-21)

Champion Fitting and Showing

Reserve Champion Fitting and Showing

19. Feeder Goat Classes by weight

Champion Feeder Goat

Reserve Champion Feeder Goat

20. Breeding – Meat Goats
 - a. Under 6 months
 - b. 6 -12 months
 - c. 12 -18 months
 - d. 18 – 24 months
 - e. 24 – 36 months
 - f. 36 months and over

Rules for Dairy Goats:

1. Ownership:
 - a. All breeding goats must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and registered in exhibitor's name only by June 1 of the current year. "Papers Pending" for animals less than 5 months of age must have stamped duplication registration applications. All other animals over 6 months must have valid registration papers in the exhibitor's name.
 - b. All Dairy goats must be owned by the exhibitor by June 1 of the current year.
2. All goats must be properly presented for show.
3. Artificial coloring may not be used on any part of the animal
4. Teeth Requirements: Kids – all milk teeth must be present; Yearlings – goat may not have more than 2 permanent teeth showing at time of show; Aged Does – goat should have 4 or more permanent teeth.
5. Dairy goats must have a collar.
6. Wet ink will be disqualified.
7. Classes will be Alpine, Lamancha, Nubian, Toggenberg, Saanen, Recorded Grade and AOB.

Classes:

- E. Novice Showmanship (6-7)
21. Dairy Goat Fitting and Showing – Juniors (8-11)
22. Dairy Goat Fitting and Showing – Intermediates (12-15)
23. Dairy Goat Fitting and Showing – Seniors (16-21)

Champion Fitting and Showing Reserve Champion Fitting and Showing

24. Breeding – Dairy Goat
 - a. Under 6 months
 - b. 6 -12 months
 - c. Dry Yearling
 - d. Doe in Milk 12 – 24 months
 - e. Doe in Milk 2 and under 3 years
 - f. Doe in Milk 3 and under 4 years
 - g. Doe in Milk over 4 years

Best of Show Breeding – Meat Goat Best of Show Breeding – Dairy Goat

DAIRY CATTLE

Superintendent: Gail Yeiser

Division Rules and Regulations:

BEST OF SHOW \$200.00

In addition to general rules for all Livestock the following will be observed by those exhibiting dairy cattle at SMILE:

The Purebred Dairy Cattle Association Show Ring Code of Ethics revised in 2004 will be followed. A complete copy can be found at:

http://www.mass4h.org/programs/animal_science/pdf_ppt/pdca_showring_ethics.pdf

The following practices or procedures are considered unacceptable and defined as being: “False, Deceptive and Unacceptable Practices” in the showing of registered dairy cattle:

1. Misrepresenting the age and/or milk status for the class in which it is shown.
2. Treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally, with an irritant or counter-irritant, or other substance to artificially improve the conformation; plugging of teat canal with foreign substances.
3. Surgery or insertion of foreign material under the skin, performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal’s body though not to preclude practices required or involved in normal management.
4. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors while in the show ring, or other conduct detrimental to the breed or the show. The decision of the judge is final at the time of the show.
5. Challenging, threatening or interfering with an ethics committee appointed by show management to monitor the animals on exhibit on the show grounds.
6. Excessive manipulation of hair. The maximum allowable length of naturally growing hair anywhere on the topline is not to exceed 1”.
7. Addition of foreign objects, including, but not limited to hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber, to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal’s body is prohibited.
8. Recognize good herdsmanship and exhibits in the barn. In keeping with the basic philosophy of the PDCA, ethics are an individual responsibility of the owner of each animal shown.

Entry & Show Guidelines & Procedures:

1. Number of exhibits: Exhibitors may show only 1 animal per breed in Class 1 – 7
Exhibitors may show 2 animals per breed in Class 8 – 10
2. Registration papers and Lease agreements will be checked.
3. Fitting and Showmanship will be judged first followed immediately by breed conformation/type classes.
4. Breed will alternate during individual classes

5. Dress code: white on white – neckpiece optional
6. Classes may be combined at the discretion of the superintendent.

The following breeds will be recognized and evaluated:

Division A = Ayrshire	Division BS = Brown Swiss
Division G = Guernsey	Division H = Holstein
Division J = Jersey	Division MS = Milking Shorthorn
Division X = all other – historic & non registered	

Classes:

