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Goochland Ag Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Show

Held at the Goochland Ag Fair

Located at: Former Goochland Elementary School Track

3140 River Rd W, Goochland, VA 23063

Date: Sep 12, 2026

Show/Competition Schedule (Subject to change)

7:00-9:00 am Animal Check In/ Health Checks

9:30 am Exhibitor Orientation w/ 4-H Agent
(All Exhibitors must be present to go over rules and expectations for the event.)

10:00am Poultry & Rabbit Showmanship Starts in Show Ring/
*Confirmation classes will begin in cages after showmanship

11:00am Large Animal Livestock Show starts in following order

- Swine
- Beef Cattle
- Sheep
- Meat Goats
- Dairy Goats

*After the show concludes, exhibitors will have time for lunch and rest while scores and tabulates are recorded. Youth participating in costume contest can also prepare their costumes

2:00pm- Costume Contest starts

3:00pm Award Ceremony/Closing *Take down and loading can begin after awards.

Rules and Regulations for Entry:

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IMPORTANT: All exhibitors will agree to a statement on the entry form stating that he or she and his or her parent or guardian have read and understand these rules and regulations. If there are any questions concerning the rules, they must be submitted in writing to 4-H Agent, Cayla Walker at caylaks98@vt.edu prior to the show date.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Cayla Walker, Goochland 4-H Extension Agent, at (804-556-5873)during business hours of 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event.

1. **Eligibility:** The Goochland Ag Fair 4-H and FFA Livestock Show is open to enrolled 4-H Livestock/Community Club members in good standing from all 4-H units in Virginia as space allows as well as members of a Virginia FFA Chapter in good standing. Membership age eligibility for all classes other than Cloverbuds (ages 5-8 as of September 30 2026). Is as follows:

   a) Juniors: 9 through 13 years old as of September 30, 2026.
   b) Seniors: 14 through 19 years old as of September 30, 2026.
   ***If needed, we may split Juniors up into Juniors (9-11) and Intermediates (12-13) for showmanship classes**
   c) For each of the above categories, youth must turn the entry age during the 4-H Year, October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026. Eligibility terminates on December 31 of the year the member turns 19.
2. **Novice:** Exhibitors in their first year of showing the project animal type may participate in either Novice Showmanship classes or Junior/Senior Showmanship classes (as applicable), but not both.

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3. **Entries:** All entries must be submitted to the Virginia Cooperative Extension,Goochland Office, on the proper 4-H online entry form. **Entry forms will be due no later than close of business of August 15 2026. Register using this link: https://forms.gle/EawydVQj3x5dhEt27**
    a. **Extensions will not be accepted unless deadline is moved by fair committee.**

4. If you need a paper registration form, please contact 4-H Agent, Cayla Walker at caylaks98@vt.edu
    a. **Number of Entries:** Due to the size of this show, we ask that exhibitors limit their number of entries to 5 total animals. All animals entered in the show must have a visible identification (tag, tattoo, leg band) that matches the entry form.

5. **Attire:** Participants are required to dress properly for the duration of the Show. For safety reasons, closed-toe and closed-heel shoes and/or boots are mandatory on the show premises (no flip flops, Crocs, or clogs). Youth must wear khaki pants or new/dark jean pants and a collared shirt when participating in the Show. Clubs may decide if youth will wear a standard shirt. FFA Members can wear official dress or the other requirements above.

6. **Record books:** 4-H members must keep a standard 4-H record book for their project(s). Record books are supplied by the 4-H Extension Agent or 4-H Club Leader and must be up-to-date through August 1

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2026. All exhibitors must bring their project books to their respective check-in time to have them checked. 4-H **Exhibitors that do not bring project books or show proof prior via email will not be permitted to show. FFA members must be approved to show by their advisor either in-person or via email at least 2 weeks prior to the show date.**

7. Each animal must be cared for, prepared, and shown by the exhibitor/owner. First time exhibitors may receive assistance from adults, parents, or other 4-H/FFA members in preparing their animals. Adults and parents should not groom or fit the animal for the exhibitor. Exhibitors requiring assistance with fitting, grooming, or handling of their project animals should contact their club leaders prior to show entry.

8. **Showmanship:** Showmanship is **required** for each species an exhibitor enters.
   Exhibitors may enter no more than three animals in any single class. In such cases, another exhibitor entered in the show may show the second animal on their behalf. Only one animal may be shown in showmanship classes.

9. Exhibitors must furnish feed and bedding for their animals and maintain a clean area in and around their cages.

10. Substances which would alter the behavior or appearance of the animals are strictly forbidden. All animals are to be shown clean, dry, and healthy

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11. Any animal which, in the opinion of the Goochland Ag Fair Committee or the vet conducting vet checks, constitutes a hazard must be removed from the grounds. All animals must be under their owner's control at all times. Do not bring animals that cannot be adequately controlled.

