

# POULTRY

This is a State Fair project. Poster Projects will have NO BEST OF SHOW SELECTED. You do not have to qualify at the County Fair to exhibit at the State level (must be enrolled at county level by May 15).

Poultry will be divided into levels by current grade in school. The level will be determined by the 4-H'ers grade during the current school year (September-August).

**NOTE:** All poultry must be in member's possession and properly enrolled on the county poultry enrollment form by **May 15**.

## POULTRY – Check-in and Judging

**Check-in: Saturday, June 15, 8 a.m. - Noon**

**Judging: Monday, June 16, 9 a.m.**

**Animals dismissed: Thursday, June 19, after Premier Showmanship**

## Poultry Association Fee

Each member will pay a \$5.00 non-refundable fee, due at check-in. Money goes toward any poultry barn supplies, 10 year member gifts, and other expenses.

## PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

1. Each year, you are **required to complete QLC (Quality Livestock Care) by June 1**. If not completed by June 1, you will not be eligible to show your animal.
2. Complete the Grant County 4-H Livestock Record Sheet.

**ALL GRADES: EXHIBIT ONE OR MORE ANIMALS FED AND CARED FOR BY MEMBER SINCE MAY 15 AND SAME CONTINUOUS OWNERSHIP AND CARE UNTIL DATE OF SHOW.**

## FEEDING AND CARE OF ANIMALS

4-H'ers are responsible for the daily feeding and care of their animals during the 4-H fair week. During extreme weather, multiple feedings and care may be needed. If you have a conflict, please contact the Poultry superintendent.

## LIVE POULTRY EXHIBIT RULES:

1. Poultry exhibitors are required to provide documents that the birds **originate from a National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) official Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flock or have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within ninety (90) days preceding exhibition.**
2. All animals must be in good physical condition before the animal can be unloaded at the fair or be shown, for example, no broken limbs, no serious wounds, no foot rot, sore mouth or ring worm.
3. Poultry will be visually inspected for parasites. If parasites are found, all (or part) of flock will be sent home.
4. All poultry will be judged by American Poultry Association standards of perfection.
5. All exhibited poultry must be of recognized standard breeds.
6. Poultry must be bathed, clean and free of external parasites.
7. No poultry may be exhibited showing signs of infectious or communicable disease.
8. All chickens, turkeys, and game birds must be tested. Waterfowl do not have to be tested.
9. **Refer to the General Livestock Rules and the Rules for 4-H Livestock State Fair Entry.**

## SHOW RING DRESS CODE

Every 4-H member must bear in mind the following while showing his/her livestock project through the 4-H program at the Grant County Fair.

- a. Your attire is portraying an image of yourself.
- b. You are representing your club.
- c. You are representing the Grant County 4-H program.

Therefore, you should be as neat and clean as possible. Judges will be directed to consider appropriateness of show ring attire while evaluating placings and showmanship skills. **It is recommended that you wear a shirt with a collar, long pants, or finger tip length shorts while showing. It is suggested that you NOT wear tank tops, T-shirts with writing (other than approved 4-H shirts), midriffs, halter-tops, excessively baggy pants, cut-offs, or baseball caps.**

## **4-H SHOW**

*No animals can be loaded until the conclusion of the 4-H Show.*

## **POULTRY CLASSES:**

**Each bird can only be shown in one class each (example: cannot take a pair of Leghorns, show them in Commercial White Egg Layers and then show them singly in Exhibition Mediterranean).**

### **1. COMMERCIAL:**

#### ***Description of Birds and Eggs***

Pullets – 2 female birds of the same breeding hatched between January 1 and May 1, 2024

Hens – 2 female birds of the same breeding in laying condition hatched before January 1, 2024

Broilers – 2 birds of the same sex, 6-8 weeks of age and 5 1/2 to 10 pounds on show day

Roasters – 2 birds of the same sex, 8-12 weeks of age and 5 1/2 to 10 pound on show day

\* Each exhibitor may exhibit one pair of broilers and/or one pair of roasters

Eggs – 6 eggs displayed in a foam carton

\*Black sex-link Chickens (also known as Black Stars) and Red sex-link Chickens (also known as Red Stars, Golden comets, and Cinnamon Queen) are only to be shown in pairs in the Commercial Class under Brown Shell Egg Layers and CANNOT BE SHOWN IN ANY OTHER CLASS.

