

## 4-H/FFA POULTRY DEPARTMENT

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**General Rules for Animal Departments, Health Requirements for the Exhibition of Livestock, and Schedule of Activities are in the front of this book.**

1. All classes are as per the Standard Book of Perfection 2001.
2. All poultry must be owned and identified on a poultry identification form on file with the county Extension office for 4-H members and with FFA advisors for FFA members by May 10<sup>th</sup>. Intent to raise broilers must be on the identification sheet.
3. **Exhibitors must be present during judging unless an exception is granted by the superintendents' sole discretion prior to the start of the show.**
4. Wild turkey, guinea, ornamental fowl, pheasants, ducks, geese, wild ducks, bantam ducks and pigeons may be older than 1 year and may be purchased as adults, but not be older than 2 years. Any of the above listed birds must be owned by the member on or before May 10. All other poultry projects must be raised by the member from a chick, hatched after January 1.
5. **Exhibitors are limited to twelve poultry entries, plus two broiler pens and two Hy-Line Layer pens.** (Broilers and Hy-Line layers are a county project only). See entry options below.
6. **EXHIBIT ENTRY OPTIONS:** Twelve poultry entries per exhibitor may be a combination poultry species and must be in line with the following species limits.
  - Breeding Chickens (1-11):** Exhibitors may enter...  
A maximum of twenty-four breeding chickens  
No more than twelve of the 24 may be shown as individuals  
Two breeding pens of three in each class  
Two individual pullets and two individual cockerels per class  
One pen of production layers in class 731
  - Ducks (32-37):** Exhibitors may enter...  
Four pens (no more than 2 pens per class)
  - Domestic Goose / Turkey (38-42):** Exhibitors may enter...  
One market pen of three in class 38  
Two individual geese in classes 39-41  
Two individual turkeys
  - Ornamental Fowl (43):** Exhibitors may enter...  
One ornamental bird
  - Guineas / Other Wild Fowl (44-46):** Exhibitors may enter...  
Two breeding pens of three
  - Pigeons (47-50):** Exhibitors may enter...  
One Pigeon in each class
7. A breeding pen of three must be made up of two females and one male of the same breed.
8. Market pens are identical birds, same sex, breed and variety.
9. The individual classes of cockerel and pullet in each class may NOT be chosen from a pen of three.
10. Birds are required to be washed, dried and groomed before check-in.
11. All district and Clay County exhibitors are required to have health certificates. All poultry must come from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flock, or have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of the Clay County Fair.
12. For varieties refer to the American Standard of Perfection available for check-out from the Clay County Extension Office.
13. The following classes are not included in the American Standard of Perfection: 31, 36, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 55.1, & 56.1.
14. **Exhibitors must enter the poultry barn on the west side only through the center door when bringing in their exhibits for check-in.**
15. Exhibitors will be responsible for proper care of poultry and daily cleaning of cages. Herdsmanship judging will take place.

16. Habitat is encouraged for wild or nervous birds. The material must be kept fresh and clean.
17. Cages will be provided by the Fair Board. Padlocks should be provided by the exhibitor.
18. Purple, blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded. Only birds which receive a purple ribbon will return for overall championship judging.
19. **All pens must be cleaned by exhibitors** and checked by a poultry superintendent before release form is issued.

### **COUNTY & DISTRICT ROOSTER CROWING CONTEST**

1. The Rooster Crowing Contest will be held on the first Saturday and Sunday of fair from 9:00am to 9:20am both days.
2. Only birds entered in the 4-H & FFA Poultry show may be entered. No entry fee required.
3. An exhibitor can only enter one rooster in the contest. The same rooster must be used both days. Exhibitors may ask for an exception if zero or minimal crows were recorded on the first day and may only exchange eligible roosters with approve of a poultry committee member prior to the start of the finals.
4. Night coverings are recommended and are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
5. Exhibitors are responsible to bring their roosters from the poultry barn stalling area to the cages designated for the contest. Exhibitors must be present both days of the contest to be eligible to win prizes. (No substitute show persons unless an exception is granted by the sole discretion of the supervisors prior to the start of the show)
6. Any ties will be “crowed off” by rules set by the committee. Any special cases not covered by the rules will be acted upon by the general committee in charge of the contest.
7. Judges will be selected by the superintendent. Judges will be assigned to record the number of crows during the contest.
8. Roosters will be penned in individual coops. Poultry exhibitors may use any method to get their rooster to crow (talking, providing food, whistle, etc.) without touching the bird.
9. Exhibitors should wear 4-H or FFA attire during the contest.

