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Ahoy Matey – Take the Agricultural Treasure Hunt at Maryland State Fair *Uncover hidden treasures at the Farm and Garden Building*

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Aug. 2, 2007 – “All Hands Ahoy!” Join the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) for an agricultural treasure hunt and much more during the 126th Maryland State Fair. The Maryland State Fair opens Friday, Aug. 24 and runs through Monday, Sept. 3, 2007, 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. at the Timonium fairgrounds. The MDA exhibits in the Farm and Garden Building feature an agricultural treasure hunt with fun for all ages to showcase how the agency serves each and every Marylander.

Pick up a treasure hunt map at any of the exhibits and begin searching high and low for the treasure. During the search, the “pirates” will learn more about Maryland Agriculture by visiting the exhibits throughout the building. Mark five stops along the voyage with an “X” and return it to the information booth to uncover your treasure. All mates are welcome to join in on the hunt for Maryland Agriculture!

The Farm and Garden Building will host a variety of interactive activities throughout the week including *Make your own Slime* and *Make your own Tornado*. Put on your dancing shoes on Saturday, Aug. 25 and Sunday, Aug. 26 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and enjoy the sounds of the Maynard Huddleston band.

On Thursday, Aug. 30, the Maryland State Fair will celebrate “Agriculture Day at the Fair.” The day will start off with a luncheon and tour of the fair grounds with Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Roger Richardson, by invitation. Special events for the day include Shelley Abbott providing musical entertainment in the Farm and Garden building. Got a Milk Mustache? If not, get one on the 30th from the Maryland Dairy Industry Association and have your photo taken with a Milk Mustache. For a schedule of MDA events and activities in the Farm and Garden Building, log onto www.mda.state.md.us.

While you’re at the fair be sure to voyage around the rest of the fair grounds to find other parts of Maryland’s Agriculture Treasure. The 11-day festival will feature thousands of home arts and agricultural exhibits, daily livestock and horse shows, a wide variety of midway rides and games, thoroughbred horse racing and national entertainment. Log onto www.marylandstatefair.com for more State Fair information.

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