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**DUE TO THE PANDEMIC MANY NEW EXHIBITORS ARE EXPECTED
TO ENTER FARM & GARDEN COMPETITIONS
AT THE 140TH MARYLAND STATE FAIR PRESENTED BY TOYOTA**

ON-LINE PRE-REGISTRATION ENTRY SYSTEM OPEN NOW

TIMONIUM, MD – During the 140th Maryland State Fair, presented by Toyota, the Farm & Garden Building will be in full color with thousands of traditional and non-traditional entries grown by Maryland farmers and gardeners. Red tomatoes, pink petunias, green zucchini, purple kohlrabi, yellow butter, orange mangel wurzels, and more will be on display during the Fair from Thursday, August 26 through Monday, September 6, 2021.

“The pandemic resulted in a renewed interest in home gardening and farming,” said Maryland State Fair Farm & Garden Superintendent Bill Langlotz. “Therefore, we expect a larger number of first-time exhibitors and increased entries in all Farm & Garden categories at this year’s Maryland State Fair.”

To enter your best fruit, eggs, vegetables, flowers, and more in the Farm and Garden competitions, go to www.marylandstatefair.com for a complete list of rules, regulations and entry forms. **Entries must be postmarked or pre-registered on-line by 11:59 on July 31, 2021.** 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: Sunday, August 22, from 3 PM – 8 PM and Monday, August 23 from 9 AM – 7 PM.**

Christmas Trees will be received **Saturday, August 21, 11 AM to 3 PM.** Flower show entry times differ according to variety. Entry times may be found on www.marylandstatefair.com. Winning entries will be exhibited with their ribbons in the Farm & Garden Building, Monday through Friday, Noon–10 PM, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 AM–10 PM, and Labor Day Monday from 10 AM – 8 PM.

Farm products demonstrations will also take place on the following days: Pork and Grain Day on August 27; Wine Judging and Fruit & Vegetable Day on August 28; Soil Conservation Day on August 29; Butterfly Day on September 4; Honey & Wax Day on September 5; and, Lamb Day and Home Brew Day on September 6.

The 140th Maryland State Fair presented by Toyota is a fun and educational destination complete with daily livestock, horse, home arts and farm and garden exhibits, rides, games, live entertainment, Thoroughbred horse racing and more 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, runs from Thursday, August 26 – Monday, September 6, 2021. For details, go to www.marylandstatefair.com. **Prepare for the Fair!**