

POULTRY

(Including Chickens, Turkeys, Waterfowl, and Guineas)

Manual Information

1. The Poultry manuals are divided into levels according to the following breakdown:

Level 1	Grades 3, 4, & 5
Level 2	Grades 6, 7, & 8
Level 3	Grades 9 and Above

2. Members will use the same manual for more than one year.

1. Members are strongly encouraged to attend activities and participate in the learning experiences offered for their level each year.

4. The Poultry record sheet, signed by your leader, **must** be checked at the time of Poultry Show Registration.

5. Record sheets will then be placed in your green folder and turned in at the county fair. 4-H leaders may grade record sheets.

Exhibit Requirements: Do one or more of the following:

1. Exhibit your poultry at the fair.

2. Exhibit a Poultry Educational Poster. (Refer to page 44 in this handbook for details.)

3. Do an Interactive Demonstration related to poultry.

General Rules for the 4-H Poultry Show

1. The 4-Her is to enroll in the Poultry project by the county 4-H enrollment deadline and have his or her birds in their possession by no later than May 15th.

2. Numbered leg bands may be used for identification purposes (at superintendent's discretion). If used, birds **must** be banded prior to May 15th.

3. All poultry exhibited must have originated from an officially Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Flock or have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within ninety (90) days preceding exhibition.

4. Any required health papers must be presented at check-in.

5. Any birds showing signs of disease or infestations will be barred from the show.

6. 4-Hers must feed and water their poultry daily.

7. 4-Hers must clean in and under their pens during the fair, and before their birds are released.

8. Only exhibits receiving a blue ribbon will be eligible for champion and reserve champion awards.

9. Each poultry class will name a champion and a reserve champion with any sub-classes receiving placing ribbons (blue, red, white, etc.).

10. A champion clean pen award will be given, chosen by the poultry committee.

Poultry Production Classes:

1. Egg Production: An exhibitor may exhibit two female birds of the same breeding for each class.

a. Brown Egg Shell Pullets-two female birds of the same breeding hatched between October 1st of the previous year and May 1st of the current year.

b. Brown Egg Shell Hens-two female birds of the same breeding in laying condition one or more years of age.

c. White Egg Shell Pullets- two female birds of the same breeding hatched between October 1st of the previous year and May 1st of the current year.

d. White Egg Shell Hens- two female birds of the same breeding in laying condition one or more years of age.

2. Meat Production: An exhibitor may exhibit one entry for each class.

a. Broilers-two birds of the same sex and meat type breeding not over 9 weeks of age and between 3.5 – 6 pounds.

b. Roasters-two birds of the same sex and meat type breeding not over 10 weeks of age and between 6 – 8 pounds.

c. Dual Purpose Breed-two cockerels of dual purpose breeding hatched between October 1st of the previous year and May 1st of the current year.

d. Duck-two birds of the same sex and breeding hatched between October 1st of the previous year and May 1st of the current year.

Exhibition Poultry Classes: (All exhibits must be pure bred and recognized in the American

Standard of Perfection with the exception of guineas.)

1. Chickens
 - a. An exhibitor may exhibit 2 Standard breeds and 2 Bantam breeds.
 - b. Breeds may be further classified into sub-classes established by the American Standard of Perfection depending on enrollment numbers.
 - c. Of each breed you will be allowed to exhibit 1 cockerel, pullet, cock, and hen.
 - Cockerel – a male bird hatched on or after October 1st of the previous year.
 - Pullet – a female bird hatched on or after October 1st of the previous year.
 - Cock – a male bird hatched prior to October 1st of the previous year.
 - Hen – a female bird hatched prior to October 1st of the previous year.
2. Ducks
 - a. An exhibitor is limited to 2 breeds.
 - b. A 4-Her is limited to 1 hen and 1 drake of the same breed.
3. Geese
 - An exhibitor is limited to 2 breeds.
 - A 4-Her is limited to 1 goose and 1 gander of the same breed.
4. Turkeys
 - An exhibitor is limited to 2 breeds.
 - A 4-Her is limited to 1 hen and 1 tom of the same breed.
5. Guineas
 - An exhibitor is limited to 2 birds of either the same or opposite sex.
 - The birds may be of the same age and color of different age and color,

Breeding Pair Classes:

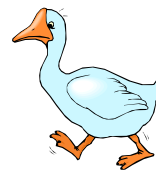
1. Breeds are to be recognized by the American Standard of Perfection.
2. An exhibit consists of two birds of the same breed but opposite sex.
3. An exhibitor may show 1 exhibit per class.
 - a. Standard Breed Chicken
 - b. Bantam Breed Chicken
 - c. Ducks

Egg Class:

1. An exhibitor may show 1 exhibit per class.
 - a. Brown
 - b. White
 - c. Green/Blue

Showmanship

1. Exhibitors will be split into 3 categories by grade.
 - a. Beginner (Grades 3-5)
 - b. Intermediate (Grades 6-8)
 - c. Advanced (Grades 9-12)



General Rules for Poultry Interactive Demonstrations

1. Interactive Demonstrations may be given on any topic related to Poultry and will be presented at an appointed time during the 4-H Fair.
2. Refer to "Verbal Communication Events and Activities" in this handbook for details.

Manuals: Level 1: *Scratching the Surface* BU-6363 Record sheet: C4-H 700
Level 2: *Testing Your Wings* BU-6364 Reference (available upon request): Poultry
Level 3: *Flocking Together* BU-6365 Management Techniques (1983)