

POULTRY

The educational 4-H Poultry program and related activities (such as workshops and tours) provide youth with a fun and hands-on learning experience which develops both poultry subject skills (such as nutrition, housing, and health care) and life skills (such as responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communications).

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State Fair Entries: Check with the IN State Fair for sign up deadlines

without penalties. Project Requirements:

1. To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified

through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. For more information about in-person trainings in your county, please contact your County Extension Office. More information about YQCA is available at <http://yqca.org/>.

2. Birds entered in this show must have been enrolled on a poultry paper enrollment form by May 15th.
3. All Poultry must be entered at the Fair during the designated time. No late entries will be accepted.
4. Broiler/Roaster: the exhibit will consist of two (2) birds at least 6 weeks old and not exceeding 12 weeks of age. Birds must be a variety of the Cornish Cross Rock. This section is judged on meat production. The pair of birds should be virtually equal in size, weight, and condition. For purposes of equal size, it is recommended the pen consist of two cockerels or two pullets. In this class feather condition is less important than the quality of the carcass. Each pen will show for Champion and Reserve Champion Broiler/Roaster.
5. Birds must either have NPIP hatchery number or have blood testing documentation prior to arrival at the fair. If purchased from a retailer, receipt must be provided.
6. Poultry record sheets or record books must accompany the birds when entered.
7. Coops will be furnished.
8. Litter for poultry cages will be furnished. Woodchips are the only allowed material for litter.
9. Each 4-H Poultry Exhibitor is responsible for the care of their birds. The exhibitor is expected to provide feed and water daily or more often as needed. Changing the bird's environment causes stress, but with proper care given by the exhibitor, the birds will return from the Fair safe and sound.
10. Each 4-H exhibitor is responsible for cleaning his/her cages used during the Fair.
11. Only one (1) turkey per 4-H member may be entered.

"Young Fowl", "Cockerel" and "Pullet" refer to birds hatched after

July 31st of last year. "Mature Fowl", "Cock" and "Hen" refer to

birds hatched before August 1st of last year.

Description of Birds

Cock – male hatched before Aug 1st of preceding year. Cockerel – male

hatched after July 31st of the preceding year. Hen – female hatched before Aug 1st of the preceding

Pullet – female hatched after July 31 of the preceding year.

A.O.C. - All Other Classifications as recognized and identified in the APA Standard of Perfection.

LIVESTOCK AUCTION

ONLY 4-H Broilers are eligible for the 4-H Livestock Auction. Immediately following the show, exhibitors are to inform the superintendent of their desire to sell their pen in the livestock auction. 4-H members selling poultry in the livestock auction should report to the superintendent before the auction begins to determine sale order. If changes are made in the sale order, they may not be announced until just prior to

the sale. All birds sold through the auction become the property of the poultry appraiser and must leave the fairgrounds with the appraiser.

4-H SHOWMANSHIP

4-H'ers will demonstrate their ability to present birds that are clean, healthy, and manageable, along with demonstrating the proper techniques of display. This activity provides an opportunity to competitively demonstrate one's knowledge and skill in raising, conditioning, evaluating and handling poultry. See the 4-H manual, number 679, "4-H Poultry Showmanship," available from the County Extension office for details. Each poultry exhibitor is eligible to enter the showmanship contest with one of his/her own exhibited chickens. For the 4-H Fair, there will be two divisions:

- Junior Showmanship – for 4-H members in the 3rd through 7th grades on Jan. 1
- Senior Showmanship – for 4-H members in the 8th grade and above on Jan. 1

Each showmanship class shall compete separately for an individual plaque. Reserve Grand Champions for the above classes will receive a rosette ribbon.

4-H POULTRY POSTER EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT

To promote educational displays by 4-H members that enjoy developing a poster exhibit, the following classes shall be offered.

- Level 1 (Grades 3 thru 5 in January of current year)
- Level 2 (Grades 6 thru 8 in January of current year)
- Level 3 (Grades 9 thru 12 in January of current year)

All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include website links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended that this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which reference are listed.

Exhibit format:

Use a 22" x 28" poster board with a stiff backing and a clear protective covering. Posters must be displayed horizontally. A poster label secured from your leader should be attached to the lower right-hand corner of the poster exhibit. Exhibit suggestions are listed in your manual. Posters will be judged with all other project posters/exhibits.

4-H POULTRY SCIENCE DISPLAY

- Level 1 (Grades 3 thru 5 in January of current year)
- Level 2 (Grades 6 thru 8 in January of current year)
- Level 3 (Grades 9 thru 12 in January of current year)

Exhibit format:

Develop an idea and build it into an attractive display as well as learn the technical aspect of some part of the poultry industry. Poultry science displays must occupy a space no larger than 30" deep x 48" wide x 72" high. A poster label secured from your leader should be attached to the lower right-hand corner of the poster exhibit.

ILLUSTRATED TALK (Poultry and Rabbits)

- 4-H'ers must provide their 4-H Completion Card at entry of the contest to participate.

- An illustrated talk is offered at the Parke County and Indiana State Fair in poultry and rabbits.
- Entries for this event must notify the Parke County Extension Office by July 1st if you plan to participate in this event at the Parke County 4-H Fair.
- All participants must complete the Indiana State Fair Rabbit or Poultry entry form if you plan to participate in the contest at the State Fair. This completed form is to be submitted to the rabbit or poultry barn office, respective to the contest, at check-in. There is no Indiana State Fair entry fee for this event.
- Categories will be Novice (grades 3-4), Junior (grades 5-6), Intermediate (grades 7-8), Senior (grades 9-10), and Master (grades 11-12).
- An illustrated talk is for any 4-H member and allows the member to present a 5-7 minute speech to the audience on a topic related to that project while using props and/or a PowerPoint, Prezi, or other digital presentation.
- There is no interaction with the audience.
- Check the Parke County 4-H Fair Schedule and Indiana State Fair 4-H Premium book for the time, date, and location of this event.
- State Fair entries will be accepted through the county Purdue Extension office or on-site at the poultry or rabbit show
for the respective event. Check the Indiana State Fair 4-H Premium book for the time, location, and deadline to enter if entering on-site.
- Live animals that would be eligible to show in that project may be used in the illustrated talk.
- The State Fair Achievement Trip may be awarded by the judges to a maximum of the top two (2) blue merit Masters Category rabbit members and poultry members at the discretion of the judges. Trip winners must be of blue merit quality.