



February 19, 2020

Dear 4-H Livestock Exhibitors and Families,

The Baltimore County 4-H Club Fair is quickly approaching and we hope you are preparing to purchase your market animal project, other than steers, for the year. There are a few changes going to be taking place with the Livestock Sale and your eligibility to sell your animals for the 2020 fair and we want to get this information to you now so you can learn, ask questions and receive guidance in preparation for the new requirement the following year.

There will be a mandatory training workshop for exhibitors and their families held in March, and you must attend the one that best suits your schedule in order to participate in the 2020 Baltimore County Club Fair this year. Topics will include new Rate of Gain requirements for livestock to be eligible to go through the sale, including how to calculate the proper information to make sure your animal is on track, feeding and nutrition of your project animal, and how to obtain multiple buyers for the Livestock Sale.

Workshop dates and pertinent information below:

Sunday, March 1, 2020 1:30 pm

or

Thursday, March 12, 2020 7:00 pm

Both will be held at the Maryland State Fairgrounds, building/location to be determined

(March 15th will be a snow date for either training, should that be needed)

Bring with you:

- Writing utensil and notebook/ paper
- Purchase weight of your project animal
- Approximate purchase date if you have not bought your animal
- Current weight of your project

Rate of Gain Requirements for the 2021 Baltimore County 4-H Fair will be:

Beef Steers: 2 lbs/ day

Dairy Steers: 2 lbs/ day

Market Lambs: .5 lb/ day

Market Goats: .25 lb/ day

Market Hogs: 1.5 lbs/ day

These are the minimum daily gain that your animal must meet to be sold through the livestock sale. If your project does not meet these requirements, you will be able to show your animal, but it will not be sold. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitor and their family to find a private buyer for your project. It will be your responsibility to learn how to calculate the Rate of Gain and to get your animals on a scale to monitor their gains. The fair board and livestock sale committee will make weighing options available for anyone who does not have access to a scale.

We will have snacks available and prizes as well.

Please R.S.V.P to Janice Coroneos at jlc153@verizon.net with your name and the date you will attend.

We are looking forward to a great year!