12. **PET POLICY [New for 2026]-** If exhibitors/ family bring pets to the show, they **must be leashed at all times, kept out of animal housing and away from the show ring.** This policy allows us to limit distractions, stress, and harm to our livestock exhibits.

13. Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Cooperative Extension Volunteers, and the Goochland Ag Fair Committee claim no responsibility for damage of property caused by any member of 4-H/FFA members, visitors, or any exhibitor's livestock.

14. The Goochland 4-H Agent, or any member of the Ag Fair Committee,reserves the right to disqualify individuals and exhibitors from show classes or the entire show for violations of the rules. Good sportsmanship is the 4-H/FFA way. Any discourtesy to a judge or show official by an exhibitor, parent, or leader, may cause an exhibitor to forfeit all ribbons and trophies and disqualify an exhibitor from showing in future shows.

15. If a project animal should die/fall ill, the exhibitor has 15 days to replace the animal. The Extension Office must be notified within 48 hours of the death. Project animals cannot be replaced after September 5, 2026.

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16. **Health regulations:** All animals must be free of signs of contagious or infectious disease or conditions including, but not exclusive to, parasites, warts, ringworm, or pinkeye. No livestock will be permitted in the show ring without a proper vet check. All animals will be inspected by the attending veterinarian or the Goochland Ag Fair Committee at check in

    a. **Poultry**: All poultry must show proof of Pullorum Typhoid testing within 90 days of the show
    b. **Rabbits:** No health certificate required; all rabbits entering the grounds must be clean and free of mites and show no sign of sickness or disease.

17. **Animal check in time is between 7:00-9:00am on Saturday, September 12. No livestock will be permitted to enter after the 9:00 AM deadline. Animals must remain in place until dismissed unless it is discussed with event coordinators. Failure to comply will cause the exhibitor to forfeit any prizes and/or premiums won.**

18. Class order may be changed at the discretion of show management in order to facilitate movement of animals into the show pen. Show management reserves the right to split, combine, or cancel classes with insufficient entries.

19. **New for 2026- Non-Owner Poultry Class-** This class is intended for 4-H youth learning to show small livestock, but who do not own a project animal themselves. The project animal used for this class must also be entered and shown by its owner in a regular class at this show. The project animal must be positively identified (e.g., by tag or

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tattoo number) on the non-owner exhibitor's entry forms. It is the responsibility of the owner and non-owner to make arrangements, in advance of the show, for sharing the project animal for this purpose.

Ag Fair Livestock Skillathon Contest

1. The Skill-A-Thon Contest is open to all exhibitors of all ages (No sign-up required)

2. Each exhibitor will work independently on the test and turn in their answer sheet upon exiting the contest room. Awards will be given to Junior and Senior high scores.
3. This competition includes written test, and all livestock species could be included. Participants identify feed, equipment, breeds of animals, and it may include judging classes of hay, meats, or animals. *Readers can be provided for youth who need assistance in this area.

CLOVERBUD Participants (5 to 8 years of age)

1. 4-H Cloverbud participants will receive a participation ribbon/prize. 4-H State Cloverbud Policy states that "The Cloverbud Program is a noncompetitive program. There is no individual judging."
2. An adult must supervise Cloverbud-age youth at all times.
3. Cloverbuds may exhibit rabbits and poultry unassisted
   a. Cloverbuds can show sheep and goats **with an adult/older member with main control of the animal.**

SECTION 100: POULTRY

1. All poultry (or eggs for hatching) must be in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor by July 8, 2026.

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2. Facilities, Equipment, and Care of Poultry on Display:

a) The Committee will provide space only.

b**) Exhibitors are responsible for providing cooling methods and food for the duration of the show. Bedding and water will be provided. However, water can be brought in by exhibitors also.**

c) Cages or coops should:

i) Ensure the exhibitor, spectators, and birds cannot get hurt.

ii) Allows enough room for the bird to stand fully upright and freely turn around in the pen.

iii) Have a watering and feeding systems designed to securely fasten the coop to prevent wastage.

iv) Cages should be leak proof.

3. Definition of terms: “Cock” and “Hen” shall mean birds hatched prior to January 1 of the current year. “Cockerel” and “Pullet” (ckl & plt), respectfully shall mean birds hatched after January 1 of the current year.

4. The Feathered Friends Class is a confirmation class designed for birds of mixed breeds to have their own class, rather than the normal breed classes

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5. Market Classes are limited to meat or dual-purpose breeds or crosses of those breeds. Birds entered in Market classes should be heavy breeds suitable for meat production, such as Cornish, Cornish cross commercial broilers, red broilers, Dorkings, Delawares, Orpingtons, Plymouth Rocks, or Sussex, among others. Bantams or

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purely ornamental or laying breeds should not be entered in Market classes.

