
FARM AND GARDEN

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SPECIAL RULES

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, 2026:** 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-D, F and G are received **Sunday, August 23, 2026, from 3PM to 8PM, and Monday, August 24, 2026, from 9AM to 7PM.**
Exhibits for Sections E and I – Wine and Home Brew are received **Saturday, August 22, 2026, from 11AM to 3PM.**
Exhibits for Section H – Christmas Trees are received **Saturday, August 22, 2026, from 11AM to 3PM.**
Exhibits for Section J - Flowers are received according to the following schedule:
 First Flower Show: Wednesday, August 26, 2026, from 12:00PM to 8:00PM, Potted Plants, Orchids, and Silk/Dried Arrangements
 Classes J1 – J111 (Note: Entries will only be accepted at these times)
 Second Flower Show: Saturday, August 29, 2026, from 7:30AM to 12:00PM, Gladiolus & Dahlias
 Classes J400 – J494 (Note: Entries will only be accepted at these times)
 Third Flower Show: Wednesday, September 2, 2026, from 12:00PM to 8:00PM, Fresh Flowers
 (Classes J200-J291) (Note: Entries will only be accepted at these times)
 Fourth Flower Show: Wednesday, September 9, 2025 from 3:00pm to 8:00PM, Roses (Classes J301-J375) and Fall Flower Show (Classes K1-K15)
 (Note: Entries will only be accepted at these times)
Exhibits for Section K – Fall Farm & Garden Show (Flower and Vegetable) are received **Wednesday, September 9, 2025, from 3:00PM to 8:00PM.**

Exhibits for all Sections, except Section H, Christmas Trees, will be received in the new Harvest Hall Building. Section H, Christmas Trees, will be received in the Cow Palace.
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-D, F and G will be judged on Tuesday, August 25, 2026. Sections H and J will be judged according to their individual arrival times. Sections E and I will be judged TBD. Section K will be judged on Thursday, September 10, 2026.
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. For 2026: Celebrate America's 250 Years! Sections C (Vegetables), D (Honey and Wax), J (Flowers and Plants), and K (Fall Show) contain Patriotic/Americana Theme classes.
11. **EXHIBITS RELEASED:** Exhibits will be released according to following schedule:
Sections A-I: Monday, September 14, 2026, from 9AM to 7PM.
Section J: First Flower Show: Monday, August 31, 2026 from 4:00PM to 8:00 PM
Section J: Second, Third, and Fourth Flower Shows: Monday, September 14, 2026, from 9AM to 7PM (for ribbons and exhibitor containers)

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.
12. **EARLY REMOVAL:** Exhibits removed before the official release time will result in forfeiture of ribbons and premiums.
13. **The Fair is not responsible for lost or damaged items. Fair personnel can remove wilted or unsightly exhibits at any time.**