### **SATURDAY POULTRY SHOW**

#### **MARKET PEN OF DUCKS**

37 - Market Pen of Ducks (Pen of three heavy weight ducks only). Must be 3 identical birds, same sex and same breed. One entry only.

#### **HEAVY WEIGHT DUCK CLASS**

Breeds in this class include: PEKIN; AYLESBURY; ROUEN; MUSCOVY

32 – Breeding Pen of Three hatched after Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

#### **MEDIUM WEIGHT DUCK CLASS**

Breeds in this class include: CAYUGA; CRESTED; SWEDISH; BUFF

33 – Breeding Pen of Three hatched after Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

#### **LIGHT WEIGHT DUCK CLASS**

Breeds in this class include: RUNNER; CAMPBELL; MAGPIE

34 – Breeding Pen of Three hatched after Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

#### **BANTAM DUCK CLASS**

Breeds in this class include: CALL; EAST INDIE; MALLARD

35 - Breeding Pen of Three

#### **WILD DUCK CLASS**

36 – Breeding Pen of Three – any North American waterfowl not recognized by the Standard of Perfection

#### **MARKET PEN OF GEESE – THREE BIRDS**

38 - MARKET PEN OF GEESE - Pen of three heavy weight geese. Must be three identical birds, same sex and variety. One entry only.

HEAVY WEIGHT GOOSE CLASS – One Bird

Breeds in this class include: TOULOUSE; EMBDEN (Emden); AFRICAN

39 - Heavy Weight Goose

MEDIUM WEIGHT GOOSE CLASS – One Bird

Breeds in this class include: SEBASTOPOL; PILGRIM; AMERICAN BUFF;

SADDLEBACK POMERANIAN

40 - Medium Weight Goose

LIGHT WEIGHT GOOSE CLASS – One Bird

Breeds in this class include: CHINESE (CHINA); TUFTED ROMAN; CANADA (common); EGYPTIAN

41 - Light Weight Goose

TURKEY (DOMESTIC) CLASS - One Bird

42 - Breeds in this class include: Bronze; Narragansett; Bourdon Red; White Holland; Royal Palm; Slate; White; Black; Beltsville Small White

ORNAMENTAL FOWL CLASS - One Bird

43 - Breeds in this group include: Blue Peacock; Any Other Breed of Peacock; Turkey (Wild)

GUINEAS CLASS – Breeding Pen of Three

44 - Breeds in this class include: Blue Corale; Lavender; Pearl; Purple; White (Judged in the cage)

OTHER WILD FOWL CLASS – Breeding Pen of Three

45 - Breeds in this class include: Chukar Partridge; Quail; Any Other Breed of Ornamental Fowl (Judged in the cage)

PHEASANT CLASS – Breeding Pen of Three

46 - Breeds in this class include: Golden; Lady Amherst; Reeves; Silver; Chinese Ringneck; White; Green Mutant; Buff; Black Necked; Any Other Breed of Pheasant (Judged in the cage)

WILD BIRD DISPLAY

Entries in classes 35 (Bantam Ducks), 36 (Wild Ducks), 44 (Guineas), 45 (Other Wild Fowl), and 46 (Pheasants) may create a wildlife display in the poultry cages and compete for champion wildlife display. Exhibitors should sign-up during fair check-in. No entry fee required for the wildlife display. Criteria for judging are overall appearance and suitability for species.

PIGEON CLASS

Young pigeons must be born in the current year and must be banded with seamless band at or before seven days of age. Ready to show at about 6 or 7 weeks of age. Old pigeons must be one year or older.

Pigeons will be shown as individuals. No pens of three. Pigeons will be judged in the cages. Each exhibitor is allowed to exhibit one pigeon in each class. Pigeons may be caged as pairs, unless separation is deemed necessary.