\*Male Black sex-link and Male red sex-links will AUTOMATICALLY receive last in your class. They are not used for commercial purposes and CANNOT BE SHOWN IN ANY OTHER CLASS.

#### **A. White Shell Egg Layers**

1. 2 Pullets born between Jan. 1, 2025 and May 1, 2025

2. 2 Hens born before Jan. 1, 2025

#### **B. Brown Shell Egg Layers**

1. 2 Pullets born between Jan. 1, 2025 and May 1, 2025

2. 2 Hens born before Jan. 1, 2025

#### **C. Broilers**

1. 2 birds of the same sex, 6-8 weeks old, not over 5 1/2 lbs on the show day.

#### **D. Roasters**

1. 2 birds of the same sex, 8-12 weeks old, 5 1/2 to 10 lbs on the show day.

#### **E. White Shell Chicken Eggs**

1. 6 eggs displayed in a foam carton

#### **F. Brown Shell Chicken Eggs**

1. 6 eggs displayed in a foam carton

#### **G. All Other Eggs**

1. 6 eggs displayed in a foam carton

### **2. STANDARD EXHIBITION:**

Description of Birds

Cock – A male bird hatched prior to January 1, 2025

Cockerel – A male bird hatched on or after January 1, 2025

Hen – A female bird prior to January 1, 2025

Pullet – A female bird hatched on or after January 1, 2025

A.O.V. – Any other variety

- A. **American Breeds and Varieties** (Barred Plymouth Rock, White Plymouth Rock, Buff Plymouth Rock, Silver Penciled Plymouth Rock, Partridge Plymouth Rock, Columbian Plymouth Rock, Dominique, Silver-laced Wyandotte, Golden-laced Wyandotte, White Wyandotte, Black Wyandotte, Buff Wyandotte, Partridge Wyandotte, Silver-Penciled Wyandotte, Columbian Wyandotte, Single Comb Rhode Island Red, Rose Comb Rhode Island Red, Black Jersey Giant, White Jersey Giant, New Hampshire, Black Java, All other varieties: specify variety)
- B. **Asiatic Breeds and Varieties** (Light Brahma, Dark Brahma, Buff Brahma, Buff Cochin, Partridge Cochin White Cochin, Blue Cochin, Black Cochin, Barred Cochin, Black Langshan, White Langshan, All other varieties: specify variety)
- C. **Continental Breeds and Varieties** (White Hamburg, Silver-Spangled Hamburg, Black Hamburg, Golden-Spangled Hamburg, Silver-Penciled Hamburg, Golden-Penciled Hamburg, Silver Campine, Golden Campine, Lakenvelder, Mottled Houdan, Crevecours, La Fleche, Non-Bearded White Crested Black Polish, Non-Bearded Golden Polish, Non-Bearded Silver Polish, Non-Bearded White Polish, Non-Bearded Buff-Laced Polish, Beaded Golden Polish, Bearded Silver Polish, Bearded White Polish, Bearded Buff-Laced Polish, Salmon Favorelle, All other varieties: specify variety)
- D. **English Breeds and Varieties** (Silver-Gray Dorking, Dark Cornish, White Cornish, White Laced Red Cornish, Buff Orpington, Black Orpington, White Orpington, Speckled Sussex, Black Australorp, Red cap, All other varieties: specify variety)
- E. **Mediterranean Breeds and Varieties** (Single Comb Dark Brown Leghorn, Single Comb Light Brown Leghorn, Rose Comb Dark Brown Leghorn, Rose Comb Light Brown Leghorn, Single Comb White Leghorn, Single Comb Buff Leghorn, Single Comb Black Leghorn, Single Comb Black Minorca, Rose Comb Black Minorca, Single Comb White Minorca, Rose Comb White Minorca, Blue Andalusian, Single Comb Ancona, Rose Comb Ancona)
- F. **Miscellaneous Breeds and Varieties** (Araucana, Frizzles, Sumatra, Malay, Phoenix/Yokohama, Aseels, Sultans, Naked Necks, Ameraucana, Modern Game Any Variety, Black Breasted Red Old English Game, Brown Red Old English Game, Any other variety Old English Game, All other varieties – miscellaneous)

