

POULTRY

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Poultry Rules & Procedures

1. Birds will be judged by class if possible and according to American Standard of Perfection as authorized by the American Poultry Association.
2. No animals will be accepted unless checked in by leader or superintendent after being blood tested. No late entry will be accepted without prior approval from leader.
3. 4-Her must have adult birds in their possession by May 15 – excludes Meat production birds.
4. Birds must be free of lice and external parasites, clean and healthy to be entered or eligible to receive any awards.
5. 4-H member must furnish feed containers, water containers, feed, water and bedding if necessary. At check-in you will sign up for a morning to clean in the barn.
6. 4-H member must be present to show his or her entry.
7. 4-H member shall have record book completed day of entry.
8. 4-H member must show 2 other classes in order to sell a meat pen.

4-H POULTRY CLASSES AND RULES

Broilers – 2 birds same sex, 6-8 weeks of age and not over 5-1/2 pounds day of entry.

Roasters – 2 birds same sex, 8-12 weeks of age and 5-1/2 to not over 10 pounds day of entry.

Meat Duck – 2 Birds of the same sex hatched between Feb 1 and May 1 of the current year. Limited one pen of two birds. Must be a heavy breed duck. Maximum of 7 lbs, if over 7 lbs they are not eligible to sell in the auction.

Barneyard – 1 pair (a male & female bird) of a non-standard breed or bantam breed. No pure breed birds. Limit of 1 pen per 4-Her.

Barneyard Exhibition – 1 bird (male OR female) of a of a non-standard breed or bantam breed. No pure breed birds. Limit of 1 pen per 4-Her.

Exhibition Class – 1 bird per pen limited of four pens per 4-Her of a recognized breed.

Standard Rules

Standard Bird Rules – no limit except 1 lot per variety per breed per class, 1 male and 1 female.

Classes of Standard Exhibition Birds – American Standard, Asiatic Standard, Continental Standard, English Standard, Mediterranean Standard and all other Standard.

Bantam Rules

Classes of Bantam rules – no limit except 1 lot per variety per breed per class, 1 male and 1 female.

Classes of Bantam – Modern Game Bantam, Old English Game Bantam, Single comb clean leg, other than game bantams, Rose Comb clean legged bantams, all other combs clean legged Bantams and Feather Legged Bantams

Layers

Pullets- 2 female birds, matching any laying breed or dual-purpose breed hatched after January 1 of the current year. No limit except 1 lot per variety of a breed.

Hens- 2 hens, matching pair of any laying breed or dual-purpose breed hatched before January 1 of current year. No limit except 1 lot per variety of a breed.

Ducks

Duck Rules: No limit except for 1 lot per variety of breed, 1 male 1 female per lot.

- Heavy Breeds: Pekins, Alyesbury, Rouen and Muscovy
- Medium Breeds: Campbell, Cayuga, Crested, Swedish and Buff
- Light Breeds: Runners, and Magpie
- Bantam Breeds: Call, Mallards and more
- Ducks - May be shown as duck or duck meat pen.

Geese

- Geese Rules-No limit except for 1 lot per variety of breed, 1 gander 1 goose per lot.
- Heavy Breeds: Toulouse, Embden and African
- Medium Breeds: Sebastopol, Pilgrim, Buff and Pomeranian
- Light Breeds: Tufted Roman, Canada, China and Egyptian

Turkey

Turkey Rules: No limit except 1 lot per variety of breed, 1 tom 1 hen per lot.

Guineas

Guineas Rules: No limit except 1 lot per variety of breed 1 male 1 female per lot.

Pigeons

Pigeons Rules: No limit except for 1 lot per variety of breed 1 male 1 female per lot.

Game Birds

Classes of Game Bird: Quail, Pheasant, Chukars, Partridge, and peafowl.

Game Bird Rules: No limit except for 1 lot of 1 variety per breed per class 1 male 1 female.

Each class will have a champion and Grand and Reserve Grand Champion over all game bird.

