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2026 RESPONSIBLE PERSON ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) Animal Health Program strives to safeguard Maryland’s animal industries at our fairs and shows. With an increased potential of disease transmission occurring when large numbers of animals gather for exhibition, MDA has set forth requirements for exhibitors as well as fairs and shows. These requirements will help reduce the potential risk of introduction and spread of infectious and/or contagious diseases. Fairs and shows may impose more stringent rules than the requirements in this document at their own discretion. These requirements and recommendations are a shared responsibility of show management and exhibitors to protect public and animal health in the state. Exhibitors and exhibition managers are expected to comply with all applicable Maryland laws. These requirements are subject to change. For the most up to date requirements please refer to our website.

This acknowledgement form should be completed by all animal health responsible persons involved in the fair or show. The State of Maryland relies on your expertise, observation and integrity to ensure a successful season. We appreciate your participation and know that together we can prevent the spread of disease and help safeguard our state’s agriculture.

Responsible Person Name:	
Name of Fair/Show:	
Species Responsible For: Check all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy <input type="checkbox"/> Swine <input type="checkbox"/> Equine <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep <input type="checkbox"/> Goats Dairy Meat <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbits/Cavies <input type="checkbox"/> Camelid <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	
Best Way to Contact:	<input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Text <input type="checkbox"/> Email

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Please initial next to each statement:

	I have read the 2026 Fair and Show Requirements and understand my role in protecting animal and public health in the state.
	I understand the requirements for the species that I am responsible for and have the right to reject any animal that does not meet these requirements.
	I will continuously view all animals for obvious illnesses and address any immediate concerns with the proper authority (on-site veterinarian, fair animal health board, or MDA).
	I will follow the biosecurity guidelines set forth by MDA.
	I will keep a record of all animals on exhibition and submit a list of all exhibitors and their animals to MDA for their animal disease traceability database. This information should include the exhibitor's name as well as number and species of animals exhibited.
	I understand that I can reject any animal that is showing signs of contagious and/or infectious disease, however, if I need assistance in this decision, I can solicit the help of the MDA Animal Health staff.

In addition to the statements above, I acknowledge that I must report any animal(s) rejected from exhibition with a suspected disease as well as any deaths that occur at this event, within 24 hours, to MDA.

SIGNATURE:	
PRINTED NAME:	
DATE:	

**Please return this form to MDA Animal Health at least 30 days prior to the start of your event. You can email the form directly to animalhealth.mda@maryland.gov. Please call us at 410.841.5810 with any questions or concerns.
Thank you for your cooperation!**