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**HOW NOW TO MILK A COW? BALTIMORE COUNTY FARM BUREAU YOUNG FARMERS TO TEACH FAIRGOERS  
HOW TO HAND MILK A COW AT THE 137th MY MARYLAND STATE FAIR  
MORE THAN A FAIR, WE'RE A CULTURE...DairyCULTURE**

TIMONIUM, MD – More Than A Fair, We're A Culture...DairyCULTURE! While milking cows has gone high tech for most dairy farm operations, traditional hand-milking is the mother of invention. Fairgoers will have the opportunity to learn the traditional way of milking a cow, when Baltimore County Farm Bureau Young Farmers host the *Milk It* fundraiser in MY Maryland State Fair Cow Palace, Saturday, August 25 - Sunday, August 26 from 11 AM – 3 PM; Monday, August 27 - Friday, August 31 from 5 PM– 7 PM; and Saturday, Sept. 1 through Monday, September 3 from 11 AM – 3 PM.

*Milk It* will provide educational information about Maryland's dairy industry. And, for a small fee, fairgoers may take a lesson and try their hand at milking a cow. Participants will learn a new skill and will receive a special treat.

"When the general consumer picks up a gallon of milk from the store, they rarely stop to think about how it got there. *Milk It* offers firsthand knowledge of dairy cows, how to properly hand milk a cow, and the importance of milk in our diet," said Baltimore County Farm Bureau President and *Milk It* Chairperson Jo-Ann Chason. "Over the years we have had great feedback about how special this experience is for participants. From parents reporting that their children waited the entire year for the fair to come around so they can milk a cow again to adults wanting to check it off their bucket list. We enjoy the interaction with the public, and many of the expressions when they touch a cow for the first time are simply priceless." All proceeds from *Milk It* will be used to benefit the Baltimore County Farm Bureau Young Farmers program.

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**More Than A Fair, We’re A Culture! The 137th MY Maryland State Fair presented by Toyota is a fun and educational destination** complete with daily exhibits, presentations and entertainment 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, starts with **M&T Bank presents Fox-45FAMFest Preview Night with Ridemania, on Thursday, August 23** from 5 PM – 9 PM in the State Fair Park. Midway rides, games and food areas open until 11 PM. **Exhibit Halls, Barns, Midway Rides, Food, Games, and more open Friday, August 24 through Monday, September 3, 2018.** General Fair hours are Monday through Friday, Noon to 10 PM, Saturdays, Sundays, 10 AM – 10 PM and Labor Day Monday, 10 AM to 8 PM.

Hear live national and local entertainment during the M&T Bank Presents LIVE! OnTrack! Concert Series, featuring celebrated new Country artists **Chase Bryant** and **Chris Lane** on August 24; and, Rock band **Smash Mouth** on August 25; Legendary Classic Rockers **Jefferson Starship** on September 1; and, Country music sensation **Chris Janson** on September 2. Concerts begin at 7:30 PM, in the **LIVE! OnTrack!** Infield.

Enjoy **thrills & chills on the Midway** and **tame rides in Kiddie Land** play fun, **Fair games**, and taste a **feast of Fair and farm foods**, Monday-Thursday, 12 Noon-close and Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays & Labor Day, Monday, 10 AM–close.

Explore The 4-H/Home Arts, Farm & Garden Buildings, and The Exhibition Hall for thousands of the best-of-the-best of Maryland creations and exhibits, Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – 10 PM, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 AM – 10 PM, and Labor Day Monday 10 AM – 8 PM. The Mosner-Miller Museum/DNR Building closes daily at 8 PM.

See all kinds of **livestock and horses in the Cow Palace, Barns, Show Rings and Birthing Center**. Early risers are welcome to arrive early to attend the livestock and horse shows in the various livestock barns, buildings and show rings. Go to [www.marylandstatefair.com](http://www.marylandstatefair.com) for 4-H and Open Class Show schedules.

Experience Live Thoroughbred Horse Racing, Friday, August 24 – Sunday, August 26 and Friday, August 31 – Monday, September 3. Post Time: 1 PM. Also enjoy Simulcast Horse Racing daily in the Grandstand and OTB.

Participate in **agriculture education activities at U-Learn Farm, U-Learn Food & Fiber, The Birthing Center, the Innovation Station, Horseland, Nature Play Space**, and more at various times throughout the Fair.

**Admission to the Fair is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors (62 and older) and \$5 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. **Uber and LYFT drop-off** and pick-up areas in the Deereco Road Park & Ride Lot. Visit [www.marylandstatefair.com](http://www.marylandstatefair.com).

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