

## 2025 HOWARD COUNTY FAIR - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **PRE-FAIR ACTIVITIES**

#### **Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</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 24<sup>th</sup> - Home Arts Entry - Non-perishable**

5:00 - 8:00 pm Open Home Arts Entering - See July 23 ..... Home Arts Building

#### **Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> - Home Arts Entry - Non-perishable**

3:00 - 8:00 pm Open Home Arts Entering - See July 23 ..... Home Arts Building

#### **Saturday, July 26<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 27<sup>th</sup> - 4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK ORIENTATION**

5:00/6:00 pm ..... Dining Hall

#### **Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> - BICYCLE CONTEST**

5:00 pm ..... Show Ring

#### **Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup> – EXHIBIT ENTERING**

3:00 Open Dairy Goat Showmanship ..... Sheep & Goat Barn

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

5:00 pm Open Goat Show (Junior Doe Show) ..... Sheep & Goat Barn

#### **Friday, August 1<sup>st</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) – See July 31... Home Arts Building

6:00-8:00 pm Open Farm & Garden Depts. Entering: Farm Crops, Fruits & Vegetables,  
Honey & Beeswax, and Wool Fleece ..... Annex

6:00-8:00 pm Open Christmas Trees Entering: (Judging 8/2 @ 1 pm) ..... Annex

## **79<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HOWARD COUNTY FAIR**

#### **Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> – OPENING DAY – ARMED FORCES DAY**

8:00 am **GATE OPENS**

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

8:30 am Open Home Arts Judging – Baked Goods & Candies, Food Preservation,  
First Flower Show, & Jr. Flower Show ..... Home Arts Building

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

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

10:00 am Open Jumper Schooling Show ..... Horse Rings

10:00 am **Commercial Indoor Exhibits Open** ..... Main Exhibition Hall

12:00 Noon **MIDWAY OPENS**

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

**\*\*\*Home Arts Building Will Open to the Public on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> - 1:00 pm \*\*\***

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

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

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

3:00 pm **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Mule Jump** ..... Contest Arena

4:00 pm 4-H & FFA & Open Jersey Cattle Show ..... Show Pavilion

4:00 pm **Square Dance Demonstration** ..... Entertainment Stage

6:00 pm **47<sup>th</sup> Annual Horse Pull** ..... Contest Arena

7:00 pm **Square Dance** (Sponsored by Tom Thumb Dance Club). 4-H Activities Hall

7:30/9:00 pm **Dean Crawford & The Dunn's River Band** ..... Entertainment Stage

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### **Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30 am	Draft Horse and Mule Show .....	Horse Rings
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	<b>Garden Tractor Pull (Registration begins @ 8:00 am)</b> .....	Contest Arena
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 & 3:00 pm	<b>Tour a Live Honey Bee Colony w/ a Beekeeper</b> .....	4-H Activities Hall Backyard
1:30 pm	Howard County Farm Bureau Ag. Ambassador Contest .....	Show Pavilion
	Jr. Ag. Ambassador/Future Farmer/Little Miss Contests .....	Show Pavilion
2:00 - 7:00 pm	<b>Equine Exhibit</b> .....	Horse Education Tent
3:00 pm	<b>Billy Harrison &amp; Haywire</b> .....	Entertainment Stage
4:00 pm	4-H Champion Baked Goods Auction .....	Show Pavilion
5:30 pm	4-H & FFA Breeding Meat Goat Show .....	Show Pavilion
6:00 pm	<b>"Farmer Wars"</b> .....	Contest Arena
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>Michael Christopher</b> .....	Entertainment Stage

### **Monday, August 4<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 & Open Poultry Show .....	Poultry Barn
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> ..	Annex & 4-H Activities Hall
2:00 pm	<b>MIDWAY OPENS</b>	
2:00 - 7:00 pm	<b>Equine Exhibit</b> .....	Horse Education Tent
3:00 & 7:00 pm	<b>"Outlaws &amp; Peacemakers" (Wild West Re-enactment)</b> .....	Contest Arena
5:00 pm	<b>Parade of Horse Breeds</b> .....	Contest Arena
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
7:30/9:00 pm	<b>New Censation Band</b> .....	Entertainment Stage