### 3. **BANTAM:**

Description of Birds

Cock – A male bird hatched prior to January 1, 2025

Cockerel – A male bird hatched on or after January 1, 2025

Hen – A female bird prior to January 1, 2025

Pullet – A female bird hatched on or after January 1, 2025

A.O.V. – Any other variety

- A. **Modern Game Breeds and Varieties** (Birchen, Black, Black-Breasted Red, Brown Red, Silver Duckwing, White, Red Pyle, Wheaten, Any other variety: specify variety)
- B. **Old English Game Breeds and Varieties** (Birchen, Black, Black-Breasted Red, Blue, Blue Breasted Red, Blue Golden Duckwing, Blue Silver Duckwing, Brown Red, Crele, Cuckoo, Ginger Red, Lemon Blue, Quail, Self Blue, Silver Duckwing, White, Spangled, Wheaten, Any other variety: specify variety)
- C. **Single Comb, Clean-Legged, Other than Game Bantams: Bantams Breeds and Varieties** (Single Comb Ancona, Black Japanese, Black-Tailed White Japanese, White Japanese, Black Jersey Giant, Black Leghorn, Buff Leghorn, Dark Brown Leghorn, Light Brown Leghorn, White Leghorn, White Naked Neck, Single Comb New Hampshire, Black Orpington, Buff Orpington, White Orpington, Barred Plymouth Rock, Buff Plymouth Rock, Columbian Plymouth Rock, Partridge Plymouth Rock, Silver-Penciled Plymouth

- Rock, White Plymouth Rock, Single Comb Rhode Island Red, Speckled Sussex, White-Faced Black Spanish, Clean Legged Frizzle, Any other variety: specific variety)
- D. **Rose Comb, Clean-Legged Bantams** (Black Antwerp Belgian, Millie Fleur Antwerp Belgian, Porcelain Antwerp Belgian, Quail Antwerp Belgian, Self Blue Antwerp Belgian, White Antwerp Belgian, Black Hamburg, Golden Spangled Hamburg, Silver-Spangled Hamburg, White Hamburg, Black Leghorn, Buff Leghorn, Dark Brown Leghorn, Light Brown Leghorn, White Leghorn, Rose Comb Rhode Island Red, Black Rosecomb, White Rosecomb, Golden Sebright, silver Sebright, black Wyandotte, Buff Wyandotte, Columbian Wyandotte, Golden Laced Wyandotte, Partridge Wyandotte, Silver Laced Wyandotte, White Wyandotte, Any other variety: specify variety)
- E. **All other Combs, Clean-Legged Bantams** (Blue Laced Red Cornish, Buff Cornish, Dark Cornish, White Cornish, White Laced Red Cornish, Black Crevecoeurs, Bearded Buff Laced Polish, Bearded Golden Polish, Bearded White Polish, Non-Bearded Buff Laced Polish, Non-Bearded Golden Polish, Non-Bearded white Polish, Non-Bearded white Polish, Non-Bearded White-Crested Black Polish, Sumatra, Ameraucana, Yokohama, Any other variety: specify variety)
- F. **Feather Legged Bantams** (Non-Bearded Mille Fleur Booted, Non-Bearded Porcelain Booted, Non-Bearded White Booted, Bearded Mille Fleur Booted, Bearded Porcelain Booted, Bearded White Booted, Buff Brahma, Dark Brahma, Light Brahma, Barred Cochin, Birchen Cochin, Black Cochin, Blue Cochin, Buff Cochin, Golden Laced Cochin, Mottled Cochin, Partridge Cochin, Red Cochin, white Cochin, Feather-Legged Frizzle, Black Langshan, Bearded Black Silkie, Bearded White Silkie, Non-Breaded Black Silkie, Non-Bearded White Silkie, Splash Cochin, Bearded Buff Silkie, Non-Bearded Buff Silkie, Any other variety: specify variety)

