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THE MARYLAND STATE FAIR YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION AT THE 138th 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 Youth Livestock Auction**. Among the many business supporters are Giant Food Store in Timonium, Fairplay Games, The Mill of Bel Air, Bounds Accounting and Tax Service, Maryland Foods Pavilion, Pepsi-Cola, South Mountain Creamery, and more. The 2019 auction will take place on **Monday, August 26, 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 a charity of their choice.

Proceeds raised from the sale of the livestock goes back to the individual 4-Her 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 General Manager 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. Last year's Maryland State Fair Youth Livestock Auction was the most successful to date grossing \$167,008.07 on 83 lots.

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**Among many Maryland State Fair Livestock Auction highlights:**

**Kaylie Shelton** of Frederick in Frederick County sold her 1254-pound **Grand Champion Market Steer** to Giant Food of Timonium for \$11,286 (\$9 per pound).

**Joseph Miller** of Hagerstown in Washington County sold his 279-pound **Grand Champion Market Hog** to Giant Food of Timonium for \$3,069 (\$11.00 per pound).

**Daniel King** of Church Hill in Queen Anne's County sold his 132-pound **Grand Champion Market Lamb** to Giant Food of Timonium for \$2,178 (\$16.50 per pound).

**Mickinzi Ferguson** of Walkersville in Frederick County sold her 87-pound **Grand Champion Market Goat** to Bounds Accounting & Tax Service and The Mill for \$2,200.

**More Than A Fair, We're A Culture! The 138th 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 **Ridemia Preview Night, on Thursday, August 22** from 5 PM to close. **Exhibit Halls, Barns, Midway Rides, Food, Games, and more open Friday, August 23 through Monday, September 2, 2019. General Fair hours are** Monday – Friday, 12 PM - Close, Saturdays and Sundays and Labor Day Monday, 10 AM – Close. See below for detailed Midway and Building Hours.

Hear live national and local entertainment during the **M&T Bank Presents *LIVE! ON TRACK Concert Series***, featuring: American Pop band **HANSON** on August 23; and, Rock legends **The Marshall Tucker Band** on August 24; Country duo **LOCASH** on Aug 30; and, Arena Rock band **Night Ranger** on August 31. Concerts begin at 7:30 PM, in the Racetrack Infield. For ticket prices, go to [www.marylandstatefair.com](http://www.marylandstatefair.com).

Enjoy **Midway thrills & chills** and **tame rides in Kiddie Land**, play fun, **Fair games**, and taste a **feast of Fair and farm foods**, Monday - Friday, 12 Noon to close and Saturdays, Sundays & Labor Day Monday, 10 AM to 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 – 9 PM, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 AM – 9 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 23 – Sunday, August 25 and Friday, August 30 – Monday, September 2. Post Time: 1 PM. Also enjoy Simulcast Horse Racing daily in the Grandstand and OTB.

Participate in **agriculture education activities at the U-Learn Agriculture Education Zone, The Birthing Center, Horseland, Nature Play Space, UME Master Gardener Learning Garden** 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. Free Admission to Grandstand for Thoroughbred Races and OTB Only at Timonium Road Gate. Limited parking on the Fairgrounds is available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$10. Taking the Light Rail is recommended. Visit [www.marylandstatefair.com](http://www.marylandstatefair.com).**