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Megan Millison Named Miss Maryland Agriculture 2016 at 135th Maryland State Fair

Davidsonville, MD (August 27, 2016) – Megan Millison, Miss Frederick County Farm Bureau, was named the 2016 Miss Maryland Agriculture at the 135th Maryland State Fair on Friday, August 26. The first runner up is Sara Lechlinder from Montgomery County; the second runner up is Tierra Watkins from Worcester County; the third runner up is Jennifer Brigante from Howard County; and the fourth runner up is Kimmi Doran from Harford County.

“We are so proud of the way these young ladies share their stories about agriculture across the state,” said Chuck Fry, Maryland Farm Bureau President. “They are wonderful leaders, educators and representatives of Maryland’s number one industry.”

20 counties in Maryland were represented by a Miss County Farm Bureau this year. Contestants participated in a two-day judging process with professional interviews, round table discussions and the on-stage contest. They were judged by out-of-state judges on their agriculture and Farm Bureau knowledge, personal presentation and speaking ability.

The on-stage portion of the contest was open to the public in the Cow Palace at the Maryland State Fair. Contestants gave a 90 second speech about themselves and answered a question about their agriculture experience from the judges. Addresses were given from MFB President Chuck Fry, Chairman of the Maryland State Fair Board Grove Miller, 2015 Miss Maryland Agriculture Jenell Eck and Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Joe Bartenfelder, who presented Jenell Eck with a citation from Governor Hogan and the Maryland Department of Agriculture for her year of work in agriculture. The Maryland State Fair hosted a ticketed dinner before the contest with entertainment from the YouTube sensation Peterson Farm Brothers. Two of the brothers served as Masters of Ceremonies for the contest and the third was a judge.

Miss Megan Millison graduated from Catoctin High School in 2016 and just began attending Salisbury University, majoring in Social Work. She has worked at P&M Transmissions as a Secretary for two years and at the Catoctin Veterinary Clinic for the past year as a Receptionist and Vet Assistant. Megan has received her State and Chapter FFA Degrees and was President of the Catoctin FFA Chapter in 2015. She was also President of the Frederick County 4-H Goat Club, Committee Chair for Ag Day and National FFA Week for the Catoctin FFA Chapter, and has received numerous awards in both FFA and 4-H.

“An agricultural fair is what brings a state or community together and unifies them,” said Millison. “It is a place for family, education, advocacy, happiness, and a place to create memories that will last a lifetime.”

Miss Millison was awarded with scholarship and cash awards valued up to \$13,000 from the MFB Young Farmers and Women’s Leadership Committees. As Miss Maryland Agriculture 2016, she will be present throughout the run of the Maryland State Fair and participate in a number of activities representing Maryland agriculture throughout the next year.

For more information about the contest, please contact Mary Amoss, Miss Maryland Agriculture Committee Chair, at missmdag@aol.com.

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Maryland Farm Bureau is a private, non-profit membership organization. It is controlled by its members through the democratic process and is financed by voluntary membership dues. Its strength comes from the active participation of over 36,000 member families that belong to the state's 23 county Farm Bureaus.

The Miss Maryland Agriculture Contest has been a part of the Maryland State Fair since the 1930's. Eligible participants include ladies between the ages of 16 and 19 who are either Maryland Farm Bureau members or their families are members in good standing of one of our 23 county Farm Bureaus. Contestants are provided with a variety of opportunities in agriculture education, career preparation and public relations to enhance their agricultural, professional and personal lives. The ladies are also given scholarships from the Miss Maryland Agriculture Contest to assist them as they continue to develop into leaders of our industry.