47 - Young Hen (any breed) - Hatched by exhibitor

48 - Young Cock (any breed) Hatched by exhibitor

49 - Old Hen (any breed) Purchased or hatched by exhibitor

50 - Old Cock (any breed) - Purchased or hatched by exhibitor

BROILERS 55.1—COUNTY EXHIBITORS ONLY

Arrangements will be made by the Clay County Extension Office for a one group hatch. These will be sold to 4-H poultry members who want to compete in this class. Minimum order will be 25 birds. Project members should include broilers on poultry identification forms and be on file at the Clay County Extension Office by May 10. Chicks will be distributed on a date to be announced. At fair entry time each exhibitor will be allowed to enter two pens of three broilers. Upon fair entry each bird in the pen will be weighed for competition for best gain.

County broilers may arrive Friday between 5:00-7:00pm or Saturday between 7:00-8:30am. Exhibitors must enter broilers through the west door of the show arena. Birds must be checked in and weighed by the poultry committee before stalled in the poultry barn.

County broilers will be released after the show on Saturday, to be complete by 6:00pm. Cages must be clean before release papers will be given.

HYLINE 56.1

County exhibitors only Arrangements will be made by the Clay County Extension Office in cooperation with Hy-Line International for one group hatch. 4-H & FFA poultry project members who want to compete in the class will be given 15 chicks on a specified distribution date.

Project members should include Hy-Line layers on poultry identification forms and be on file at the Clay County Extension Office by May 10. At fair entry time each exhibitor will be allowed to enter two pens of three layers. Judging criteria for the layer class will include: quality of and uniformity of birds and exhibitors knowledge of commercial layer production (i.e. birds, eggs, nutrition, environment, etc.)

#### LAYER PRODUCTION CLASS - PULLET PEN OF THREE

31 - Pen of three layers (pullets) of the same breed, purebred or commercial. Birds must be hatched after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Layers should be at least five months old and at or near production. (Pullets donated to exhibitors for the Hy-Line layer class are not eligible for this class.)

### SUNDAY POULTRY SHOW

#### STANDARD BREED CLASSES

##### AMERICAN CLASS

Breeds in this class include: PLYMOUTH ROCK; DOMINIQUE; WHYANDOTTES; JAVAS; RHODE ISLAND REDS; RHODE ISLAND WHITES; BUCKEYES; CHANTECLERS; JERSEY GIANTS; LAMONAS; NEW HAMPSHIRE; HOLLANDS; DELAWARES.

00.1 - Breeding Pen of Three

10.2 - Cockerel

20.3 - Pullet

##### ASIATIC CLASS

Breeds in this class include: BRAHMAS; COCHINS; LANGSHANS

01.1 - Breeding Pen of Three

11.2 - Cockerel

21.3 - Pullet

##### ENGLISH CLASS

Breeds in this class include: DORKINGS; REDCAPS; CORNISH; ORPINGTONS; SUSSEX; AUSTRALORPS

02.1 - Breeding Pen of Three

12.2 - Cockerel

22.3 - Pullet

##### MEDITERRANEAN CLASS

Breeds in this class include: LEGHORNS; MINORCAS; SPANISH; ANDALUSIANS; ANCONAS; SICILIAN BUTTERCUPS; CATALANAS

03.1 - Breeding Pen of Three

13.2 - Cockerel

23.3 - Pullet

##### CONTINENTAL CLASS

Breeds in this class include: BARNEVELDERS; HAMBURGS; CAMPINES; LAKENVELDERS; WELSUMERS; POLISH NON BEARDED; POLISH BEARDED; HOUDANS; CREVECOEURS; LAFLECHE; FAVEROLLES;

04.1 - Breeding Pen of Three

14.2 - Cockerel

24.3 - Pullet

##### ALL OTHER STANDARD BREEDS CLASS

MODERN GAMES; OLD ENGLISH GAMES; SUMATRAS; MALAYS; CUBALAYAS; PHOENIX; YOKOHAMAS; SHAMOS; SULTANS; FRIZZLES; NAKED NECKS; ARAUCANAS; AMERAUCANAS

06.1 - Breeding Pen of Three

16.2 - Cockerel

26.3 - Pullet

#### BANTAM BREED CLASSES

##### GAME BANTAM CLASS

Breeds in this class include: MODERN GAMES; OLD ENGLISH GAMES

05.1 - Breeding Pen of Three

15.2 - Cockerel

25.3 - Pullet

##### SINGLE COMB CLEAN LEGGED BANTAM CLASS

Breeds in this class include: ANCONA; ANDALUSIANS; AUSTRALORPS; CAMPINES; CATALANAS; DELAWARES; DORKINGS; DUTCH; FRIZZLES; HOLLANDS; JAPANESE; JAVAS; JERSEY GIANTS; LAKENVELDERS; LAMONAS; LEGHORNS; MINORCAS;

