**2025 MARYLAND STATE FAIR - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Schedule Subject to change**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025**

**Time Event Location**

11am – 3pm Open Farm & Garden Christmas Trees Received Cow Palace

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025**

**Time Event Location**

12pm - 8pm Open Home Arts Entries Received (Sections A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, K, L, M & N) 4H/FFA Home Arts Bldg.

2pm - 8pm Open Home Arts Entries Received (Sections Section M – First Baking Show) 4H/FFA Home Arts Bldg.

3pm - 8pm Open Farm & Garden First Flower Show Entries Received – Potted Plants 4H/FFA Home Arts Bldg.

3pm - 8pm Open Farm & Garden Entries Received (Sections A through G and I) 4H/FFA Home Arts Bldg.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025**

**Time Event Location**

9am - 7pm Open Home Arts Entries Received (Sections A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, K, L, M & N) 4H/FFA Home Arts Bldg.

9am - 7pm Open Home Arts Entries Received (Sections Section M – First Baking Show) 4H/FFA Home Arts Bldg.

9am - 7pm Open Farm & Garden First Flower Show Entries Received – Potted Plants 4H/FFA Home Arts Bldg.

9am - 7pm Open Farm & Garden Entries Received (Sections A through G and I) 4H/FFA Home Arts Bldg.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025**

**Time Event Location**

2pm - 8pm 4-H/FFA Entries Received (Divisions L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T) 4H/FFA Home Arts Bldg.

2pm - 8pm 4-H/FFA Entries Received – Eggs (in Poultry Division) 4H/FFA Home Arts Bldg.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025**

**Time Event Location**

Noon - 9pm 4-H/FFA Livestock Entries Received Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Steers Respective Barns

4pm - 9pm 4-H/FFA Entries Received for Thursday’s 4-H/FFA Horse Show only Horse Show Ring

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025**

**Time Event Location**

7am - 9pm 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Entries Received

7am - 9pm JABGA and Open Boer Goat Entries Received

7am – 9am 4-H/FFA Sheep and Swine Entries Received

7am - 12pm 4-H/FFA Beef and Dairy Steer Entries Received

8am Open Beef Cattle stalls available Cow Palace

9am 4-H/FFA Sheep and Swine entries must be in place Swine/Sheep Barn

9am 4-H/FFA Horse & Pony Show – SENIOR Western Show Horse Show Ring

10am 4-H/FFA Sheep Exhibitor Orientation South Cow Palace Ring

10:30am Market Lamb Weigh-in (following exhibitor orientation) Cow Palace Scales

11:00am 4-H/FFA Swine Exhibitor Orientation Swine Show Ring

11:30am 4-H/FFA Market Hog Weigh-in Swine Barn Scales

Noon 4-H/FFA Beef, and Dairy Steers must be in place Cow Palace

1pm 4-H/FFA Tractor Operators Safety Event – Written Track Infield

2pm 4-H/FFA Tractor Operators Safety Event – Practical Exam/Driving Event Track Infield

3pm 4/H/FFA Beef Exhibitor Orientation Cow Palace

3:30pm 4-H/FFA Dairy Steer, Beef Steer and Commercial Heifer Weigh-in (following swine) Cow Palace Scales

4pm-8pm 4-H/FFA Entries received for Poultry Show South End Cow Palace

5:00pm Gates open to public Entrances

5pm - 7pm U-Learn Farm and U-Learn Barn Cow Palace

7pm 4-H/FFA Market Lamb Show South Cow Palace Ring

7pm Ranch Rodeo Horse Stable

7pm - 10pm 4-H/FFA Entries received for Friday’s 4-H/FFA Horse Show only Horse Stable

9pm 4-H/FFA Meat Goats, must be in place and checked-in Sheep Barn

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2025**

**Time Event Location**

7am – 9am JABGA & Open Boer goats received

8am-10am 4-H/FFA Entries received for Poultry Show South End Cow Palace

9am 4-H/FFA Horse & Pony Show – JR & INT Western Show Horse Show Ring

10am 4-H/FFA Poultry Show South End Cow Palace

10am 4-H/FFA Sheep Showmanship South Cow Palace Ring

11am - 7pm U-Learn Farm and U-Learn Barn Cow Palace

Noon 4-H/FFA Beef Showmanship Cow Palace

12:00pm 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Exhibitor Orientation Sheep Ring

