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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 13, 2025**

Show/Competition Schedule (Subject to change)

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| 7:30-9:00 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; as well as a schedule review. |
| | Project books will be checked at this time for 4-Hers) |
| 10:00am | Skillathon Opens for Exhibitors |
| | Rabbit Hopping Competition begins in show ring |
| 11:00am | Poultry & Rabbit Showmanship Starts in Show Ring |
| | *Confirmation classes will begin in cages after showmanship |
| 12:00pm | Large Animal Livestock Show starts in following order |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Swine● Beef Cattle● Sheep● Meat Goats● Dairy Goats |
| 1:30pm- | Animal Costume Contest |
| 2:00pm- | Photo-Op/ Skillathon and Poster Contest Results |
| 3:00pm | Take down- Animals Departure/ Clean up |



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Rules and Regulations for Entry:

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, 2025). Is as follows:
 - a) Juniors: 9 through 13 years old as of September 30, 2025.
 - b) Seniors: 14 through 19 years old as of September 30, 2025.***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, 2024 to September 30, 2025. 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.
3. **Entries:** All entries must be submitted to the Virginia Cooperative Extension, Goochland Office, on the proper 4-H online entry form. **Entry forms**



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will be due no later than close of business of August 9 2025. Register using this link: <https://forms.gle/1g5DUg4GURaxzfXg9>

- 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 4 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 2025. All exhibitors must bring their project books to their respective check-in time to have them checked. **Exhibitors that do not bring project books 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.



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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
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. 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.
13. 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.
14. If a project animal should die, 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 August 29, 2025.
15. **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



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- 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.

16. Animal check in time is between 7:30-9:00 am on Saturday, September 13. 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.

17. 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.

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 is a 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.

CLOVERBUD Participants (5 to 8 years of age)

1. 4-H Cloverbud participants will receive a participation ribbon. 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. Cloverbud youth may exhibit rabbits and poultry unassisted in the show tent.
4. Class Number: See each species show for class numbers.



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SECTION 100: POULTRY

1. All poultry (or eggs for hatching) must be in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor by July 8, 2025.
2. Facilities, Equipment, and Care of Poultry on Display:
 - a) The Committee will provide space only.
 - b) **Exhibitors are responsible for providing sufficient bedding, food, and water for the duration of the show, and may be required to provide cages for animals.**
 - 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.
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 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. All birds should ONLY be handled by the exhibitor, and potentially the judge. Please restrict the contact birds have with the public.
9. Classes:
 - 100-Cloverbuds



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Showmanship Classes

101-Senior Showmanship (14-19)

102-Junior Showmanship (9-13)

103-Novice Showmanship –first year poultry show participants

Market Classes:

104-Market Chickens

105-Market Turkeys

106-Market Fowl- Duck and Geese

Champion/Reserve Market Poultry

Breed Classes:

107-Large Fowl

108-Bantams

109-Ducks

110-Geese

111-Guineas

112- Turkeys

113-Feathered Friends Mixed Breed Class

Best in Show

SECTION 200: RABBITS

1. All rabbits must be in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor by July 8 2025; or, if born after this date, be out of a dam in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor by this date.
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, 2024.



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

Classes

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

Champion/Reserve 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

Best in Show

SECTION 900: RABBIT HOPPING

1. General rules will be those used by the national ARBA Convention(found here). Exhibitors may hop multiple rabbits,but multiple handlers may NOT share a rabbit.
2. All hopping rabbits must have been in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor by May 1 of the show year.
3. All rabbits must have a legible tattoo.
4. Hopping rabbits may also be entered in the Market or Breed rabbit classes as appropriate, or may be entered solely in Hopping classes. All rabbit exhibitors must participate in Rabbit Showmanship.
5. Rabbits must be at least 4 months of age to compete. Pregnant does, nursing does, or does that have had a litter within 8 weeks prior to the show date may not compete.



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6. Hopping rabbits may be any breed or mix of domestic rabbit, and may be neutered/spayed. All rabbits must be clean, unmatted, in good health, and free of parasites. Rabbits showing evidence of ear/fur mites or illness will be dismissed.
7. Handlers may not wear heels, flip flops, Crocs, or heavy boots during practice and competition, as these may cause harm to the rabbit. Soft-soled athletic shoes are ideal. If a handler is wearing inappropriate footwear they will be required to remove their shoes before competing.
8. All rabbits must be properly fitted with an H-Style Harness with a clip on the neck strap and belly strap, with a metal D-Ring attached to the belly strap. Harnesses may be made out of a lightweight flat webbing material that is no less than 3/8" in width. The leash must be at least 4 ft in length and must have a metal snap hook. Leashes and handles must be made out of the same webbing material as the harness.
9. No treats are allowed on the hopping course.
10. In Straight Course classes, the best of 3 runs is your score. If there is a tie, the rabbit with the fastest time will be the winner. If there is a tie of score and time, the judge may call for a jump-off.
11. In High Jump, one practice jump each direction will be allowed. Jump levels will increase one pole at a time from a starting height, with three attempts at each height.
12. There is a 2 minute time limit to complete the course for each run. If you exceed the maximum time, the judge will ask you to leave the course and the score is "DNF" (Did Not Finish) for that run. This does not affect the score for subsequent runs.