NAKED NECKS; NEW HAMPSHIRE; ORPINGTONS; PHOENIX; PLYMOUTH ROCKS; RHODE ISLAND REDS; SPANISH; SUSSEX;

- 06.1 - Breeding Pen of Three
- 16.2 - Cockerel
- 26.3 - Pullet

#### ROSE COMB CLEAN LEGGED BANTAM CLASS

Breeds in this class include: ANCONAS; BELGIAN BEARDED D'ANVERS; DOMINIQUE; DORKINGS; HAMBURGS; LEGHORNS; MINORCAS; REDCAPS; RHODE ISLAND REDS; ROSECOMBS; SEBRIGHTS; WYANDOTTES

- 07.1 - Breeding Pen of Three
- 17.2 - Cockerel
- 27.3 - Pullet

#### ALL OTHER COMBS CLEAN LEGGED BANTAM CLASS

Breeds in this class include: AMERAUCANA; ARAUCANAS; BUCKEYES; CHANTECLERS; CORNISH; CREVECOEURS; CUBALAYAS; HOUDANS; LEFLECHE; MALAYAS; POLISH; SHAMOS; SICILIAN BUTTERCUPS; SUMATRA; YOKOHAMAS.

- 08.1 - Breeding Pen of Three
- 18.2 - Cockerel
- 28.3 - Pullet

#### FEATHER LEGGED BANTAM CLASS

Breeds in this class include: BOOTED; BELGIAN BEARDED D'UCCLE; BRAHAMAS; COCHIN; FAVEROLLES; FRIZZLES; LANGSHANS; SILKIES; SULTANS

- 09.1 - Breeding Pen of Three
- 19.2 - Cockerel
- 29.3 - Pullet

### 4-H & FFA POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

(Starting Sunday's Poultry Show)

1. 4-H & FFA exhibitors competing in 4-H & FFA poultry shows at the Clay County Fair are eligible to enter the showmanship contest. 4-H & FFA members may enter the showmanship contest with one of their own birds from any of the poultry classes in which they have entries.
2. County exhibitors should fill out a showmanship entry card and submit with fair entries.
3. District exhibitors should sign-up for showmanship at check-in.
4. No entry fee is required for showmanship.
5. Judging criteria will include:
  - Exhibitor – appearance, attitude, interest
  - Exhibitor – knowledge of bird/breed and showing skills
  - Animal – condition, cleanliness, presentation
6. Participation premium will be awarded to all county exhibitors. No premium is awarded to district exhibitors.
7. Four showmanship divisions will be offered:
  - County Junior – Exhibitors in grades 5-8 at fair time
  - County Senior – Exhibitors in grades 9 and up at fair time.
  - District Junior – Exhibitors in grades 5-8 at fair time
  - District Senior – Exhibitors in grades 9 and up at fair time.
8. The top two exhibitors in each division will be recognized.
9. At the end of the show, County division winners will compete for the title of “Overall County Showman.” A traveling showmanship trophy will be awarded to the overall winner in memory of, former poultry judge, Larry Peterson. The recipient of the trophy is responsible for adding his/her own name plate to the trophy before the subsequent fair. Please contact Spencer Trophy and Awards to add a matching name plate.
10. At the end of the show on Sunday, Best Overall birds from Saturday and Sunday will compete for “Best of Show”.

#### **4-H/FFA POULTRY SALE**

1. County 4-H/FFA broiler project exhibitors may take part in a project premium auction on the final Saturday of fair.
2. Exhibitors wishing to participate in the auction must sign-up with poultry committee members during release on Tuesday. Only those who sign-up will be listed in the sale catalog.
3. Exhibitors must be present at the sale to receive a project premium. Poultry exhibits will not be present at the sale.
4. Individual exhibitors will be allowed to enter the sale ring once.
5. Sale order will be broiler champion & reserve, top gaining broiler, followed by remaining exhibitors. (Ribbon results will be listed in the sale catalog.)