

Project Title: 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.

General Rules, Terms and Conditions for Livestock Projects

In the interest of all breeders of livestock, all exhibitors, the Parke County 4-H Council, the 4-H Fair Board, Inc. the 4-H program, and the agriculture industry, the following general rules, regulations and listing of prohibited activities are presented to maintain, insure and present a wholesome, high quality educational program. As the showcase of Parke County, it is imperative to promote and allow only ethical behavior by exhibitors at the Parke County 4-H Fair.

The Parke County 4-H Council and/or 4-H Youth Extension Educator or designee reserves the final and absolute right to interpret any and all terms, conditions, rules and regulations contained in any and all parts of the premium book and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard there to, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incidental to the Parke County 4-H Fair. They further reserve the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by general or department rules published in the handbook, to amend or add to these rules as in its judgment it may determine should any emergency exist and circumstances demand.

Fraud, deception, any prohibited activities, violations of general or departmental rules, or any activity determined to be improper or unethical by the 4-H Council, a Fair Board or a 4-H Youth Extension Educator shall not be allowed. Any exhibitor found in violation is subject to sanction and/or disqualification.

1. **TAMPERING, ALTERING, AND/OR MISREPRESENTATION** relative to any exhibit is prohibited. This prohibited activity includes but is not limited to breeding, age, ownership, and/or method of preparation or completion. (For example, with animal exhibits this includes, but is not limited to, coloring that alters or misrepresents breed characteristics, pumping, drenching, attaching hair/hair substitutes, or filling).
2. **PROHIBITED FITTING OF ANIMAL EXHIBITS** is defined as the administration of any substance (to include, but not limited to, drugs, blood, oils, air, steroids, chemical substances) or performance of any surgical procedure altering the animal's configuration or natural conformation of any part of the animal's body, or rendering its tissues unfit for human consumption is prohibited. Exceptions that are allowed to 1 and 2 above include hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, manipulation of normally attached hair, castration, branding, tattooing, ear notching, docking of tails on sheep and swine and coloring that does not alter or misrepresent breed characteristics. Exception: Paint is not allowed in the sheep project.
3. **NO EXHIBITOR MAY TAKE EXCEPTION TO THE DECISIONS** of an official and/or judge in an unprofessional and/or public manner nor shall any exhibitor or person representing the exhibitor interfere with or show disrespect to any judge or show official.
4. **PLACINGS OF EXHIBITS WILL NOT BE ADJUSTED** after the placing becomes official.
5. **COMPETITION PLACINGS DO NOT BECOME OFFICIAL UNTIL** the completion of the following, but not limited to, all postjudging re-weighing, animal identification and evaluation.
6. **ADDITIVES, SUPPLEMENTS, AND PASTES may be administered according to label use or veterinarian directive. Questions can be directed to Parke County 4-H Council, 4-H Youth Extension Educator, or Livestock Superintendent.**
7. 4-H Exhibitors are expected to follow the federally approved label when using drugs and feed additives. 4-H Market animals shall not contain any foreign substance both on day of show and at harvest. This includes drugs, steroids, or chemicals greater than standards established by the

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as permissible for sale for consumption as human food. Administration of these compounds must follow these guidelines:

- a). Feed additives may be used according to the label. Administration in excess of the label is prohibited. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to adhere to prescribed withdrawal times prior to harvest. If the withdrawal time is not met by the time the animal would normally be harvested by the packer, the exhibitor is to make other arrangements for harvest.
- b). Exhibitors are expected to use federally approved drugs to treat sick animals. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to adhere to prescribed withdrawal times prior to harvest. If the withdrawal time is not met by the time the animal would normally be harvested by the packer, the exhibitor is expected to make other arrangements for harvest. Drugs may not be administered to 4-H animal exhibits at the Parke County Fair, except those administered or given by a certified veterinarian.
- c). Administration of drugs to enhance gait or reduce lameness disqualifies the exhibit from participation in the Parke County Fair. Animals too lame to show will be withdrawn.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Requirement:

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.

Project Requirements and Guidelines

1. **Project books (1/3 per year) or record sheets may be completed for the project in place of exhibiting at the Parke County 4-H Fair for completion.**
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.
12. Each 4-H Exhibitor may also enter eggs for judging. Eggs should be exhibited as sets of 6 and will be judged by type and color.

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. These must be accompanied by a livestock record sheet to complete the poultry project.