4. **BARNYARD FOWLIES:**

This is a class in which an exhibitor can show **MIXED BREED CHICKENS**.

**RULES FOR BARNYARD FOWLIES**

There will be a limit of two (2) **MIXED BREED CHICKENS PER EXHIBITOR**. (No ducks, geese, turkeys, doves, pigeons, etc.) Only **MIXED BREED** Chickens will be shown in this class that cannot be shown in any other class. All chickens shown in this class **MUST HAVE THEIR HEALTH PAPERS OR THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW**. This will be **JUDGES CHOICE** (they will choose which he likes). Barnyard Fowlies Class only- No trophies will be given out, only rosettes for champion/reserve and ribbons 1-8. Not eligible for Grand Champion of the show.

5. **ALL OTHER NON-RECOGNIZED BREEDS**

6. **EXHIBITION DUCK:**

- A. Heavyweights (Pekin, Muscovy, Aylesbury, Rouen, etc.)
- B. Mediumweights (Crested, Buff, Cayuga, Swedish, etc.)
- C. Lightweight (Runner, Campbell, Magpie, etc.)
- D. Bantam (White Call, Gary Call Mallard, East India, etc.)

One young female born after January 1, 2025, one young male born after January 1, 2025, one adult female born before January 1, 2025, and one adult male born before January 1, 2025 can be exhibited for any breed in the above classes.

7. **EXHIBITION GEESE:**

- A. Heavyweights (Toulouse, Embden, African, etc.)
- B. Mediumweights (Sebastapol, Pilgrim, Buff, Pomeranian, etc.)
- C. Lightweight (China, Tufted Roman, Canada, Egyptian, etc.)

One young female born after January 1, 2025, one young male born after January 1, 2025, one adult female born before January 1, 2025, and one adult male born before January 1, 2025 can be exhibited for any breed in the above classes.

8. **TURKEY:**

- A. 2 young birds born after January 1, 2025
- B. 1 adult male born before January 1, 2025
- C. 1 adult female born before January 1, 2025

9. **PIGEON, DOVES AND EXOTIC BIRDS:**

- A. All show together

One young female born after January 1, 2025 male born after January 1, 2025, one adult female born before January 1, 2025, and one adult male born before January 1, 2025 can be exhibited in the above class.

**SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES:**

4-H'ers will demonstrate their ability to present birds that are clean and healthy, trained and manageable, along with the competitively demonstrate one's knowledge and skill in raising, condition, evaluating and handling poultry.

Class 1 - Senior Showmanship - Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12, during the current school year.  
(September - August)

Class 2 - Intermediate Showmanship - Grades 6, 7, and 8 during the current school year.  
(September - August)

Class 3 - Junior Showmanship - Grades 3, 4 and 5 during the current school year.  
(September - August)

\*Winners of Showmanship classes may compete the next year after winning.

**AUCTION RULES:**

**\*The 4-H Member must exhibit during the Poultry Show in order to be eligible to sell in the livestock auction.**

**4-H animals purchased, sold, or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair (including animals that have gone through a "Premium only Auction"), shall not be eligible to show in the 4-H Show at the Indiana State Fair.**

Each 4-Her is allowed to sell one bird (or pair if exhibited as a pair) in the auction.

A 6% commission of the overage pay per animal sold will be collected by the Auction Committee.

You have until **May 15** to add or drop this project from your current year's enrollment.