6. Exhibitors must be present during the judging/exhibition of their animals.

7. Cages will be properly distanced from those in different flocks or families.

8. Please restrict the contact birds have with the public.

POULTRY CLASS LIST

100-Cloverbuds

<u>Showmanship</u>

101-Senior Showmanship (14-19)

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102-Junior Showmanship (9-13)
103-Novice Showmanship –first year poultry exhibitors
104- Non-owned Poultry Showmanship (See general rules)

Market

105-Market Chickens
106-Market Turkeys
107-Market Fowl- Duck and Geese
Champion/Reserve Market Poultry

Breed Specific

108-Large Fowl
109-Bantams
110-Ducks
111-Geese
112-Guineas
113- Turkeys
114- Quail
115-Feathered Friends Mixed Breed Class

SECTION 200: RABBITS

1. All rabbits must be in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor by July 8 2026; or, if born after this date, be out of a dam in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor by this date.

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2. All rabbits must have proper tattoo identification that is legible in order to show.

3. Exhibitors are responsible for providing leak-proof cages and sufficient bedding, food, and water for the duration of the show.

4. Rabbits in classes 205-206 shall show breed characteristics but may have minor imperfections. Refer to the American Rabbit Breeder Association (ARBA) website (www.arba.net) if you have any questions about breed standards. Rabbits may be weighed; weights must meet ARBA standards.

5. Market classes will be limited to meat or dual purpose breeds or crosses of those breeds. Rabbits in this class must have been born after or on January 21, 2025.

6. The Barnyard Buddies Mixed-Breed Class is a confirmation class designed for Rabbits of mixed breeds to have their own class, rather than the normal breed classes.

7. Exhibitors must be present during the judging/exhibition of their animals.

RABBIT CLASS LIST

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200-Cloverbuds

Showmanship Classes:

201-Senior Showmanship (14-19)
202-Junior Showmanship (9-13)
203-Novice Showmanship-first year rabbit show participants

Market Classes:

204-Market Rabbit

Breed Classes:

205-Junior/Intermediate Bucks and Does (up to 8 months old)
206-Senior Bucks and Does (over 8 months old)
207- Barnyard Buddies Mixed-Breed Class

***Class 906 will be reserved for Fiber Rabbits!**

SECTION 300: Dairy Cattle

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1. All dairy cattle exhibited must have been in complete possession and continual care & feeding of the exhibitor by July 8, 2026. Cattle will be shown by breed type. Please indicate on registration form Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, and Jersey.

2. No bulls are allowed.

3. All cattle must be halter broken, and able to be controlled by the owner/exhibitor. If the animal is not able to be controlled by the exhibitor, or is deemed unsafe, the exhibitor may be excused or prevented from showing in further classes at the discretion of the show committee.

4.Animals over 24 months of age may only be shown in showmanship and the cow/calf pair classes.

DAIRY CATTLE CLASS LIST:

Showmanship Classes:

301-Senior Showmanship (14-19)
302-Junior Showmanship (9-13)
303-Novice Showmanship-first time dairy cattle exhibitors

Breed Classes:

304- Dairy Heifer
305- Dairy Cow
306- Dairy Cow/Calf Pair
307- Dairy Steer

SECTION 400: Beef Cattle

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1. All cattle must be in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor by July 8, 2026. Exhibitors must provide beginning weight documentation on market and feeder steers and heifers to club leaders by July 8, 2026.

2. All market steers and heifers must have been born between January 1st and August 31st of the year preceding the show, and feeder steers must have been born on or after September 1st of the year preceding the show.

3. No bulls are allowed.

4. All cattle must be halter broken, and able to be controlled by the owner/exhibitor. If the animal is not able to be controlled by the exhibitor, or is deemed unsafe, the exhibitor may be excused or prevented from showing in further classes at the discretion of the show committee.

5. In all beef classes, animals must be clean, dry, and unfitted.

6. Animals over 24 months of age may only be shown in showmanship and the cow/calf pair classes.

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BEEF CATTLE CLASS LIST

Showmanship

401- Senior Showmanship (14-19)

402- Junior Showmanship (9-13)

403- Novice Showmanship-first time beef show participants

Market

404-Feeder Steers or Heifers (under 1000 pounds)

405- Market Steers or Heifers (1000 pounds and over)

Breeding

406-Beef Heifer- up to 12 months

407-Beef Heifer- 12 months to 24 months

408-Cow-Calf Pair
*must be shown with the most recent natural calf at side. Cow not eligible for championship. Calf must be born by July 8, 2026.

SECTION 500: Sheep

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1. All ewes and lambs must be in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor by July 8, 2026.

2. Market Lambs must be under 1 year of age at the time of the show. Market lambs must weigh at least 85 pounds, and should be between 85-150 pounds.