Dairy Cattle Fitting and Showmanship

F. Novice Showmanship (6-7)

25. Fitting and Showing – Novice (1st time showing any age)
26. Fitting and Showing – Juniors (8-11)
27. Fitting and Showing – Intermediates (12-15)
28. Fitting and Showing – Seniors (16-21)

Showmanship classes may be re-distributed based on number of entries & specific ages to balance number of participants in classes

29. Heifer, Spring Calf
Born March 1, 2017 – May 31, 2017
30. Heifer, Winter Calf
Born December 1, 2016 – February 28, 2017
31. Heifer, Fall Calf
Born September 1, 2016 – November 30, 2016
32. Heifer, Summer Yearling
Born June 1, 2016 – August 31, 2016
33. Heifer, Spring Yearling
Born March 1, 2016 – May 31, 2016
34. Heifer Winter Yearling
Born December 1, 2015 – February 28, 2016
35. Heifer Fall Yearling – not in milk
Born September 1, 2015 – November 30, 2015

Junior Champion – no premium – Rosette only
36. Cow over 2 years old not in milk
Born March 1, 2015 – September 1, 2015
37. Cow over 2 years old in milk
Born before March 1, 2015
38. Dry cow – must have calved once

Senior Champion – no premium – Rosette only

Best in Show

CAVY SHOW

Superintendent: Deborah Hanson

Division Rules and Regulations:

RULES

1. Contestants must comply with the latest ARBA/ACBA rules.
2. The show will be a one day carrier cage show. Cavies must be checked in by 8:30 am on Saturday, June 24, 2017 . Judging begins promptly at 10:00 am. Please plan to arrive earlier than 8:30 am to enter cavies as it takes time to enter each cavy and make any substitutions.
3. All exhibits must be pre-registered on the appropriate form and pay a **\$1.00 entry fee** per cavy.
4. Substitutions will be allowed in the same group, variety, age, and sex on the day of the show.
5. All exhibits must be a breed recognized by ARBA/ACBA. Mixed breeds are not allowed except in Pet Class.
6. Exhibitors are limited to a total of 6 entries in the breed classes and two pets per entry. The same animal **can not** be exhibited in the Breed Class and the Pet Class.
7. Cavies must have numbered ear tags unless otherwise approved by the Show Chairperson.
8. Showmanship guidelines can be obtained from the Show Chairperson.
9. Any exhibit displaying signs of disease or in poor fleshing condition will be refused entry. The decision of the chairperson and/or judge is final.
10. All cavies must be owned by the exhibitor.
11. Entry registration form and entry fees are due on or before **May 25, 2017**. Please mail entry form and fees to: Ms. Deborah Hanson, 4585 Phillips Road, La Plata, MD 20646
12. All exhibitors are responsible for presentation of animals for judging. If a conflict exists with another project at show time, the owner should get another project member to present the project to the judge. The exhibitor must check in with the Chairperson before the show notifying them of the conflict.
13. The Fair or Show Committee will not be responsible in case of fire, theft, or destruction. All reasonable precautions to guard against these hazards will be taken.
14. No dogs will be allowed in the show area.
15. Interference and influence of the judges in any way will not be tolerated.
16. The completion of an entry form indicates acceptance of these rules and regulations.
17. Any questions, please call the chairperson at 240-210-6124.

CLASSES

1. **Breed Class** – Recognized Breeds are as follows: Abyssinian, Abyssinian Satin, American, American Satin, Coronet, Peruvian, Peruvian Satin, Silkie, Silkie Satin, Teddy, Teddy Satin, Texel, White Crested. If not sure what breed you have, call the Show Chairperson or visit www.arba.net

Cavies to be entered as follows:

- A. Junior Boars or Sows - 12oz to 22oz
- B. Intermediate Boars or Sows - 23oz to 32oz
- C. Senior Boars or Sows - over 32oz

Best of Variety - Rosette

Best of Breed - Rosette

Best in Show - Rosette

2. Showmanship

- A. Novice (First year in Showmanship regardless of Age) -Champion - Rosette
- B. Junior (8-11 years as of Jan. 1) – Champion - Rosette
- C. Intermediate (12-15 years as of Jan 1) – Champion -Rosette
- D. Senior (16-21 years as of Jan 1) – Champion – Rosette

3. **Pet Class** - for any cavy that is not acceptable by ARBA/ ACBA in the Breed Class - Rosette

RABBIT SHOW

Superintendent: Debbie Hanson

Division Rules and Regulations:

