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136<sup>TH</sup> unFAIRgettable MY MARYLAND STATE FAIR PRESENTED BY TOYOTA  
FARM & GARDEN BUILDING**

**NOW IS THE TIME TO PRE-ENTER FARM & GARDEN ITEMS ON-LINE**

TIMONIUM, MD – The 136<sup>th</sup> unFAIRgettable MY Maryland State Fair presented by Toyota Farm & Garden Building will be in full color with green zucchini, purple kohlrabi, orange peppers, pink petunias, red tomatoes, yellow butter and thousands of other entries grown by Maryland farmers and gardeners from Friday, August 25 through Monday, September 4, 2017 during the Fair. Note: Only Midway rides, food and games, and some livestock shows will be open on Thursday, August 24 Preview Night.

**To enter** your best fruit, vegetables, flowers and more in the Farm and Garden competitions, go to [marylandstatefair.com](http://marylandstatefair.com) for a complete list of rules, regulations and entry forms. **Entries must be postmarked or pre-registered on-line by 11:59 PM on July 31, 2017.** Divisions include: Grain, Hay, Farm Crops, Tobacco, Fruit, Vegetables, Home Brew, Honey and Wax, Wine, Meat, Dairy Products, Wool Fleece, Christmas Trees, Flowers, Plants and more. **All pre-entered Farm and Garden exhibits will be received for judging on the following entry days:** Tuesday, August 22 from 1 PM to 8 PM and Wednesday, August 23, 9 AM to 8 PM. **Christmas Trees** will be received Saturday, August 19, 11 AM to 3 PM. Flower show entry times differ according to variety. Entry times may be found on [www.marylandstatefair.com](http://www.marylandstatefair.com). Winning entries will be exhibited in the Farm & Garden Building's, Monday through Friday, Noon–10 PM, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 AM–10 PM, and Labor Day from 10 AM – 8 PM.

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**Farm products demonstrations** will also take place on the following days: Pork and Grain Day on August 25; Wine Judging and Fruit & Vegetable Day on August 26; Master Gardeners Day on August 31; Soil Conservation Day on September 2; Honey & Wax Day on September 3; and, Lamb Day and Home Brew Day on September 4.

Fairgoers may also purchase local, fresh, in-season produce, flowers and more from the **Baltimore County Farmers Market rotating vendors**, at various times throughout the Fair. Go to [www.marylandstatefair.com](http://www.marylandstatefair.com) for hours. “Every year, fairgoers ask me if they may purchase the fruit, vegetables and flowers exhibited at the fair,” said Farm & Garden Superintendent Bill Langlotz. “I believe that the Farmers Market will satisfy their request as well as their appetites, while appreciated thousands of Fair entries.”

**The 136th unFAIRgettable MY Maryland State Fair presented by Toyota is a fun and educational destination** complete with daily exhibits, presentations and entertainment that are sure to captivate visitors of all ages. No other event provides so much food, fun, family entertainment and education for so little. The Maryland State Fair, located in Timonium in Baltimore County, opens **Thursday, August 24 with a Ridemania Preview night and runs through Monday, September 4, 2017. Fair hours below.**

Hear **Live National and Local Entertainment** featuring **Halestorm** with opening act **Fatally Yours**; and, **Sabrina Carpenter** with opening artist **Alex Aiono**. Enjoy **thrills & chills on the Midway or Kiddie Land tame rides**. Taste a **feast of Fair and farm foods**. Experience **Live Thoroughbred Horse Racing**; Explore the **4-H/Home Arts, Farm & Garden, Exhibition Hall and the Mosner/Miller Museum/DNR Buildings** for thousands of the best-of-the-best of Maryland creations and exhibits. See all kinds of **livestock and horses in the Cow Palace, Barns, Show Rings and Birthing Center**. Participate in **U-Learn Farm agriculture education activities, Nature Play Space** and more.

**The 4-H/Home Arts, Farm & Garden and Exhibition Hall hours: Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – 10 PM, Saturdays – Sundays, 10 AM – 10 PM, and Labor Day Monday 10 AM – 8 PM. Mosner-Miller Museum/DNR Building hours: Monday – Friday, 2 PM – 8 PM and Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day Monday, 10 AM – 8 PM. Kiddie Land rides area hours: Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – 10 PM and Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day Monday, 10AM - 10 PM. Main Midway rides, games and food stands hours: Monday – Friday, 2PM - close and Saturday, Sunday and Labor Day Monday, 10 AM - close.** Early risers are welcome to attend livestock and horse shows in the various livestock barns, buildings and show rings at 9 AM. **Admission to the Fair is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors (62 and older) and \$3 for children (6-11). Children five-years-old and younger are admitted free. Rides are individually priced. Limited parking on the Fairgrounds is available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$5.** Taking the **Light Rail** is recommended. Visit [www.marylandstatefair.com](http://www.marylandstatefair.com).

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