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**THE 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK SALE AT THE unFAIRgettable 136th MY MARYLAND STATE FAIR  
PROVIDES A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS TO HELP YOUTH  
CONTINUE THEIR AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION**

**NEW DATE:** Monday, August 28, 7 PM

TIMONIUM - For more than fifty years, community business owners and individuals have shown their support to 4-H/FFA youth through participation as buyers at the **4-H/FFA Livestock Sale**, among the supporters are Giant Food Store in Timonium, The Mill of Bel Air, Papa John's Market, Bounds Accounting and Tax Service, Maryland Foods Pavilion, Pepsi-Cola, South Mountain Creamery, and more. The 2017 auction will take place on it's new date, **Monday, August 28, 7:00 p.m.**, in the Maryland State Fair Cow Palace Show Ring.

4-H/FFA youth will auction off their prize steer, lamb, goats and market hogs. Each youth will receive the proceeds raised from the sale of their livestock to invest in their education or a new livestock project.

The Livestock Sale is the culmination of a year's worth of hard work and competition by 4-H/FFA youth. "This is an excellent opportunity for the youth. They have invested a lot of time and money in their livestock in order to prepare them for competition and auction," said 4-H Volunteer from Carroll County Kathy Gordon. "It teaches them responsibility for their animals, the ability to make wise management decisions, and provides the financial support and encouragement necessary to meet future goals."

In order to qualify for the auction, the livestock must compete in various shows during the Fair. The livestock judges will name the Grand Champions and Reserve Champions and a selection committee of knowledgeable individuals will choose the allotted number of livestock to be sold based on quality. The Livestock Sale will begin at 7:00 p.m. Programs will be available at 6:00 p.m. Market Steers, Hogs and Lambs are bid on by the pound and Market Goats are sold by the head.

**Last year:**

**Tate Bittner** of Westminster in Carroll County sold his 1304-pound **Grand Champion Market Steer** to Giant Food in Timonium for **\$9,454.00** (\$7.25 per pound).

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April Troyer of Monkton in Baltimore County sold her 260-pound **Grand Champion Market Hog** to the Mill of Bel Air for \$1,300 (\$5.00 per pound).

Tori Manahan of Westminster in Carroll County sold her 144-pound **Grand Champion Market Lamb** to Giant Food in Timonium for \$1,872.00 (\$13 per pound).

**Tate Bittner** of Westminster in Carroll County sold his 92-pound **Grand Champion Market Goat** to Bounds Accounting and Tax Service for \$2,000.

**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. General Fair hours are Noon to 10 PM, Monday through Friday and 12 Noon to 10 PM on Saturdays, Sundays, and Labor Day Monday. See below for detailed Fair Hours.**

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, 12 Noon – 8 PM and Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day Monday, 10 AM – 8 PM. Main Midway and Kiddie Land rides, games and food stands area hours: Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – Close and Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day Monday, 10AM – Close.** Early risers are welcome to arrive early to attend livestock and horse shows in the various livestock barns, buildings and show rings. Go to [www.marylandstatefair.com](http://www.marylandstatefair.com) for schedule.

**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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