**POULTRY 2025**

**Leader: Lana Pinnick**

**Barn Chairman: Amy McIntosh**

Tentative Show Schedule

Saturday 7-13 - Poultry check-in 10 am-12 pm

* 4pm meat bird judging
* 5 pm Showmanship

Monday 7-15 - 8am Poultry Show (7-14-25)

Wednesday 7-17 - 10am Deadline for Livestock Auction Sign-up

Friday 7-18 - 6am Livestock Released (Except Sale Animals)

* Auction 6pm

RULES

1. All exhibitors are required to be enrolled in 4-H and in the Poultry Project in Order to participate in meetings, blood testing, the show and any other 4-H poultry activities.
2. Any 4-H’er who plans on selling a meat bird in the auction must also show at least one bird other than a meat bird during the poultry show on Monday, July 14th 2025.
3. To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and/or rabbits, 4-H members MUST BE certified annually through Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care or on-line through YQCA – **NO EXCEPTIONS**
4. All Animals entered must be owned and cared for by the 4-H member by May 15 and remain in the same continuous care until show day. All members are responsible for the care of their poultry while at the 4-H Fair and should be in compliance with the General 4-H Guidelines and Regulations Handbook for Greene County 4-H
5. Previously there was no limit to the number of breeds or varieties a 4-H-er may enroll in as long as the birds are owned and being cared for by the 4-H’er. **For 2025 due to space limitation,** **there will be a ten bird limit per 4-H member**. (If space in the barn becomes available, the 4-H Poultry Leader can increase the number of breeds exhibited by the 4-H’er).
6. Each member may enter no more than four (4) birds of a purebred poultry, waterfowl, guinea, or pigeon variety. These four birds would consist of a cock, cockerel, pullet and/or hen. Duplicate entries will not be accepted such as two hens or two pullets of the same breed and variety.
* Pullets and cockerels are less than one (1) year old
* Cocks and hens are more than one (1) year old

Other species of birds such as turkeys, guinea fowl, geese, ducks or pigeons one male and one female of any variety of bird.

1. All chickens, excluding meat pen chickens, waterfowl, pigeons, quail, pheasants and chickens under 6 months, must be blood-tested as required by the United States Department of Agriculture. 4-H’er’s may blood test more than the limit in a variety to have backup birds in case of sickness, molting, etc. If you have a chicken you are uncertain if you will show, get them blood tested so they can be entered if necessary. You cannot enter a chicken that has not been blood tested or does not have a certificate from an NPIP certified pullorum hatchery.
2. Animals must be entered into the Fair Entry database by June 15th . Failure to enter your animals will prevent exhibition at the fair.
3. No poultry will be accepted at the 4-H Fair that are not blood tested and properly registered on the approved form.
4. Waterfowl (ducks & geese), Turkeys and Guinea’s will be brought in the day of the poultry show and returned home after the poultry show. For 2025 Meat pens are to be brought in on Saturday before Showmanship. They are to be taken home afterward and if they are going to be auctioned, they should return to the fairgrounds at that time.
5. No poultry are to leave the fairgrounds before the posted livestock release time of Friday at 6am unless recommended by a vet and approved by the poultry leader and a member of the executive council.
6. All exhibitors will be responsible for the proper maintenance and cleaning of their assigned cages throughout the exhibition period and upon completion of the fair. Members must sign out with a leader or volunteer when leaving to verify cages are cleaned. If cages are not properly cleaned the 4-H’er will be asked to come back and clean or they will be charged a $10 cleaning fee.
7. The poultry leader should be notified when checking and weighing in if the meat pen is to be auctioned.
8. The weight ranges for meat birds to be eligible for auction is 3.5#-5.5# for Broilers and over 5.5#-10# for Fryers.
9. Ribbons will be awarded as placed for all entries.
10. Trophies/plaques will be awarded to Grand Champion and other sponsored classes.
11. Showmanship will be divided into age groups at the leader’s discretion. Participation is encouraged but not required. Regular meeting attendance should prepare for showmanship.
12. Exhibition Chicken Classes (Bantam & All Fancy Breeds)
* Maximum of 4 of any variety in any breed including ANY Other Variety of a breed not included in the American Standard of Perfection or Bantam Standard:
* One Pullet - One Cockerel
* One Hen - One Cock
* Variety includes: colors, feather type such as frizzle and comb types accepted within a breed of poultry. Example standard Leghorn chickens varieties include rose or single comb, colors such as white, light brown, dark brown, red etc and bantam leghorns can be frizzled feathered
* Meat Pens – broilers and Fryers
* Barnyard chickens: One cock or cockerel, one hen or pullet
1. Other poultry species
* Ducks 2 of each variety in a breed: one Drake, One Duck
* Geese 2 of each variety in a breed: one Gander, One Goose
* Turkeys 2 of each variety in a breed: One Tom, One Hen
* Guinea Fowl 2 of each variety in a breed: One Cock, One Hen
* Pigeons: One Cock, One Hen in any color in any breed in any class
* Quail and Pheasants placed according to entry at judges discretion