

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 Indiana 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 either the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program or the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care is taught in person in Parke County. YQCA can be completed online at yqcaprogram.org. For more information about in-person trainings in your county, please contact your County Extension Office.
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'ers who exhibit 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 AND/OR DISPLAY

See "Animal Education" project requirements. Animal Education projects should be checked in with all other static exhibits at the appointed time and will be displayed in the 4-H Building.