

## 2023 HOWARD COUNTY FAIR - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### PRE-FAIR ACTIVITIES

#### Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> - Home Arts Entry – Non-perishable

5:00 - 8:00 pm Open Home Arts Entering: Arts & Crafts - Children/Teens/Adults; Clothing; Fine Arts – Children/Teens/ Adults; Hand Spinning; Hand Weaving; Needle Arts & Quilts; Photography; & Woodworking ..... Home Arts Building

#### Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> - Home Arts Entry - Non-perishable

5:00 - 8:00 pm Open Home Arts Entering - See July 26 ..... Home Arts Building

#### Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> - Home Arts Entry - Non-perishable

3:00 - 8:00 pm Open Home Arts Entering - See July 26 ..... Home Arts Building

#### Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> - Entry and Judging

9:00 am - Home Arts Judging - (all sections above) ..... Home Arts Building

1:30 - 4:00 pm 4-H & FFA Indoor Non-perishable entry/judging ..... Annex

#### Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> - 4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK ORIENTATION

6:00 pm ..... Show Ring

#### Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> - BICYCLE CONTEST

5:00 pm ..... Show Ring

#### Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> – EXHIBIT ENTERING

5:00 - 8:00 pm Open Home Arts Entering (Perishable Entries): Baked Goods & Candies, Food Preservation, 1<sup>st</sup> Flower Show, & Jr. Flower Show... Home Arts Building

6:00 pm Open Goat Show (Junior Doe Show) ..... Sheep & Goat Barn

#### Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> - EXHIBIT ENTERING

8:30 am Open Goat Show (Senior Doe Show) ..... Sheep & Goat Barn

3:00 - 8:00 pm Open Home Arts Entering (Perishable Entries): Baked Goods & Candies, Food Preservation, 1<sup>st</sup> Flower Show, & Jr Flower Show .... Home Arts Building

1:00-4:00 pm Open Christmas Trees Entering: (Judging @ 5:00 pm) ..... Annex

6:00-9:00 pm Open Farm & Garden Depts. Entering: Farm Crops, Fruits & Vegetables, Honey & Beeswax, and Wool Fleece ..... Annex

### 77<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HOWARD COUNTY FAIR

#### Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> – OPENING DAY – ARMED FORCES DAY

8:00 am. **GATE OPENS**

8:00 am. 4-H & FFA Canine Show ..... Show Pavilion

8:30-10:00 am. 4-H & FFA Indoor Entering & Judging: Baked Goods, Flowers, Vegetables, Herbs, Honey, Candies, & Food Pres. .... Annex

9:00 am Open Jumper Schooling Show ..... Horse Rings

9:00-12 Noon Open Farm & Garden Depts.: Entering: Farm Crops, Fruits & Vegetables, Honey & Beeswax and Wool Fleece ..... Annex

9:00 am Open Home Arts Judging – Baked Goods & Candies, Food Preservation, First Flower Show, & Jr. Flower Show ..... Home Arts Building

**\*\*\*Home Arts Building Will Open to the Public on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 pm \*\*\***

10:00 am **Commercial Main Exhibition Hall Opens** ..... Main Exhibition Bldg

12:00 Noon **MIDWAY OPENS**

12:00 Noon Junior Showmanship Show (Howard Co. Farm Bureau) ..... Show Pavilion

1:00 pm Farm & Garden Departments Exhibit Judging ..... Annex

1:00-2:00 pm Best Strawberry Pie/Dessert Contests Entering (Judging @ 2:30pm) Home Arts Building

2:00 – 7:00 pm **Equine Exhibit** ..... Horse Education Tent

3:00 pm 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Mule Jump ..... Contest Arena

## 2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - CONTINUED

### Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> - Continued

4:00 pm	4-H & FFA & Open Jersey Cattle Show .....	Show Pavilion
5:00 pm	<b>Square Dance Demonstration</b> .....	Entertainment Stage
6:00 pm	45 <sup>th</sup> Annual Horse Pull .....	Contest Arena
7:00 pm	<b>Square Dance</b> (Sponsored by Tom Thumb Dance Club). .....	4-H Activities Hall
7:30/9:00 pm	<b>Michael Christopher</b> .....	Entertainment

### Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am	Draft Horse and Mule Show .....	Horse Rings
9:00 am	4-H/FFA & Open Poultry Show .....	Poultry Barn
9:00 am	All Breeds ARBA Open Rabbit Show .....	Poultry Barn
10:00 am	4-H & FFA Rabbit Bred By Exhibitor Contest .....	Rabbit Pavilion
11:00 am	Pretty Animal Contest .....	Show Pavilion
12:00 Noon	<b>MIDWAY OPENS</b>	
12:00 - 5:00 pm	<b>MD Farriers Association Demo "Building Horse Shoes"</b> .....	Horse Education Tent
12:30 pm	Pie Eating Contest .....	Show Pavilion
1:00 pm	<b>Tour a Live Honey Bee Colony w/ a Beekeeper</b> ....	4-H Activities Hall Backyard
2:00 - 7:00 pm	<b>Equine Exhibit</b> .....	Horse Education Tent
2:00 pm	Howard County Farm Bureau Ambassador Contest .....	Show Pavilion
	Jr. Ambassador/Future Farmer/Little Miss Contests .....	Show Pavilion
	4-H Mini Fashion Revue (held during Farm Bureau Ambassador Contest)	
3:00 pm	<b>Tour a Live Honey Bee Colony w/ a Beekeeper</b> ....	4-H Activities Hall Backyard
4:00 pm	4-H Champion Baked Goods Auction .....	Show Pavilion
4:00 pm	<b>Billy Harrison &amp; Haywire</b> .....	Entertainment Stage
5:30 pm	<b>"Farmer Wars" (Stackwagon/Hay Stacking Contest)</b> .....	Contest Arena
5:30 pm	4-H & FFA Breeding Meat Goat Show .....	Show Pavilion
6:00 pm	4-H & FFA Market Goat & Showmanship Show .....	Show Pavilion
6:00 pm	4-H Horsemanship Contest .....	4-H Activities Hall
7:30/9:00pm	<b>The Fabulous Hubcaps</b> .....	Main Exhibition Hall Outdoor Stage

### Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am	4-H & FFA & Open Beef Cattle Show .....	Show Pavilion
9:00 am	Cleveland Bay Hunter Horse Show .....	Horse Rings
9:00 am	4-H & FFA Dairy Goat Show then 4-H & FFA Pygmy Goat Show...	Sheep & Goat Barn
10:00 am	<b>Demonstrations Throughout the Day</b> .....	Home Arts Building
10:00am-4:00pm	<b>4-H Day! Activities (Closed Noon to 1:00 pm)</b> .....	4-H Activities Hall
1:00 - 4:00pm	<b>4-H Day! Activities</b> .....	Annex
2:00 pm	<b>MIDWAY OPENS</b>	
2:00 - 7:00 pm	<b>Equine Exhibit</b> .....	Horse Education Tent
5:00 & 7:00 pm	<b>Sheep Dog Herding Performance</b> .....	Horse Ring
5:00 pm	4-H & FFA Beef Showmanship & Steer Show .....	Show Pavilion
6:30 pm	<b>Lawn Mower Contest</b> .....	Contest Arena
7:30/9:00 pm	<b>New Censation Band</b> .....	Entertainment Stage

### Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> – SENIOR DAY (Seniors 62 & Older Admitted FREE – ALL DAY)

8:00 am	BRAHA Arabian, Part-bred Arabian & Open Show .....	Horse Rings
9:00 am	4-H & FFA Rabbit Show .....	Rabbit Pavilion
9:00 am	4-H & FFA Swine Showmanship .....	Show Pavilion
10:00 am	<b>Demonstrations Throughout the Day</b> .....	Home Arts Building
10:30am-Noon	MD Accordion Club Concert .....	Entertainment Stage

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - CONTINUED

### Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> – SENIOR DAY – Continued

2:00 pm	<b>MIDWAY OPENS</b>	
2:00 – 7:00 pm.	Equine Exhibit .....	Horse Education Tent
3:00 pm	4-H & FFA Swine Breeding Show .....	Show Pavilion
4:00 pm	4-H & FFA Market Swine Show.....	Show Pavilion
6:00 pm	18 <sup>th</sup> Annual Mule Pulling Contest .....	Contest Arena
7:00 pm	4-H Dog Bowl .....	Annex
7:00 pm	Food & Nutrition Bowl (held after 4-H Dog Bowl) .....	Annex
7:30 - 9:30 pm	Open Mid-Week Flower Entry (Classes R07 – R11).....	Home Arts Building
7:30/9:00 pm	<b>The Brown Brothers Band</b> .....	Entertainment Stage

### Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

8:00 - 10:00 am	Open Mid-Week Flower Entry (Classes R07 – R11) .....	Home Arts Building
8:30 am	4-H & FFA Open Hand Spinners Sheep Show.....	Show Pavilion
8:30 am	4-H & FFA Rabbit Agility Contest .....	Rabbit Pavilion
9:00 am	English/Western Play Day Horse Show .....	Horse Rings
10:00 am	4-H & FFA Rabbit Showmanship .....	Rabbit Pavilion
10:00 am	<b>Demonstrations Throughout the Day</b> .....	Home Arts Building
11:30 am	<b>Ag Leaders Luncheon - BY INVITATION ONLY</b> .....	4-H Activities Hall
11:30 am	4-H & Open Commercial Sheep Show .....	Show Pavilion
12:00 Noon	<b>Unbridled Blessings Mounted Drill Team</b> .....	Horse Show Ring
2:00 pm	<b>MIDWAY OPENS</b>	
2:00 – 7:00 pm	<b>Equine Exhibit</b> .....	Horse Education Tent
3:00 pm	4-H/FFA Sheep Showmanship Contest & Market Lamb Show.....	Show Pavilion
4:00 pm	4-H & FFA Rabbit Bowl Contest.....	Rabbit Pavilion
5:30-6:45 pm	King Arthur Flour Baking Contest Entering - Judging @ 7:00 pm....	Home Arts Building
6:00 pm	<b>Skid Steer Contest</b> .....	Contest Arena
6:00pm & 8pm	<b>Sheep Dog Herding Performance</b> .....	Horse Show Ring
7:00 pm	4-H Small Pet & Wildlife Judging – Entering by 6:30 pm .....	Annex
7:00 pm	<b>Doug Phoebus / Karaoke Contest</b> – Entering begins @ 5 pm ....	Entertainment Stage

### Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am	4-H & FFA Horse and Pony Show .....	Horse Rings
8:30 am	4-H & FFA & Open Meat Breeding Sheep Show .....	Show Pavilion
9:00 am	4-H & FFA Rabbit Judging Contest .....	Rabbit Pavilion
9:00 am.	4-H & FFA Broiler Contest .....	Poultry Barn
10:00am-4:00pm	<b>Hands on History</b> .....	4-H Activities Building
10:00 am	<b>Demonstrations Throughout the Day</b> .....	Home Arts Building
2:00 pm	<b>MIDWAY OPENS</b>	
2:00 - 7:00 pm	<b>Equine Exhibit</b> .....	Horse Education Tent
2:30 pm	4-H & FFA Dairy Showmanship .....	Show Pavilion
2:30 pm	4-H & FFA Dog Agility Trial .....	Horse Ring – Grass Area
3:00 pm	4-H & FFA Dog Rally Obedience .....	Horse Ring – Grass Area
4:00 pm	4-H & FFA & Open Dairy Cattle Show (Guernsey, Brown Swiss, and Milking Shorthorns).....	Show Pavilion
5:00 & 7:00 pm	<b>Sheep Dog Herding Performance</b> .....	Horse Ring
6:00 pm	4-H & FFA & Open Dairy Cattle Show (Ayrshire & Holstein) ...	Show Pavilion
6:00 pm	<b>Antique Tractor Pull</b> .....	Contest Arena
7:00 pm	<b>Talent &amp; Variety Show</b> .....	Entertainment Stage
7:00 pm	<b>The Browningsville Band</b> .....	4-H Activities Hall Patio

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**Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am	4-H & FFA & Open Meat Breeding Sheep Show .....	Show Pavilion
9:00 am	Obstacle Challenge Horse Show .....	Horse Rings
9:30 am	4-H/FFA & Open Class Youth Horse Photography Contest ..	4-H Activities Hall
10:00 am	4-H/FFA & Open Class Youth Model Horse Show .....	4-H Activities Hall
10:00 am	<b>Demonstrations Throughout the Day</b> .....	Home Arts Building
2:00 pm	<b>MIDWAY OPENS</b>	
2:00 - 7:00 pm	<b>Equine Exhibit</b> .....	Horse Education Tent
5:45 pm	<b>4-H &amp; FFA Livestock Sale</b> .....	Show Pavilion
6:00 pm	<b>Lawn Mower Contest</b> .....	Contest Arena
7:30/9:00 pm	<b>Jay Henley &amp; the Stonebroke Band</b> .....	Entertainment Stage

**Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am	MWHA Horse Show .....	Horse Rings
9:00 am	4-H Livestock Judging Contest.....	Show Pavilion
9:00 am	4-H Rocketry Contest.....	Upper Parking Lot
10:00 am	<b>Demonstrations Throughout the Day</b> .....	Home Arts Building
10:00 am	4-H Clover Livestock Skillathon.....	4-H Activities Hall
10:30 am	Baby Contest and Miniature Parade (Entries by 10:00 am)	Entertainment Stage
11:00 am	4-H Junior Livestock Skillathon .....	4-H Activities Hall
12:00 Noon	4-H Intermediate Livestock Skillathon .....	4-H Activities Hall
12:00 Noon	<b>MIDWAY OPENS</b>	
12:30 pm	New Zoo Revue.....	Show Pavilion
1:00 pm	Senior 4-H Livestock Skillathon .....	4- H Activities Hall
1:30 pm	4-H Worm Race .....	Show Pavilion
2:00 – 7:00 pm	<b>Equine Exhibit</b> .....	Horse Education Tent
2:30 pm	4-H Sheep Lead Contest .....	Show Pavilion
5:00 pm	<b>Parade of Floats</b> .....	Midway Boulevard
4-6 pm & 8-10 pm	<b>Mini Modified Tractor Pull</b> .....	Contest Arena
6:15 pm	4-H Achievement Awards Ceremony.....	Show Pavilion
6:45 pm	4-H All Star Livestock Showmanship Contest.....	Show Pavilion
7:30/9:00 pm	<b>Cody Clayton Eagle</b> .....	Entertainment Stage

**PREMIUM PAYOUT**

**Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>: 8 pm – 9 pm** ..... Show Ring

**Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>: 10 am to 2:00 pm** ..... Fair Office

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

**Exhibit Halls Will Be Closed During Entry and Judging on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Home Arts Building will open at 1:00 pm on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Annex opening TBD**

**\*\* ARMED FORCES DAY – Saturday (8/5) \*\***

**Valid Military ID get you in FREE all day (Includes spouse & children under 18)**

**ADMISSION TO THE FAIR IS OPEN FROM 8 am til 10 pm**

**SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**Check our website at [www.howardcountyfairmd.com](http://www.howardcountyfairmd.com) for Up-To-Date Info on Fair Events and Nightly Entertainment**

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**AMUSEMENT RIDES – Daily Specials!**

Both Saturdays and Sunday - 12 Noon til 11 pm  
Monday thru Friday - 2 pm til 11 pm

**PETER WOOD: COLLECTOR OF THE IMPOSSIBLE!** (Magic Shows)

Sat.(8/5),Mon.,Wed.,Fri.: 11am,12:30pm & 2pm

Sat.(8/12): 1,2, & 3pm

**PIG RACES:** Tues.(8/8) – Sat.(8/12) - Race Times 1,4, & 7pm

**PONY RIDES** - Daily 10am – 10pm

**KIDS & CRITTERS BARN** (Barn 6)

Daily 9:30 am - 2 pm and 5 pm – 8:30 pm

**LITTLE FARMER'S BUILDING**

Daily 10 am – 7 pm

**AGRICULTURE EDUCATION DISPLAYS** (in Annex)

Saturday (8/5) TBD – Opens after Judging

Sun., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. (8/12) - Open 10 am – 10 pm

Monday thru Wednesday - Open Noon – 10 pm

**ANTIQUE FARM MACHINERY DISPLAY** – Daily

**HOME ARTS BUILDING**

Sat. (8/5) Open 1 pm – 10 pm

Sun. – Sat. (8/12) Open 10 am – 10 pm

**ANNEX (4-H, Farm & Garden, & Ag. Ed. Exhibits)**

Sat. (8/5) Opens after Exhibit Judging is completed.

Sun., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. (8/12) Open 10 am – 10 pm

Monday thru Wednesday Open Noon – 10 am

**MAIN EXHIBITION HALL**

Both Saturdays, Sun., Thurs., & Fri. Open 10 am – 10 pm

Monday thru Wednesday Open Noon to 10 pm

**BEER & WINE GARDEN** (in Main Exhibition Hall)

Both Saturdays & Sunday Open Noon – 10 pm

Monday – Friday Open 4 pm – 10 pm

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