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THE MARYLAND STATE FAIR YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION AT THE 137th MY MARYLAND STATE FAIR  
PROVIDES A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS TO HELP YOUTH  
CONTINUE THEIR AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION  
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TIMONIUM – More Than A Fair, We're A CULTURE...AgriCULTURE! For more than fifty years, community business owners and individuals have shown their support of 4-H/FFA youth through participation as buyers at the **Maryland State Fair Livestock Auction**. Among the many business supporters are Giant Food Store in Timonium, Fairplay Games, 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 2018 auction will take place on **Monday, August 27, 7:00 p.m.**, in the Maryland State Fair Cow Palace Show Ring. A **Buyer's Social**, with heavy hors d'oeuvres, **starting at 5:30 PM will provide the opportunity for buyers to register, pick up programs, and meet participating youth**. The committee will take care of the hauling and delivery of animals for buyers. Or, the buyers may donate the animals they purchase back to be resold with proceeds going to charities of their choice.

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 Auction is the culmination of a year's worth of hard work by 4-H/FFA youth who have invested a lot of time, energy, and money in their livestock in order to prepare them for competition and auction," said Maryland State Fair CEO Andy Cashman. "It is an excellent opportunity to teach youth responsibility for their animals, the ability to make wise management decisions, and provides the financial support and encouragement necessary to meet future goals."

All of the animals being sold at the Maryland State Fair Youth Livestock Auction will have been evaluated by professional judges. The Livestock Auction will begin at 7:00 p.m. Market Steers, Hogs and Lambs are bid on by the pound and Market Goats are sold by the head. **At last year's Maryland State Fair Livestock Auction:**

**Kaylie Shelton** of Frederick in Frederick County sold her 1364-pound **Grand Champion Market Steer** to Giant Food in Timonium for **\$15,004 (\$11 per pound)**.

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**Mickinzi Ferguson** of Walkersville in Frederick County sold her 284-pound **Grand Champion Market Hog** to Giant Food of Timonium for **\$3,976 (\$14.00 per pound)**.

**Tate Bittner** of Westminster in Carroll County sold her 74-pound **Grand Champion Market Goat** to Fairplay Games for **\$800**.

**Tate Bittner** of Westminster in Carroll County sold his 139-pound **Grand Champion Market Lamb** to the Maryland State Fair Racing Committee, in Timonium for **\$1,399 (\$10 per pound)**.

**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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