Classes

- 901 Cloverbud Exhibition (Beginner Straight A course)
- 902 Beginner Straight A- Novice skill level: 6" max. (3 poles) with no spread jumps
- 903 High Jump (starting at 2", increased in 2" increments)



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SECTION 300: Dairy Cattle

1. All dairy cattle exhibited must have been in complete possession and continual care & feeding of the exhibitor by July 8, 2025. 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.

Classes:

Showmanship Classes:

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

Breed Classes:

- 304- Dairy Heifer
- 305- Dairy Cow
- 306- Dairy Cow/Calf Pair
- Grand Champion
- Reserve Champion

SECTION 400: Beef Cattle

1. All cattle must be in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor by July 8, 2025. Exhibitors must provide beginning weight documentation on market and feeder steers and heifers to club leaders by July 8, 2025.



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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.
7. Classes:

Showmanship Classes:

401- Senior Showmanship (14-19)

402- Junior Showmanship (9-13)

403- Novice Showmanship-first time beef show participants

Market Classes:

404-Feeder Steers or Heifers (under 1000 pounds)

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

Champion/Reserve Market Steer or Heifer

Breed Classes:

406-Beef Heifer- up to 12 months



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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, 2025.

Champion/Reserve Female

SECTION 500: Sheep

1. All ewes and lambs must be in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor by July 8, 2025.
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).
5. Classes:

500: Cloverbud

Showmanship Classes:

501- Senior Showmanship (14-19)

502- Junior Showmanship (9-13)

503-Novice Showmanship-first time sheep show participants

Market Classes:

504-Feeder Lamb (under 85 pounds)

505-Market Lamb (85 pounds and over)



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Champion/Reserve Market Lamb

Breed Classes:

506-Ewe- up to 12 months

507-Ewe- 12 to 24 months

508- Ewe 24 months and over

Champion/Reserve Ewe

SECTION 600: Swine

1. All swine must be in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor by July 8, 2025.
2. No boars allowed.
3. Classes:

Showmanship Classes:

601- Senior Showmanship (14-19)

602- Junior Showmanship (9-13)

603-Novice Showmanship-first year swine show participants

Market Classes:

605-Market Hog

Champion/Reserve Market Hog

Breed Classes:

606-Junior Gilts- up to 6 months

607-Junior Gilts- over 6 months and under 12 months



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Champion/Reserve Gilt

SECTION 700: Dairy Goats

1. All dairy goats must be in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor by July 8, 2025.
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.
4. Classes:

700-Cloverbud

Showmanship Classes:

701- Senior Showmanship (14-19)

702- Junior Showmanship (9-13)

703-Novice Showmanship-first year dairy goat show participants

Breed Classes:

704-Junior Kids and yearlings (up to 24 months, not in milk)

705-Milking Doe

706- Dry Doe

Champion/Reserve 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, 2025.
2. Market and Feeder goats must be under 12 months old and have all baby teeth.
3. All market goats must weigh 45 pounds or more.
4. All males must be castrated.
5. All horns must be missing or tips dulled and/or blunt.
6. All animals must be tagged/tattooed according to USDA and/or State Veterinarian requirements (scrapie tag/tattoo).
7. Classes:

800- Cloverbud

Showmanship Classes:

801- Senior Showmanship (14-19)

802- Junior Showmanship (9-13)

803-Novice Showmanship-first year meat goat show participants

Market Classes:

804-Feeder Goat (under 12 months, less than 45 pounds)

805-Market Lamb (under 12 months, 45 pounds and over)

Champion/Reserve Market Goat

Breed Classes:



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

807-Senior Does (over 12 months old)

Champion/Reserve Doe

SECTION 900: Fiber Animals- Sheep and Goats

1. All fiber goats and sheep must be in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor by July 8, 2025.
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).
8. Classes:

900: Cloverbud

Showmanship Classes:

901- Senior Showmanship (14-19)



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902- Junior Showmanship (9-13)

903-Novice Showmanship-first year fiber animal show participants

Breed Classes:

904-Fiber Sheep

905-Fiber Goat

Champion/Reserve Fiber Animal

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. Posters will be hung and therefore should not be designed to be freestanding.
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



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