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# “POULTRY RULES”

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## “POULTRY COMMITTEE”

CHAIRS: Kory and Mary Wilson (574-699-7429) CO-CHAIRS: Diann Sedam (721-1982) & Traci Jones (626-2289)

Members: Larry Wolfe, Brian Schmehl, Stephanie Schmehl, Jody Clemans, Uriah Horn, Mark Mettler, and Amy Pullen

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### 4-H Helpers:

Zac Sedam, Michaela Pullen, Ethan Jones, and Angela Schmehl

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## CURRICULUM – 4-H Poultry Resource Handbook (1 per family), 4-H Poultry Activity/Record Sheets.

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Members may have up to 8 cages in any combination. **Subject to cage availability.**

**IF LIVESTOCK PULLS OUT BEFORE THE FAIR WEEK IS OVER, THE 4-H'ER WILL RECEIVE AN INCOMPLETE, AND ARE INELIGIBLE TO SELL ANY ANIMAL AT THE 4-H AUCTION. THE 4-H'er WILL ALSO NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW AT THE STATE FAIR, AND NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW IN CASS COUNTY THE FOLLOWING YEAR.**

The Poultry project teaches production, marketing, and product utilization. Caring for a poultry project gives the member opportunities to be a part of one of the most fascinating segments of agriculture.

Read the general livestock rules and the 4-H livestock auction section. Mini members should read the Mini 4-H page for further information.

### POULTRY GENERAL RULES

- 1) To exhibit, you **must have** a certificate proving your birds are free of U.S. Pullorum Typhoid. NOTE: If you purchased from a certified clean flock, you should have received a certification number. If not, you must have the birds tested within 90 days of exhibiting. Contact 4-H office for official bird tester in Cass County. Poultry to be tested includes chickens, turkeys, and game birds; **excluding waterfowl and pigeons.**
- 2) Blood testing will take place one night in June, free of charge. If unable to attend this testing night, the 4-H member will need to contact a veterinarian where a charge could occur.
- 3) Birds for county fair should be hatched by May 15, except for the meat class. Proof of hatching date must accompany the entry.
- 4) **No** overnight or daytime camping is allowed at the Cass County 4-H fairgrounds.

### OWNERSHIP

- 1) All animals must be owned by the 4-H member.
- 2) All animals must be in the 4-H member's possession.
- 3) Each bird exhibited must have been cared for by the club member enrolled in 4-H club work.
- 4) County 4-H poultry enrollment forms must be in the Extension Office.
- 5) 4-H Club member must identify breed and sex of birds by enrollment deadline.

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### RECORDS

- 1) All record books should be started
- 2) All project record sheets will be turned in with Leaders signature when the birds are checked in at the fair.
- 3) A Poultry record sheet must be turned in at the time of project check-in even if the 4-H'er chooses not to exhibit.

### RULES - GENERAL

- 1) Wet birds will not be allowed on county fairgrounds.
- 2) NO person shall color, dye, stain or otherwise change the natural coloring of any fowl.
- 3) The decision of the Project Leader is final.

## HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Any contagious medical condition should be brought to the species committee before unloading or as soon as it is noted. If the committee feels it is a contagious condition, the 4-H'er will be given 2 choices. They can take the animal home or have a Veterinarian come and diagnose the condition at the cost of the 4-H'er. Failure to meet all health requirements will necessitate removal of all animals presented by the exhibitor.

- 1) All poultry for exhibition shall be accompanied by an official health certificate. This means one health form for each bird exhibited.
- 2) All poultry for exhibition shall have passed a negative test for pullorum-typhoid for exhibition within 90 days prior to the date of their exhibition or originate from NPIP approved flocks, hatched from eggs origination from NPIP approved flocks, or the entire flock must be certified NPIP pullorum-typhoid clean. **THIS IS A MUST!** Waterfowl (ducks and geese) and pigeons do not have to be blood tested.
- 3) Blood testing will take place one night in June, free of charge. If unable to attend this testing night, the 4-H member will need to contact a veterinarian where a charge could occur.
- 4) NO poultry may be exhibited showing excessive signs of infectious disease.
- 5) NO poultry may be exhibited showing excessive signs of external parasites.
- 6) Animals must not show signs of communicable disease or lice. Any animals that show signs of disease or lice will be sent home immediately.
- 7) For more information on poultry health requirements, call the Indiana Poultry Association at 765/494-8517.
- 8) Must have health papers **BEFORE** unloading poultry.

## BARN RULES

- 1) The 4-H'er is responsible for caring for their birds during the fair (feed, feeders, water and pans are the exhibitors responsibility).
- 2) ALL exhibitors should help set up and take down pens. Cards will be sent to you for set up date.
- 3) NO commercial advertisement or signs are allowed in livestock barns.

