

Mason-Dixon Fair
General Rules & Regulations
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1. All exhibitors agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the Mason-Dixon Fair.
2. The Fair Management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations as the judgment may determine.
3. Entries are open to all surrounding counties.
4. FFA ages of exhibitors are 12 - 19 years old as long as they are a member in good standing of their local chapter. 4-H ages of exhibitors are 5 – 18 as long as they are a member in good standing of their club.
5. There will be a fee for Open Animal Shows only. All 4-H and Youth Under 19 animal entries will be free. By entering the open shows youth will automatically be entered into the 4-H and Youth Under 19 Divisions.
 - a. SHEEP, RABBITS, SWINE, GOATS, DAIRY, BEEF & DAIRY/BEEF CATTLE - \$5.00 per animal
 - b. DRAFT HORSE & MULE SHOW - \$5.00 per class if registered prior to June 24th, if registered on the day of the show (July 16th) \$10.00 per class. Day of payments must be made by check, no cash will be accepted.
6. Pre-registration is required for animal entries only. Animal entries are due online by June 26, 2023. If there are any entry problems or questions email mdflivestock@gmail.com. All entries must be paid for online. Entries will be limited in the livestock divisions on a first come, first serve basis according to space available. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to properly complete the online entry and to properly identify the breed and identification number of the animal being entered.
7. There will be no entry fee for exhibits in Departments 8 – 24. All non-livestock exhibits will be accepted between 3:00pm - 6:00pm on Sunday, July 9, 2023. Only one entry per class will be accepted from any one exhibitor for small exhibits. An exhibitor shall not receive more than one premium in any particular class or subdivision of a class. Pre Registration through the Showman Platform is highly recommended.
8. Every exhibitor check in at the Exhibitor Registration Area before entering an exhibit in any department. Entries in all departments must be the work of the exhibitor and entered in his or her name. Each entry in Departments 8, 11-18 and 24 must have an official entry tag correctly and clearly filled out. Small pre printed name and address labels may be used on the entry tags.

9. All exhibit entries must be locally grown, produced or made since the July 2022 Fair. All entries must be fresh, clean, and conform to size or content specifications. Entries in all departments must be the work of the exhibitor and entered in his or her name.
10. Food products cannot be treated with any substance that causes them to become poisonous and unfit to be used for consumption. Any such incidents must be reported to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Program for further review.
11. Farm and Home Exhibits will be judged Monday, July 10th. Judging is viewed as an education process and the public is encouraged to view the judging event based on available space. No exhibitor or his agent shall communicate with the judge during time of determining the awards except to answer questions proposed by the judge(s). Any exhibitor interfering with the judges while making awards shall forfeit any premium to which he/she would be entitled.
12. Farm and Home Exhibits are released on Sunday July 15, 2023 between 12:00pm – 2:00pm. Any entries not removed by 2:00pm Sunday will become property of the Fair. Any exhibits removed PRIOR to the release time will forfeit premiums. Any exhibits not picked up by 2pm on Sunday July 15, 2023 will not be held and will be donated to a local charity or disposed of.
13. Reasonable care will be taken to protect all exhibits on display from all injury and damage, but the Fair is not, in any way, to be held responsible for accidents, loss or damage by water, fire, theft, or otherwise, whatever may cause or extent of the damage or loss.
14. Premiums, as listed, may be given for meritorious exhibits. In cases where there is no competition, judges may give an award such as they deem the exhibit is worthy to receive. Same rule applies where there are fewer entries in any class than the number of premiums offered. The judges, at their discretion, may award a ribbon or rosette.
15. The Fair reserves the right to determine how many entries they will accept from an exhibitor in the same class or, in the case of livestock, in the same breed.
16. THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL IN ALL CLASSES. Any person wishing to protest must do so in writing within twelve hours after the awards are made.
17. All animals shown in the livestock divisions must be owned by the exhibitor or leased under a current, valid 4-H or FFA leasing program. Positive ID (as acceptable to respective breed associations) and health papers will be required upon arrival and check in at the livestock barns. Commercial breeds must be tagged in accordance with county requirements.
18. All feed and bedding is to be provided by the exhibitor for his or her own animals. None will be provided by the Fair. Exhibitors are responsible for daily feeding and watering of

their animals. Premium checks will be withheld if animals are not adequately fed and watered.

19. All stall and pen areas must be cleaned and approved by Department Superintendents before release. All bedding is to be removed to the proper disposal area. Premium checks will be withheld if stall and pens are not cleaned and approved.
20. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage done arising from any animal exhibited by him/her, if such loss or damage is due to negligence on his/her part. Any individual, spectator or patron handling animals without the consent of the owner is liable for all damage or injury done to themselves or animals.
21. All premium checks for each Department will be mailed within 90 days after the Fair.
22. No alcoholic beverages or controlled substances are allowed on the Fairgrounds. If anyone is found with alcohol, they will be evicted from the grounds and exhibitors will forfeit premiums. Violators may be prosecuted.
23. Anyone not abiding by these rules and regulations or exhibiting improper behavior will be removed from the Fairgrounds and exhibitors will forfeit premiums.
24. No pets are permitted on the Fairgrounds except demonstration animals.
25. Due to the ongoing terrorist threat within the United States, all vehicles and personal belongings entering the Fairgrounds are subject to search. Vehicles WILL NOT BE ALLOWED NEAR THE BARNS. Parking is permitted in designated areas only.
26. All animals must be washed and clipped prior to arrival. All animals unclipped or excessively dirty will be refused entry. Only touch-up clipping is permitted.
27. **All** livestock trailers must be parked in designated parking areas.