

Poultry



Please refer to Purdue Extension Indiana Website: www.extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages for exhibit guidelines and <https://www.in.gov/boah/> for exhibition requirements.

Project Description

The 4-H Poultry Project provides youth a fun and hands-on learning experience that develops life skills, as well as teaches valuable information about properly caring for their birds. Subjects such as general care, nutrition, housing, and health care are presented in the curricular materials, through workshops and activities such as poultry judging, and in preparation of an exhibit. Youth also have the opportunity to develop responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communication skills through active participation in the 4-H Poultry Project.

Exhibit Guidelines

All poultry 4-H members must answer a 10 question worksheet and complete information in Green Folder / Recordbook before poultry check in. The questions are available from the 4-H office or on Extension website.

In addition to or an alternative to exhibiting an animal, a 4-H member may exhibit a poster (see *Poster Construction* topic in this Handbook) on a topic covered in the manual and/or present an Action Demonstration. Visit the Indiana State Fair website for more information.

Poultry enrollment form. (Not available in 4-H Online.)

Poultry testing is done if available. All birds must be tested. There will be early testing, prior to fair, for faster check-in at the fair. You must either have your birds tested by the Poultry Superintendent during check in or have a valid NPIP Pullorum-Typhoid Certificate within 90 days of the Fair, or an NPIP Certified Clean Flock Certificate dated within the last 12 months.

Broiler/roaster meat pen: Broiler chicks should be hatched around April 20. Broilers will be 5.5 pounds or under by Fair. Birds whose weight is above 5.5 pounds will be moved to the Roaster Class.

Ducks / Geese /Turkeys: Please let the Poultry Superintendent know if you plan to bring ducks, geese or turkeys to the Fair so that space and cages are available.

Responsibilities: All 4-H members with an entry in the Poultry Barn, must help set-up the barn, participate in Showmanship, make sure birds are cared for with proper feeding/watering morning and evening, clean cages daily, help other 4-H members (if you see animals without water, water them), help clean-up and tear down barn, and above all have fun!

At the Fair: Cages and sawdust will be supplied. Place your extra feed in sealed containers. You will need to bring water can, water & feed bowls for each bird, bring a bucket and a small trowel to clean cages.

Auction: Each 4-H member may auction a maximum of three entries, from all species shown. Please be sure to invite businesses, family, or other 4-H Supporters to the auction so that there are plenty of bidders to purchase all the Livestock entries.

No smoking in or around barns at any time.

Exhibit Guidelines

For all levels – may choose one or more

- Action Display, Demonstration or Poster
- One or more birds fed and cared for by member
- Poster on a poultry topic. Poster must be 22" x 28" and displayed horizontally.

All posters MUST include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.

It is recommended that 4-H club members be present at the time their 4-H poultry exhibit is judged. Order of show will be determined by the Judge and show committee. Valuable information may be obtained by 4-H members from listening to the reasons that the judge gives for placing the classes.

4-H Poultry exhibits are to be accompanied by an official health certificate or an appropriate NPIP certificate.

4-H Member is responsible for knowing the breed and sex of the bird they are showing.

Birds may be exhibited in only one (1) class in any given year.

If a variety for your poultry breed is not listed, enter your bird under the A.O.V. classification.

Pullets - female birds less than one (1) year of age day of show

Hens - female birds one (1) year old or more day of show

Broilers - birds of the same sex, six (6) - eight (8) weeks of age and not over 5-1/2 pounds on show day.

Roasters - birds of the same sex, 8-12 weeks of age (over 5-1/2 pounds to 10 pounds on show day.) Birds will be weighed and classified at Fair check-in prior to judging. Each 4-H exhibitor may exhibit one (1) pair of broilers and/or one (1) pair of roasters.

Eggs - Six (6) eggs displayed in a foam carton. Eggs will be disposed of by the State Fair Staff at the end of the 4-H Show. A 4-H member may make one (1) pre-entry of six (6) eggs per class for a total of 18 eggs (three (3) cartons). Each class number signifies a separate class.

Division	Class (Entry)
Showmanship 4-H members with a poultry entry in the Livestock Action must participate in Showmanship.	Rookie – Novice, first time show regardless age
	Junior – Grades 4-8
	Senior – Grades 9-12
Eggs - Present 6 eggs in a Styrofoam carton	Eggs exhibited should be of similar size, color and shape
Market Pen 2 birds of same sex, similar size and weight- 6-8 weeks of age	Broiler Pen – 2 birds 5 ½ pounds or less as of weigh in
	Roaster Pen – 2 birds over 5 ½ pounds as of weigh in
Fancy - Bantam & Standard (Large)	Cock (Male over one year old)
	Hen (Female over one year old)
	Cockerel (Male less than one year old)
	Pullet (Female less than one year old)
Production - Pure or Cross Bred	Pullet (Female less than one year old)
	Hen (Female over one year old)
Water Fowl & Turkey Early release for this class	Goose (Female) or Gander (Male)
	Turkey Hen (Female) or Turkey Tom (Male)
	Duck (Female) or Drake (Male)

AUCTION

1. **Auction** -A non-refundable auction fee of \$25.00 and form must be paid for each animal placed in the auction. (limit 3 animals). One indoor project must be submitted at project check in to participate in auction. Make check payable to the **Floyd County 4-H Corporation Board, Inc.** and mail to P.O. Box 6805, New Albany, IN 47151 by May 15. No fees or forms will be accepted after livestock check-in.
2. ONCE AN ANIMAL IS ON THE SALE BILL, IT MUST SELL. Exception to be made by Livestock Committee or animal not meeting weight requirements.
3. **PICTURES** - A picture of the 4-H member and their poultry animal will be taken for Auction purposes on a date and time to be announced during the Fair. **DRESS CODE** - 4-H T-SHIRT or nice show shirt & SHOW BLUE JEANS. No tank tops, flip flops, or open shoes will be allowed in the show ring. [These pictures are mounted on signs to be given to buyers at the auction to display at their business.](#)
4. Animals sold in auction will become property of the buyer, however, the 4-H member will be expected to maintain and deliver animal upon buyer's request at the close of the livestock barns.
5. **No Auction checks will be distributed until barns and fairgrounds are cleaned and closed up on Sunday.**
6. 4-H member give a thank you note to their buyer to trade for check.

PET POULTRY CLASS

There will be a class for any breed not recognized by the State.

**ALL STALLS MUST BE CLEANED BEFORE THE ANIMALS
LEAVE THE FAIRGROUNDS.**