

Poultry, Pigeons & Waterfowl

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State Fair Entry	Animal Check In	Show Day
Yes	Sunday, July 7, 2024 6:00PM-8:00PM Poultry Barn Kosciusko County Fairgrounds	Tuesday, July 9, 2024 8:00AM Poultry Barn Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

1. Cages will be provided for all 4-H Pigeon, Poultry and Waterfowl projects. Cage rental fee is \$1.00 per cage due at check-in and includes feed for the week provided by the Poultry Committee.
2. Pullorum-Typhoid test will be available at Poultry Barn set-up only. All birds not purchased from an approved hatchery or older than one year will need to be tested. All waterfowl do not need to be tested. Testing is \$.50 per bird due the day of testing, which is scheduled for June 15, 2024, 10:00am-11:00am at the Poultry Barn.
3. Birds must be clean before they can be brought into the poultry building. This includes, but is not limited to any fryer and meat birds prior to weigh-in and any birds needing a Pullorum-Typhoid test.
4. A 4-H Poultry member may exhibit up to 2 separate breeds in each class, except for Market bird classes which includes Market Broilers/Roasters, Market Turkeys and Market Ducks; which only one exhibit per class may be entered. Each 4-H member is limited to exhibiting 2 market species total of any combination. 4-H member will be able to sell only 1 lot of market birds in the auction.
5. A pair is one male and one female of the same breed.
6. The judge and the poultry committee will determine order of show. The 4-H member must be present at the time of judging. Prior approval must be obtained by 5:00 PM Monday of fair week from the Poultry Superintendent to excuse you from being present for judging. Unexcused absence will eliminate the 4-H exhibitor's project from being judged. Valuable information may be obtained from listening to the reasons that the judge gives for placing of 4-H poultry.
7. All young pigeons must be banded with a current year seamless band.
8. For 4-H Pigeon members hens will be judged against hens, cocks will be judged against cocks, but they must be entered as a pair of the same breed. Each 4-H pigeon member may exhibit two different breeds of pigeons per pigeon class. This rule includes doves.
9. Doves will be judged as a pair.
10. All Waterfowl will be judged on general conformation and breed characteristics.
11. Release of extra birds not going through the 4-H Livestock Sale will be after 6:00 PM Thursday of Fair and must be removed by 10:00 AM FRIDAY OR BIRDS BECOME PROPERTY OF THE POULTRY COMMITTEE.

Poultry Classes

Chickens

Class 1 Laying Chickens

4-H member may bring 2 entries in each of the following classes:

1. Pullets-2 female birds of the same breed less than one year of age on show day.
2. Hens-2 female birds of the same breed one year of age or more on show day

Class 2 Fancy Breeds

4-H member may exhibit 2 entries in each of the following classes:

Class 1: Standard Breed (single hen, single rooster, or pair)

Class 2: Bantam Breed (single hen, single rooster, or pair)

Birds must be at least one year of age.

Class 3 Family Table Flock

1. Hens in laying condition and meat condition.
2. Should use dual purpose breed for egg and meat production
3. Birds must be at least 1 year of age.
Section 1-Exhibit 1 hen and 1 rooster of same breed. (Each 4-H poultry member will be able to exhibit 2 different breeds.)

Class 4 Market Broilers /Roasters

1. Must exhibit 2 of the same breed and variety with similar weights
2. Broilers must weigh a minimum of 3 lbs and up to 10 lbs maximum
3. Can be any sex combination (same sex is recommended)
4. Roasters must weigh a minimum of 10 lbs and up to a of 15 lbs maximum.
5. 4-H member will carry only one bird into the sale arena
6. Proof of hatch date will be required at Check in if birds were not purchased from Poultry club
7. Only 1 Grand-champion and 1 Reserve grand champion will be selected from this market class

Turkey

Class 1 Fancy Turkeys

Section 1-Exhibit 1 fancy tom and/or fancy hen of any breed one year old or older.

Class 2 Market Turkey

Section 1 Exhibit and sell one market turkey

1. Must be hatched after March 1st of current year
2. Must weigh at least 10 pounds to exhibit and sell.
3. Recommended breeds for fair are white or bronze.

Other Poultry Classes

Class 1 Guinea fowl

Section 1-Exhibit 1 male and/or 1 female up to 2 separate breeds.

Class 2 Pea fowl

Section 1 Exhibit 1 male and/or 1 female up to 2 separate breeds

Class 3 Any other fowl, which includes but is not limited to pheasants and quail

Section 1 Exhibit 1 male and/or 1 female other fowl, up to 2 separate breeds.

Pigeon Classes

All Divisions Can exhibit 2 different pairs of fancy, utility, or flying pigeons or doves.

Class 1 Young Pigeons Exhibit one par.

ALL young pigeons must be banded with a current year seamless band.

Class 1 Young Pigeons

Section 1 Exhibit one young hen

Section 2 Exhibit one young cock

ALL young pigeons must be banded with a current year seamless band.

Class 2 Old Pigeons

Exhibit one pair

Class 3 Doves

Section 1-Exhibit a pair of doves

Waterfowl Classes

Ducks

Class 1 Fancy Duck

- a) 4-H member may exhibit 2 entries in the following class
- b) One male and one female constitute one pair
- c) One male or female may be shown as a single
- d) Birds will be judged according to the American Standard of Perfection as authorized by the American Poultry Association

Description of Classes

- Heavyweight Duck
- Medium weight Duck
- Lightweight Duck

- Bantam Duck

Class 2 Market Duck

Section 1 Exhibit 2 market ducks of the same breed.

1. Must weigh 4 pounds and not over 10 pounds to exhibit and sell in this class.
2. Member will carry only one duck into sale ring, but the buyer will bid on and receive both.

Geese

Class 1 Fancy Geese

Section 1 Exhibit 1 drake and/or 1 hen (4-H member may exhibit up to 2 different breeds.) Must be one year old or older.

Class 2 Market Geese

Section 1 Exhibit 1 drake and/or 1 hen hatched after August 1 of the previous year. (Not able to sell in auction.)

Egg Class

1. Exhibit 6 (six) home produced eggs in a carton from same species. Any poultry species may compete.
2. Exhibit eggs in uniform size, color, shape and texture
3. Classes will be:
 - a. Brown Shell
 - b. White Shell
 - c. Other Color

Rules

- Do not wash or rinse the eggs at all. Egg class judges look for intact egg "bloom".
- Bring eggs unrefrigerated as refrigeration causes eggs to "sweat".
- Use an inexpensive non-scouring egg brush to remove poop or any other debris. Egg brushes are available on Amazon, Murray McMurray or some farm stores.
- Poultry Superintendent will dispose of eggs after the show.
- All eggs need to be shown in unmarked plain cardboard carton. Cartons may be purchased from the Poultry Committee for \$1.00.

Kosciusko County 4-H Poultry Committee's College Scholarship Two (2), \$200.00, scholarships will be given each year by the Kosciusko County 4-H Poultry Committee. This scholarship was established to recognize those students who have contributed to the success of the Poultry project at the county fair. You must also exhibit a willingness to assist other Poultry exhibitors by helping them care for, learn about, and present their Poultry projects in a positive manner. Applicants must be a 10-year 4-H member or in the last year of 4-H eligibility with a minimum of 5 years of participation in the 4-H Poultry project. Payment will be made directly to the school of your choice and credited to your account. This award may be used for tuition, room/board, books, or other school academic fees only.