1. Contestants must comply with the latest ARBA rules.
2. The show will be a one day carrier cage show. Rabbits must be placed at 8:30 am on Saturday, June 24, 2017. Judging will begin after the Cavy Show.
3. All exhibits must be pre-registered on the appropriate form and pay the appropriate entry fees.
4. Entry registration form and entry fees are due on or before **May 25, 2017**. Please mail entry form and fees to: Ms. Deborah Hanson, 4585 Phillips Road, La Plata, MD 20646.
5. Entry fees will be as follows:

Breed Class \$2 per animal

Market Pen \$3 per entry

Pet Class \$2 per animal

Checks may be payable to the **SMILE**.

6. Exhibitors are limited to ten rabbits total in breed classes, one market pen exhibit, and two pet exhibits. The same animal **can not** be exhibited in the Breed Class and the Pet Class.
7. Rabbits must be permanently tattooed in the left ear. The tattoo must be legible. Please contact the Show Chairman if your rabbit needs to be tattooed for the show. Market pens do not need to be tattooed.
8. Any rabbits showing signs of disease or poor condition will be refused entry and entry fees will be forfeited.
9. All rabbit exhibitors must fill out a [Self Certification of Rabbit Health](#) form prior to loading animals and shall be presented upon request to the designated fair and show representative at each show attended.
10. Rabbits over two weeks pregnant will not be accepted. Rabbits in breed classes must be a minimum of 12 weeks old to be shown.
11. Rabbits must be at least 8 weeks old to be on the fairgrounds.
12. No substitutions will be allowed except for same breed, variety, age and sex on the day of the show.
13. Showmanship guidelines can be obtained from the Show Chairperson.
14. All rabbits must be owned by the exhibitor.
15. All exhibitors are responsible for presentation of animals for judging. If a conflict exists with another project at show time, the owner should get another project member to present the project to the judge.
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CLASSES

1. **Breed Class** - Any breed recognized by ARBA. Rabbits may be entered as follows:

4-class breeds*: Sr. Doe, Jr. Doe, Sr. Buck, Jr. Buck

6-class breeds*: Sr. Doe, 6/8 Doe, Jr. Doe, Sr. Buck, 6/8 Buck, Jr. Buck

*Obtain a rabbit breeds and varieties list from the Show Chairperson or visit www.arba.net

Best of Variety - Rosette

Best of Breed - Rosette

Best in Show - Rosette

2. **Market Pen** - 3 Rabbits - all the same breed and variety; no mixed breeds. Age limit not over 69 days, weight limit not over 5 pounds each rabbit. All breeds competing together.

Best Market Pen – Rosette

3. **Pet Class** - for any rabbit that is not acceptable in the Breed Class because of being mixed breeds, having a disqualification or any breed not acceptable by ARBA.

Best Pet Rabbit – Rosette

4. **Showmanship**

A. Novice (First year in Showmanship regardless of Age) -Champion - Rosette

B. Junior (8-11 years as of Jan. 1) – Champion - Rosette

C. Intermediate (12-15 years as of Jan 1) – Champion - Rosette

D. Senior (16-21 years as of Jan 1) – Champion

SMILE will host a tack raffle again this year

*Anyone 21 years or under may purchase raffle tickets
Must be present to win or have made pre-
arrangements for pick-up*

Raffle 1: 5-Speed Clippers & Blades

Raffle 2: Goat Stand

Raffle 3: Show Fan

Raffle 4: Blower

Raffle 5: Medium Chest Show Box

Raffle 6: Rabbit Travel Carrier

*Tickets can be split between the 6 raffles no matter what species registered
All will be raffled on Sunday with the exception of the Rabbit Carrier
Tickets must be purchase in increments of 10 – 10 tickets for \$5.00*

NEW CLASS THIS YEAR – NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP

This year SMILE will offer a Novice Showmanship in all species. The class will be the first class of the species.

The following are the rules:

Novice Showmanship is the Class Name

Must be 6 years old as of 1 Jan 2017 and no older than 7

Must abide by show rules of show dress and shoes

May use a sibling's animal that is already registered

If using different animal, must have appropriate health papers

Will not be judged on Fitting (but must be clean) – just showmanship

Must fill out the proper forms with class number

Will not compete for Grand Champion/Reserve Grand Champion

Cannot compete in other classes

Adult may accompany child in the ring.

Will be awarded a prize