
FARM AND GARDEN

SUPERINTENDENT

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SPECIAL RULES

Sections A-G, I, and J: Entries will be received in the 4-H & FFA/Home Arts Building due to construction of the new Farm & Garden Building.

Section H: Entries will be received in the Cow Palace due to construction of the new Farm & Garden Building.

1. **PASSES:** Exhibitor Passes will not be issued. Exhibitors are admitted without charge during entry times for each section. Others must pay the regular admission.
2. **ENTER BEFORE JULY 31, 2025:** Entry Forms can be found online and mailed to: Superintendent, Farm & Garden Department, P.O. Box 188, Timonium, MD 21094-0188. Or go to www.marylandstatefair.com, click on Get Involved, Competitions and enter your Open Class Farm & Garden entries online, although walk-ins will be accepted during exhibit receiving dates/times below.
3. **EXHIBITS ARE RECEIVED (Please Read Carefully):**
Exhibits for Sections A through G and I are received **Sunday, August 17, 2025, from 3PM to 8PM, and Monday, August 18, 2025, from 9AM to 7PM.**
Exhibits for Section H – Christmas Trees are received **Saturday, August 16, 2025, from 11AM to 3PM.**
Exhibits for Section J - Flowers are received according to the following schedule:
First Flower Show: **Sunday August 17, 2025, from 3PM to 8PM, and Monday, August 18, 2025, from 9AM to 7PM., Potted Plants.**
Classes J1-J113 (Note: Entries will only be accepted at these times)
Second Flower Show: **Wednesday, August 27, 2025, from 12:00PM to 4:00PM, Gladiolus & Dahlias.**
Classes J400-J494 (Note: Entries will only be accepted at these times)
Third Flower Show: **Wednesday, September 3, 2025, from 4:00PM to 8:00PM, Fresh Flowers (Classes J200-J291), Roses (Classes J300-J374), and**
Fall Farm & Garden Show (Classes K1-15) (Note: Entries will only be accepted at these times)
Exhibits for Section K – Fall Farm & Garden Show (Flower and Vegetable) are received **Wednesday, September 3, 2025, from 4:00PM to 8:00PM.**
4. **COMPUTER ENTRY TAG:** For each exhibit you have pre-entered, a Computer Entry Tag will be ready for you when you arrive with your exhibits.
5. **JUDGING:** Exhibits in Sections A, B, C, D, F, and G will be judged on Tuesday, August 19, 2025. Sections H and J will be judged according to their individual arrival times. Sections E and I will be judged on Saturday, August 23, 2025. Section K will be judged on Thursday, September 4, 2025.
6. **JUDGES DECISION:** The judges' decisions are final. Judges have the right to reject any exhibit if deemed not worthy of an award, and judges also have the right to award a lower prize at their discretion.
7. **TIES:** In event of a tie, each exhibitor involved will be awarded an appropriate ribbon. Exhibitors concerned will share the amount of money involved equally.
8. **SPECIAL AWARDS:** The Fair President's Award may be awarded by the Maryland State Fair President for an entry deserving special notice. A Special Award ribbon may be awarded when the judges believe that an entry deserves special notice.
9. **RIBBONS: RIBBONS AWARDED TO EXHIBITS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE TO RECIPIENTS DURING HOURS OF FARM & GARDEN ITEM RELEASE. RIBBONS WILL NOT BE MAILED.**
10. **EXHIBITS RELEASED:** Exhibits will be released on Monday, September 8, 2025, from 9AM to 7PM. Exhibitors must present the "Claim Check" from their computer entry tag to claim exhibits. All unclaimed exhibits become the property of the Maryland State Fair.
11. **EARLY REMOVAL:** Exhibits removed before the official release time will result in forfeiture of ribbons and premiums.
12. **The Fair is not responsible for lost or damaged items. Fair personnel can remove wilted or unsightly exhibits at any time.**