1pm 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Weigh-in Swine Barn Scales

5pm 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Show - Showmanship Sheep Ring

Breeding

5pm Open Beef Cattle must be in place and checked-in Cow Palace

6pm 4-H/FFA Market Swine Show Swine Ring

6pm 4-H/FFA Dairy Steer Show Cow Palace

7pm 4-H/FFA Costume Animal Parade South End Cow Palace

7pm - 10pm 4-H/FFA Entries received for Saturday’s Horse Show only Horse Stable

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025**

**Time Event Location**

8am 4-H/FFA Entries Received for Rabbit & Cavy Shows South End Cow Palace

9am 4-H/FFA Beef Heifer Show Cow Palace

9am 4-H/FFA Horse & Pony Show- JR & INT English Show Horse Show Ring

10am 4-H/FFA Rabbit Meat Pen Show South End Cow Palace

10am 4-H/FFA Rabbit & Cavy Show to follow Rabbit Meat Pen Show South End Cow Palace

10am - 2pm 4-H/FFA Presents! 4-H/FFA Home Arts Bldg. Stage

11am - 7pm U-Learn Farm and U-Learn Barn Cow Palace

Noon JABGA Goat Show Sheep Ring

2pm 4-H/FFA Swine Showmanship Swine Ring

2pm 4-H Fashion Revue 4-H/FFA Home Arts Bldg Stage

6pm 4-H/FFA Market Goat Show Sheep Ring

7pm 4-H/FFA Beef Steer Show Cow Palace

7pm - 10pm 4-H/FFA Entries received-Sunday’s 4-H/FFA Horse Show Only Horse Stable

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025**

**Time Event Location**

9am Open Hereford & MD State Hereford Show (time subject to change) Cow Palace

9am Open Simmental (time subject to change) Cow Palace

9am 4-H/FFA Shepard’s Lead Contest South End Cow Palace

9am 4-H/FFA Breeding Swine Show Swine Ring

9am 4-H Robotics Contest Back Lower Level Grandstand

9am 4-H/FFA Horse & Pony Show- SR English Show Horse Show Ring

9am - 4pm 4-H Robotics Showcase 4-H/FFA Home Arts Bldg.

10am-Noon Mallet Competition State Fair Park

10am Open Boer Goat Show Sheep Ring

10:30pm Open Angus followed by MD State Angus Show (time subject to change) Cow Palace

11am 4-H/FFA Sheep Breeding Show South End Cow Palace

11am - 7pm U-Learn Farm and U-Learn Barn Cow Palace

12:30pm Open AOB Beef Cattle Show (time subject to change) Cow Palace

12:45pm Open Red Angus Show (time subject to change) Cow Palace

1:30pm-3:30pm 4-H Top Chef Challenge 4-H/FFA Home Arts Bldg

2pm Open Shorthorn Super Regional Show (time subject to change) Cow Palace

2:30pm Open Charolais Show (time subject to change) Cow Palace

3:30pm Open Shorthorn Plus (time subject to change) Cow Palace

3:30 - 7pm 4-H/FFA Presents! 4-H/FFA Home Arts Bldg

4pm Open Supreme Champion Beef Cattle Drive Cow Palace

4pm 4-H/FFA Swine Exhibits Released Swine Barn

5pm 4-H/FFA All-Star Showmanship Cow Palace

6pm Open Boer Goats Released Cow Palace

6pm Open Beef Cattle Released Cow Palace

6pm JABGA Exhibits Released Cow Palace

6pm 4-H/FFA Sheep Exhibits Released Cow Palace

6pm 4-H/FFA Meat Goats Released Sheep Barn

8pm 4-H/FFA Beef Released Cow Palace

**MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025**

**Time Event Location**

7pm Maryland State Fair Youth Livestock Auction Cow Palace

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025**

**Time Event Location**

9am - 1pm Open Dairy Cattle Entries Received Cow Palace

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025**

**Time Event Location**

8am – Noon Open Dairy Cattle Entries Received Cow Palace

Noon Open Dairy Cattle must be in place Cow Palace

12pm – 4pm Open Farm & Garden Second Flower Show Entries Received – Gladiolus & Dahlias 4H/FFA Home Arts Bldg.3pm - 8pm Open Home Arts Entries Received (Section M – Second Baking Show) 4-H/FFA Home Arts Bldg.

