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To: Agriculture Instructors/FFA Advisors

From: Terrie Shank, MD FFA Executive Director/Naomi Knight, MD FFA Program Coordinator

RE: State Spring Judging Information and Registration

Date: January 20, 2026

The Maryland FFA Spring Judging Events will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at the Carroll County Career & Technology Center, 1229 Washington Road, Westminster, MD 21157 (next to Westminster High School) and Carroll County Agricultural Center, 706 Agricultural Center Drive, Westminster, MD 21157. **Events will begin at 9:00 am** except for the Nursery/Landscaping CDE as students will depart the school at 9:00 am and begin the event at Clear Ridge Nursery by 10:00 am.

The Career Development Events being held this year during the Spring Judging Day are: Agricultural Technology & Mechanics, Agronomy, Farm Business Management, Floriculture, Food Science, Meat Evaluation, Milk Quality and Products, Nursery/Landscaping and Veterinary Science.

Student Cell phones will not be permitted in the career development event areas during the events. Plan now to secure your student's cell phones while they participate in the CDE.

The Middle School FFA Ag. Challenge will also be held on this day as will the Maryland FFA Agricultural Science Fair. Students participating in the FFA Ag Science Fair should plan to arrive so that they can have their exhibit set up by 8:30 am. Judging for this event will take place between 8:30-10:00 am. The Middle School Ag Challenge will start at 10 am. We will also hold a leadership workshop for middle school students from 1:30-2:30 pm in the cafeteria.

The Chapter registration form must be received on or before Friday, March 1, 2026. Registration fees are \$40.00 per team or \$10.00 per individual. Lunches will be provided by the Maryland FFA Alumni for those students and adults who request one. Your lunch counts and type of sandwich must be included on the registration form. The sandwiches will be on a Kaiser roll instead of a sub roll. Salads are also available as a lunch choice.

**Please see attached Registration Instructions via judgingcard.com

** Full Payment for this event must be turned into the MD FFA by March 28th.

**Registrations will not be accepted if membership dues or any other chapter invoices have not been paid in full.

**All participants must have an advisor/adult chaperone present at the school, Ag Center and Nursery/Landscape sites.

Traveling to the event by bus, students drop off and pick up at the right-side entrance of the Career & Technology Center. Parking is available for buses in that side parking lot. Cars may park in the lots in front of the school or on the right side of the building.



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Official Dress is required for all participants except those in Agricultural Mechanics and Nursery/Landscape events. Teachers and chaperones are expected to dress professionally.

Team photos will be taken in the main lobby from 8:00 to 10:00 am and from 12:00-2:00 pm the day of the event. The Maryland FFA Alumni will be hosting an FFA Shopping Mall in the lobby of the school, be sure to tell your students to bring money to purchase FFA related items and clothing.

Advisor or a designated adult chaperone will need to check in all teams/members at the registration table in the main lobby of the Career & Technology Center from 8:00-9:00 am.

Buses will shuttle the Veterinary Science and Floriculture Teams to and from the Ag Center between 8:30-9:00 am and throughout the day. The bus taking students to the Nursery/Landscape event at Clear Ridge Nursery will be leaving the Career Center at 9:00 am. All buses will load students at the bus drop and pick up area to the right of the school. Follow the signs posted.

The Maryland Agriculture Teachers Association is planning to hold a membership meeting at the Career Center starting in the cafeteria at 10:15 a.m. All teachers are invited to attend.

If you have any questions/concerns, please contact us.

Registration questions-Naomi- nknight@maefonline.com

Event questions-Terrie- tshank@maefonline.com

We hope to see you on March 28th.