# Project Title: Poultry

Description:

Allows youth to learn life skills and grow in project knowledge while raising poultry species for breeding or market

State Fair Entries:

Open. Visit [www.indianastatefair.com](http://www.indianastatefair.com) for information. Exhibitor’s Corner opens in the spring. If there is any chance you will exhibit at the Indiana State Fair (ISF), be sure to check the appropriate box in the animal’s 4-H Online enrollment page. Checking this box does NOT enter you for the ISF, but it will carry the animal’s information into the ISF entry system.

Exhibit Guidelines:

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| **Division** | **Project Book** | **Record Sheet** |
| Beginner (grades 3 - 5) | BU-6363 | County Record |
| Intermediate (grades 6 - 8) | BU-6364 | County Record |
| Advanced (grades 9 - 12) | BU-6365 | County Record |

# Poultry exhibitors in Indiana are required to provide documents to the county fair superintendents that 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. The NPIP documentation should be received from the source of the poultry. Either the NPIP certification or the blood-testing results must be part of that 4-Hers report. Forms are available at the Extension Office. Testing will be offered before the show.

1. All poultry must be enrolled using the enrollment form available at the 4-H office by June 1.
2. All poultry are considered livestock and will abide by livestock rules and release time.
3. A 4-H member may show up to 8 pens of chickens (Turkeys and Waterfowl are counted separately).
4. It is required that the 4-H member be present at the time their 4-H exhibit is judged unless prior arrangements are made with the poultry superintendent.
5. Record sheets must be turned in by the specified time or the project will be exhibition only. This means the project will not be judged.
6. A member may show no more than two birds per class.
7. There are two divisions for the Poultry Project: **Commercial** and **Exhibition (divided into Large fowl and Bantam)**
8. **Commercial classes**: will be judged according to production poultry qualities including but not limited to growth, development, and production qualities.
   1. Layer hens – two egg type hens of the same breed hatched before January 1 of this year.
   2. Meat pens-
      1. Broilers – two birds of the same sex, 6-8 weeks of age and not over 5 ½ pounds on show day.
      2. Roasters – two birds of the same sex, 8-12 weeks of age and 5 ½ to 10 pounds on show day.
9. **Exhibition classes:**  will be judged as breeds recognized by the American Poultry Association (APA) and on their recognized standards.
   1. Large Fowl Breeds-
      1. Pullet – one pullet hatched between January 1 and June 1 of this year
      2. Hen – one hen in laying condition hatched before January 1 this year.
      3. Cockerel – one cockerel hatched between January 1 and June 1 of this year
      4. Cock - one cock hatched before January 1 this year.
   2. Bantam Breeds-
      1. Pullet – one pullet hatched between January 1 and June 1 of this year
      2. Hen – one hen in laying condition hatched before January 1 this year.
      3. Cockerel – one cockerel hatched between January 1 and June 1 of this year
      4. Cock - one cock hatched before January 1 this year.
   3. Breeding pen – one male and one female bird of breeding age. Considerations will be given to each bird as far as how close it is to the standard and how well the birds pair up to improve the offspring.
   4. Waterfowl – A 4-H’er may show one hen and on gander of the same breed for two different breeds. Pens will be provided if available. If no pens are available or you are showing a medium or large breed of duck you will need to provide your own pen.
   5. Turkey – A 4-H’er may show up two four pens of turkeys of either Tom or Hen turkey. You **MUST** provide your own pen.
10. **Egg Judging**: members may exhibit one dozen, fresh, clean eggs of any color and/or size in an egg carton. Eggs will be judged on consistency of color, size, shape, and weight. 2 eggs out of each dozen may be opened to check albumin and yolk for quality and freshness.
11. **Showmanship:**
    1. Beginner Showman – grades 3, 4, 5
    2. Intermediate Showman – grades 6, 7, 8
    3. Senior Showman - grades 9, 10, 11, 12.

Champion Senior Showman will exhibit in the Small and Companion Animal Supreme Showmanship Contest

1. All animal exhibitors (beef, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, swine) are required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) OR Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (4-HQLC) each year. YQCA can be completed online at https://yqcaprogram.org for $12. YQCA is recommended if you plan to show at any open or large national shows. Indiana 4-H is no longer affiliated with YQCA- any questions need to be referred to YQCA. 4-HQLC will be offered in-person a few times before the fair. Register through 4-H Online. Either training will be accepted at any Indiana 4-H Show.
2. An exhibitor may choose to exhibit an educational poultry poster or notebook. Please see the guidelines for Animal Education. There will be one ISF Poultry Education entry from each Division.