3pm Open Sheep Pens available

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025**

**Time Event Location**

9am – 9pm Open Sheep Pens available Sheep Barn

9am – Noon Entries for 2nd Bake show 4H/FFA Home Arts Bldg.

9am Open Jersey Show Cow Palace

9am – 5:30pm Open Welsh Pony Show Horse Show Ring

10:30am Open Brown Swiss Show Cow Palace

Noon Hog pens available for ABA show Swine Barn

Noon Open Sheep pens available Sheep Barn

2pm Open Milking Shorthorn Show Cow Palace

2pm Open Red & White Holstein Show Cow Palace

5:00pm Gates open to public Entrances

5pm - 7pm U-Learn Farm and U-Learn Barn Cow Palace

7pm Open Holstein Futurity Cow Palace

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025**

**Time Event Location**

8am – Noon ABA Jr. Swine Show Check-in Swine Barn

9am Open Holstein Show Cow Palace

9am – 11am Open Welsh Pony Show Horse Show Ring

10am ABA Jr. Swine must be in place Swine Barn

10am-11am Milkshake Competition State Fair Park

11am - 7pm U-Learn Farm and U-Learn Barn Cow Palace

Noon Open Ayrshire Show Cow Palace

1pm-5pm MD State Fair Open Show Check-in Swine Barn

1pm MD State Fair Open Show Barrows Weighed Swine Barn

1:30pm Open Guernsey Show Cow Palace

2pm Open Sheep must be in place Sheep Barn

3pm 4-H/FFA Dairy stalls available Cow Palace

3pm All ABA Crossbred gilt and barrow weigh cards due Swine Barn

4pm All Open Sheep Must be checked in Sheep Barn

4pm Open Supreme Dairy Cattle Show Cow Palace

4pm - 7pm 4-H/FFA Second Flower Show entries received 4-H/FFA Home Arts Bldg.

5pm ABA Swine Showmanship (Sr., Int., Jr., Novice) Swine Ring

5pm Open Sheep must be checked-in Sheep Barn

5pm Open Sheep Show - White Romney, All other White Wool, Corriedale Sheep Barn

7pm Maryland Dairy Queen Contest Cow Palace

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2025**

**Time Event Location**

8am – 2pm 4-H/FFA Dairy entries received Cow Palace

8am 4-H/FFA Horticulture Judging Contest Vista Room – Admin. Bldg

8:30am 4-H/FFA Dairy Judging Contest (Registration @ 8am) Cow Palace

9:00am 4-H/FFA Poultry Judging Contest Show Pavilion

9:00am 4-H/FFA Rabbit Judging Contest Show Pavilion

9am 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest Cow Palace

9am – 5pm Open Draft Horse & Mule Show – Confirmation, Cart & Hitch Horse Show Ring

9am Open Sheep Show – White Border Leicester, Black Lincoln, Black Border Leicester, Natural Colored, White Lincoln, Supreme Wool South Cow Palace Show Ring

9am Black Lincoln, Black Border Leicester South Cow Palace Show Ring

9am Best Fleece, Supreme Wool Selections South Cow Palace Show Ring

9am – Noon ABA Open Show check-in Swine Barn

10am All ABA Open Show Swine must be in place Swine Barn

10am – 1pm 4-H/FFA Presents! 4-H/FFA Home Arts Bldg.