3. All male lambs must be castrated.

4. All animals must be tagged/tattooed according to USDA and/or State Veterinarian Requirements (scrapie tag/tattoo).

SHEEP CLASS LIST

500: Cloverbud

Showmanship

501- Senior Showmanship (14-19)
502- Junior Showmanship (9-13)
503-Novice Showmanship-first time sheep show participants

Market

504-Feeder Lamb (under 85 pounds)
505-Market Lamb (85 pounds and over)

Breeding:

506-Ewe- up to 12 months
507-Ewe- 12 to 24 months
508- Ewe 24 months and over

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SECTION 600: Swine

1. All swine must be in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor by July 8, 2026.
2. No boars allowed.

SWINE CLASS LIST

Showmanship

601- Senior Showmanship (14-19)
602- Junior Showmanship (9-13)
603-Novice Showmanship-first year swine show participants

Market

605-Market Hog

Breeding

606-Junior Gilts- up to 6 months
607-Junior Gilts- over 6 months and under 12 months

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SECTION 700: Dairy Goats

1. All dairy goats must be in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor by July 8, 2026.

2. All animals must be tagged or tattooed according to USDA and/or State Veterinarian requirements (scrapie tag/tattoo)

3. All horns must be missing or tips dulled and/or blunt.

DAIRY GOAT CLASS LIST

700-Cloverbud

Showmanship

701- Senior Showmanship (14-19)
702- Junior Showmanship (9-13)
703-Novice Showmanship-first year dairy goat show participants

Breeding

704-Junior Kids and yearlings (up to 24 months, not in milk
705-Milking Doe
706- Dry Doe

SECTION 800: Meat Goats

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1. All meat goats must be in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor by July 8, 2026.

2. Market and Feeder goats must be under 12 months old and have all baby teeth.

3. All males must be castrated.

4. All horns must be missing or tips dulled and/or blunt.

5. All animals must be tagged/tattooed according to USDA and/or State Veterinarian requirements (scrapie tag/tattoo).

MEAT GOAT CLASS LIST

800- Cloverbud

Showmanship

801- Senior Showmanship (14-19)
802- Junior Showmanship (9-13)
803-Novice Showmanship-first year meat goat show participants

Market

804-Feeder Goat (under 12 months, less than 45 pounds)
805-Market Lamb (under 12 months, 45 pounds and over)

Breeding

806-Junior Does (less than 12 months old with baby teeth)
807-Senior Does (over 12 months old)

SECTION 900: Fiber Animals

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1. All fiber goats and sheep must be in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor by July 8, 2026.

2. Fiber animals are those specifically raised to produce quality fiber; for example, Angora and Cashmere goats, or Merino, Suffolk, and Navajo sheep.

3. Fiber animals may be females or castrated males. No rams/bucks.

4. All horns must be missing or tips dulled and/or blunt.

5. Fiber animals cannot be shown in both Market and Fiber classes.

6. All animals must be shorn within 6 months prior to show. Animals must be shown in their natural state- no combing, washing, or treating with oils or conditioners of show animal's hair. It is permissible to remove dung tags and patches of hair with excessive urine.

7. All animals must be tagged/tattooed according to USDA and/or State Veterinarian requirements (scrapie tag/tattoo).

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FIBER ANIMAL CLASS LIST

900: Cloverbud

Showmanship

901- Senior Showmanship (14-19)

902- Junior Showmanship (9-13)

903-Novice Showmanship-first year fiber animal show participants

Breed Specific

904-Fiber Sheep

905-Fiber Goat

906- Fiber Rabbit *Will be judged in the small animal show

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SECTION 1000: 4-H EDUCATIONAL POSTER CONTEST

This contest is open to all 4-H/FFA exhibitors. This is an opportunity to share with the public your knowledge for a topic related to your 4-H/FFA experience

1. Contestants can submit an educational poster about a project animal or 4-H/FFA related topic of their choosing (for example: rabbit breeds, spring gardening, etc.)
2. The poster shall have a maximum size of 36 inches x 48 inches.
3. Posters must include the name, age, and 4-H club/FFA chapter, name of the person responsible, as well as a title.
4. Ribbons will be awarded to Junior and Senior participants.
5. Classes:
    - 1000 Educational Poster-Cloverbud (participation ribbon)
    - 1100:Educational Poster- Senior
    - 1200:302 Educational Poster- Junior

SECTION 1200: ANIMAL COSTUME CONTEST

Classes in this section are strictly for fun. Break out your most creative costumes for you and your animal! All ages/species will be judged together. Cloverbuds may participate but will not be judged.

Exhibitors may only participate in one costume class.

CLASS LIST

1200-Cloverbud Costume Exhibition

1210-Small Animal Costume (poultry, rabbit)- Animals must be handheld.

1220-Large Animal Costume (cattle, sheep, goats) - Animals must be haltered and led.

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