### **Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> - SENIOR DAY (Seniors 62 & Older Admitted FREE – ALL DAY)**

9:00 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
10:00 am – Noon	<b>Maryland Accordion Club Performance</b> .....	Entertainment Stage
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 Swine Breeding Show .....	Show Pavilion
4:00 pm	4-H & FFA Market Swine Show .....	Show Pavilion
6:00 pm	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Annual Mule Pulling Contest</b> .....	Contest Arena
6:00 pm	<b>"Farm to Fork Face Off"</b> .....	4-H Activities Hall
7:00 pm	4-H Dog Bowl, Food & Nutrition Bowl, & Poultry Bowl .....	Annex
7:30 - 9:30 pm	Open Mid-Week Flower Entry (Classes R07 – R11) .....	Home Arts Building
7:30/9:00 pm	<b>Jay Henley &amp; the Stonebroke Band</b> .....	Entertainment Stage

## 2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – CONTINUED

### Wednesday, August 6<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
9:00 am	4-H & FFA Rabbit Agility Contest .....	Rabbit Pavilion
10:00 am	English/Western Play Day Horse Show .....	Horse Rings
10:00 am	4-H & FFA Rabbit Showmanship .....	Rabbit Pavilion
10:00 am	Open Class Mid-Week Flower Show Judging .....	Home Arts Building
10:00 am	<b>Demonstrations Throughout the Day</b> .....	Home Arts Building
11:30 am	<b>Ag Leaders Luncheon - <u>BY INVITATION ONLY</u></b> .....	4-H Activities Hall
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
6:30 pm	<b>Lawn Mower Contest</b> .....	Contest Arena
7:00 pm	4-H Small Pet & Wildlife Judging – Entering by 6:30 pm .....	Annex
7:30/9:00 pm	<b>Streamline Rocks</b> .....	Entertainment Stage

### Thursday, August 7<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 Show .....	Poultry Barn
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
2:00 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
4:00 – 5:00 pm	4-H Turkey Calling Contest .....	Entertainment Stage
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>Skid Loader Contest</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

### Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am	4-H/FFA & Open Meat Breeding Sheep Show immediately followed by 4-H/FFA & Open Commercial Breeding Sheep Show .....	Show Pavilion
10:00 am	4-H/FFA & Open Class Youth Model Horse Show .....	Annex
10:00 am	<b>My Lady's Manor Driving Club Demonstration</b> (Driving Horses) ..	Horse Rings
10:00 am	<b>Demonstrations Throughout the Day</b> .....	Home Arts Building
10:30 am	4-H & FFA Market Turkey Show .....	Poultry Barn
12:00 noon	4-H & FFA Market Turkey Showmanship Contest .....	Show Pavilion
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
7:30/9:00 pm	<b>Stone Ridge Boys</b> .....	Entertainment Stage

## 2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – CONTINUED

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

8:30 am	MWHA Horse Show .....	Horse Rings
9:00 am	4-H Livestock Judging Contest.....	Show Pavilion
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	<b>Antique Tractor Pull</b> (Registration @ 9:30 am) .....	Contest Arena
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
3:30 pm	<b>Ag for All Dairy Showmanship</b> .....	Show Pavilion
5:00 pm	<b>Parade of Floats</b> .....	Midway Boulevard
6:15 pm	4-H Achievement Awards Ceremony.....	Show Pavilion
6:45 pm	All Star Livestock Showmanship Contest.....	Show Pavilion
7:30/9:00 pm	<b>Cody Clayton Eagle</b> .....	Entertainment Stage

### PREMIUM PAYOUT

Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>: 8 pm – 9 pm ..... Show Ring  
Sunday, August 10<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 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Home Arts Building will open at 1:00 pm on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Annex opening TBD

### \*\* ARMED FORCES DAY – Saturday (8/2) \*\*

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

### 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.(8/2), Mon., Wed., Fri.: 11am, 12:30pm & 2pm  
Sat.(8/9): 1, 2, & 3pm

### CHAINSAW CARVING – 3 x Daily – Times TBD

### PONY RIDES – Daily 10am – 10pm

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Up-To-Date Info on Fair Events and Nightly Entertainment

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

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

**LITTLE FARMER'S BUILDING**

Daily 9 am – 6 pm

**POULTRY & RABBIT EXHIBIT BUILDINGS**

Daily 8 am – 9 pm

**AGRICULTURE EDUCATION DISPLAYS (in Annex)**

Saturday (8/2) TBD – Opens after Judging

Sun. thru Sat. (8/9) - Open 10 am – 9 pm

**ANTIQUE FARM MACHINERY DISPLAY – Daily**

**HOME ARTS BUILDING**

Sat. (8/2) Open 1 pm – 10 pm

Sun. thru Sat. (8/9) Open 10 am – 10 pm

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

Sat. (8/2) Opens after Exhibit Judging is completed.

Sun. thru Sat. (8/9) Open 10 am – 9 pm

**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 thru Friday Open 4 pm – 10 pm

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