11am - 7pm U-Learn Farm and U-Learn Barn Cow Palace

Noon Open Dairy Cattle Release Cow Palace

1pm – 2pm All ABA Open Swine Show entries must be weighed Swine Barn

1pm-3pm 4-H/FFA Horticulture Communication Event 4-H/FFA Home Arts Stage

2pm 4-H/FFA Dairy must be in place Cow Palace

3pm 4-H/FFA Dairy Cattle Exhibitor Orientation South Cow Palace Show Ring

3pm All Cross and Purebred barrow weigh cards due Swine Ring

3pm Junior ABA Gilt Show (Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Swine Ring

Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spot, Tamworth, Yorkshire, Cross) followed

by Junior Barrow Show (Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire,

Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spot, Tamworth, Yorkshire, Cross)

4pm 4-H/FFA Judging Awards Program (Rabbit, Poultry & Horticulture) Cow Palace

5pm – 10pm Horse Pulling Contest – Miniature Horse Show Ring

6pm 4-H/FFA Judging Awards Program (Livestock & Dairy) Cow Palace

7pm Open Sheep Youth Activities South Cow Palace Show Ring

7:30pm Horse Pulling Contest – Light Teams & Minis Horse Show Ring

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025**

**Time Event Location**

9am Open Sheep Show- Shropshire, Dorper, Suffolk Slick, All Other Hair, Southdown, Sheep Ring All Other Meat Slick

9am All Other Hair Breeds Sheep Ring

9am Open ABA Berkshire Show- (Gilts, Boars, Market Barrows) – Swine Ring Sale to start 2hrs following conclusion of show

9am – 5pm Open Draft Horse & Mule Show – Under Saddle, Cart & Hitch Horse Show Ring

11am - 7pm U-Learn Farm and U-Learn Barn Cow Palace

Noon 4-H/FFA Dairy Cattle Showmanship Cow Palace

2pm Open ABA Berkshire Barrow Show Swine Ring

3pm Open Hereford Show Swine Ring

5pm - 7pm 4-H Top Chef Challenge 4-H/FFA Home Arts Bldg.

5pm – 9pm Horse Pulling Contest – Heavy Teams Horse Show Ring

6pm Exhibits Released – Open ABA exhibitors Swine Barn

7pm 4-H Dairy Fit Out Cow Palace

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2025**

**Time Event Location**

9am Open Sheep Show –Cheviot, Hampshire Slick, Tunis, All Other Meat Fitted, Sheep Ring Dorset, Supreme Selection

Cheviot, Tunis, Herdsman, Supreme Meat Selection

9am Junior Barrow Show – Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Swine Ring

Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spot, Tamworth, Yorkshire, Cross

9am 4-H/FFA Dairy Show – All Breeds Cow Palace

9am Open Youth Performance & Fitting & Showing Show (riders 17 and under) Horse Show Ring

9am – 5pm Open Shetland Pony Show (following fitting and showing) Horse Show Ring

11am MD State Fair Open Swine – Berkshires, Crossbred Barrows, Crossbred Gilts Swine Barn

11am - 7pm U-Learn Farm and U-Learn Barn Cow Palace

2pm The Hellen Burns Smyth Award Ceremony 4-H/FFA Home Arts Bldg.

6pm 4-H/FFA Dairy Cattle Released Cow Palace

8pm Junior Hogs Released Swine Barn

8pm Open Sheep Released Sheep Barn

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2025**

**Time Event Location**

3pm - 8pm Open Home Arts Entries Received (Section M – Third Baking Show) 4-H/FFA Home Arts Bldg

4pm – 8pm Entries for Farm & Garden Fall Flower & Vegetable Show 4-H/FFA Home Arts Bldg.

4pm – 8pm Open Farm & Garden Third Flower Show Entries Received – 4-H/FFA Home Arts Bldg Fresh Flowers & Roses

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025**

**Time Event Location**

9am Open Highland and Prospect cattle move in Cow Palace

9am – Noon Entries for 2nd Bake show 4H/FFA Home Arts Bldg 9am Open & 4-H/FFA Dairy Goat stalls available Sheep Barn