## EXHIBIT

- 1) 4-H poultry shows are open to all Cass County 4-H Club members which have enrolled in the poultry project and the Cass County 4-H program.
- 2) All poultry shown at the Cass County 4-H Fair must be shown by exhibitor.
- 3) 4-H Club member must identify breed and sex of birds by enrollment deadline.
- 4) 4-H member should be present at the time of judging. Valuable information may be received by the member listening to the judge.
- 5) Members may have up to 8 cages in any combination. **Subject to cage availability.**

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### **CLASSES**

An Overall Commercial Champion in show and Overall Exhibition Champion in show will be chosen from the following classes:

NOTE: Reserve Champion winners for Exhibition and Commercial (banner classes) are eligible to compete for the Reserve Grand Champion award for Exhibition and Commercial poultry.

### **COMMERCIAL**

Pullets: Two females = exhibit hatched between January 1 and May 1 of current year. 1 exhibit per breed, maximum of 3 breeds. Classes will be split into 3 categories – brown egg, white egg and all other egg shell.

Layers: Two hens = 1 exhibit in laying condition, hatched before January 1 of current year. 1 exhibit per breed, maximum of 3 breeds. Classes will be split into 3 categories – brown egg, white egg and all other egg shell.

Broilers: (Meat Pen) Two birds = 1 entry. 2 birds of same sex, 6 to 8 weeks of age and not over 5 ½ lbs. Age

limit not less than 42 days and not over 56 days.

Roasters: (Meat Pen) Two birds = 1 entry. 2 birds of same sex, 8 to 12 weeks of age, weighing between 5 ½ – 10 lbs.

Turkeys: One bird = 1 exhibit. Maximum of 1 male and 1 female per breed. Maximum of 4 birds.

Waterfowl (geese): One bird = 1 exhibit. Maximum of 4 birds.

Waterfowl (large ducks): One bird = 1 exhibit. Maximum of 4 birds.

Waterfowl (bantam ducks): One bird = 1 exhibit. Maximum of 4 birds.

## **EXHIBITION**

Exhibition Large Fowl Chickens: One bird = 1 exhibit. Maximum 1 male and 1 female per variety, maximum of 4 birds.

Exhibition Bantams: One bird = 1 exhibit. Maximum of 1 male and 1 female per variety. Maximum of 6 birds.

Fancy Turkeys: One bird = 1 exhibit. Maximum of 1 male and 1 female per breed. Maximum of 4 birds.

Pigeons: One bird = 1 exhibit. Maximum of 1 male & 1 female per variety. Maximum of 6 birds.

Waterfowl (geese): One bird = 1 exhibit. Maximum of 4 birds.

Waterfowl (large ducks): One bird = 1 exhibit. Maximum of 4 birds.

Waterfowl (bantam ducks): One bird = 1 exhibit. Maximum of 4 birds.

## **SHOWMANSHIP**

Junior: Grades 3, 4, and 5

Intermediate: Grades 6, 7 and 8

Senior: Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

- A. Exhibitors must show their own bird and it must have been exhibited in the poultry show.
- B. When you have won a showmanship class, you **MUST** move on to the next class the next year.
- C. Must sign up 15 minutes prior to start of show.

## **DRESS CODE FOR EXHIBITING AND SELLING 4-H LIVESTOCK**

4-H'ers should dress appropriately for the 4-H livestock shows and 4-H livestock auction. Appropriate dress includes being neat and clean, no midriff showing, no shoulders showing, and no sandals. Commercial advertisement of names or insignia, farm names and family names on 4-H exhibitors or exhibits while showing, is prohibited. No low cut shirts or short shorts, no tank tops, no cleavage showing and no cracks showing. Violations could be subject to animal/4-H'er dismissal from class.

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## **AUCTION RULES:**

- 1) If the 4-H member is not with their animal at the time their animal is scheduled to sell in the 4-H auction, then the 4-H auction animal will be scratched from the auction and will not have another chance to sell. The animal will be the responsibility of the family to remove from the fairgrounds by 6:00 p.m. Saturday of the fair.
- 2) *For each 4-H item or animal that is sold in the auction, 10% of the premium will be assessed for the auction fee, with a maximum of \$300 (auction fee).*
- 3) Grand Champion Commercial Poultry in show will be eligible to sell in the auction. Champion will be chosen from the following classes: Commercial layers, Commercial pullets, Commercial broilers, Commercial roasters, Turkey and Waterfowl (geese, large ducks and bantam ducks).

Grand Champion Exhibition Poultry in show will also be eligible to sell in the auction. Champion will be chosen from: Champion Large Fowl, Champion Bantam, Champion Fancy Turkey and Champion Pigeon and Waterfowl (geese, large ducks and bantam ducks).

4) **See 4-H Auction Section for more auction details.**

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**Look at the current year project guidelines for exhibit due dates and locations.**