Noon Open Hog pens available Swine Barn

1pm Open Dairy Goats must be in place Sheep Barn

4pm Open Dairy Goats must be checked in Sheep Barn

5:00pm Gates open to public Entrances

5pm – 7pm U-Learn Farm and U-Learn Barn Cow Palace

7pm Rodeo Horse Show Ring

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2025**

**Time Event Location**

9am Highland Cattle must be in place Cow Palace

9am Open Dairy Goat – All Breeds – SR Doe Show Only Sheep Ring

9am – 5pm Open Hunter Breeding/Jumper Show Horse Show Ring

9am - 9pm 4-H/FFA Dairy Goat & Alpaca Entries Received

11am - 7pm U-Learn Farm and U-Learn Barn Cow Palace

1pm MD State Fair Open Barrows weighed-in Swine Barn

1pm - 5pm MD State Fair Open Hogs must be checked-in Swine Barn

2pm MD State Fair Open Hogs must be in place Swine Barn

3pm – 9pm Alpaca and Llama check-in South Cow Palace

5pm – 7pm 4-H Baking Championship entries received (Judging at 7:30pm) 4-H/FFA Home Arts Bldg

5pm – 9pm Longhorn Entries received Cow Palace

6pm Open Highland Cattle Show Cow Palace

6pm 4-H/FFA Dairy Goat Judging Sheep Ring

6pm Swinemanship Show Swine Ring

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025**

**Time Event Location**

8am Open Alpaca/Llama Exhibitors Mtg. South Cow Palace Ring

9am Prospect Cattle must be in place Cow Palace

9am – Noon Longhorn entries received Cow Palace

9am Open Alpaca/Llama Showmanship, Obstacle & Performance South Cow Palace Ring

9am Open Dairy Goat – All Breeds – JR Doe Show Only Sheep Ring

9am 4-H Dog Show entries received Cow Palace

9am – 6pm Open Thoroughbred Hunter Horse Ring

9:30am MD State Fair Open Swine Show – Durocs, Herefords, Spots, Chester, Tamworth, Landrace Swine Ring

10am 4-H Dog Show – Fitting & Showmanship (all age divisions) Cow Palace

Obedience

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10am 4-H Bicycle Safety Event North End Cow Palace

11am - 7pm U-Learn Farm and U-Learn Barn Cow Palace

Noon Longhorn Entries must be in place Cow Palace

1pm 4-H Learn/Earn & Safety (Lawn Tractor) North End Cow Palace

2pm 4-H Dairy Goat Orientation Sheep Barn

4pm 4-H Small Engine Event North End Cow Palace

4:30pm 4-H/FFA Dairy Goat Showmanship Sheep Ring

5pm Open Dairy Goats Released following show Sheep Barn

5pm 4-H Electricity/Energy Event North End Cow Palace

5pm Alpaca/Llama Demonstrations South Cow Palace Ring

7pm 4-H/FFA Team Dairy Goat Fitting Sheep Ring

7pm Open Prospect Cattle Show Cow Palace

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025**

**Time Event Location**

8:30am 4-H/FFA Alpaca/Llama exhibitor’s meeting South Cow Palace Ring

9am 4-H/FFA Alpaca/Llama show South Cow Palace Ring

9am 4-H/FFA Dairy Goat Breeding Show (LaMancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Sheep Ring

Oberhasli, Recorded Grade, Saanen, Toggenburg, AOP, Alpine)

9am Junior Longhorn Show Cow Palace

9am – 6pm Open Fitting and Showing/Youth Show Horse Show Ring

9:30am MD State Fair Open Swine Show – Poland China, Yorkshire, Hampshire Swine Ring

10am-Noon Mullet Competition State Fair Park

11am - 7pm U-Learn Farm and U-Learn Barn Cow Palace

Noon Open Longhorn Show (following junior show) Cow Palace

1pm 4-H Drone Challenge North End Cow Palace

5pm 4-H/FFA All-Star Showmanship Cow Palace

6pm 4-H/FFA Dairy Goats & Alpacas/Llamas Released

8pm Open Hogs Released Swine Barn  
8pm – 10pm 4-H/FFA Exhibits Released 4-H/FFA Home Arts Bldg.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025**

**Time Event Location**

9am – 7pm 4-H/FFA Exhibits Released 4-H/FFA Home Arts Bldg.

9am – 7pm Open Home Arts Entries Released 4-H/FFA Home Arts Bldg.

9am – 7pm Open Farm & Garden Entries Released 4-H/FFA Home Arts Bldg.