

Poultry & Misc. Fowl – Division K

POULTRY & BIRDS

All poultry exhibited must come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks, or have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition and the test must have been performed by an authorized tester.

This includes egg and meat type chickens, turkeys, water fowl, game birds, ratites (emus and Ostrich) and cassowaries.

1. State Health Rules require:

- a. Poultry purchased **this year** from NPIP hatcheries would meet the health requirement but exhibitor must request a **certificate** (V.S. 9-3 or equivalent) signed by hatchery personnel at the time of purchase and bring this form to entry day at the Fair.
- b. Home-grown poultry, birds hatched prior to December 31 of last year and birds without certificates must be tested yearly by an authorized tester in advance of the Fair. Watch the 4-H newsletter for testing dates and contact Merlyn or Mary Harringa. Bands for tested birds will cost \$1.00 each. No testing will be done on entry day. Untested birds will be refused entry.
- c. **All poultry should be dusted May 1 and June 1 for mites and lice.**

2. All exhibitors are to read and follow all Livestock general rules, Health Requirements, Code of Ethics, Showmanship and Herdsmanship Guidelines in the front of the Fair Book. All poultry exhibitors must be Food Safety & Quality Assurance (FSQA) certified by May 15 of current year.

3. Entries. Exhibitors may show a maximum of three (3) entries of the same color of the same breed in each class. Poultry must be selected from exhibitor's project and be in possession by May 15, except Class K4, Market Pen. Complete Livestock/ Small Animal Entry form with all requested information and turn into the EO with bedding fee by the due date. Substitutions will be allowed only at Superintendent's discretion. Limit of 14 poultry entries (not including Showmanship). A production or market pen counts as one entry, and these birds may not show in any other class.

4. Bedding Fee. A bedding fee of \$2.00 per cage is due to the EO with the *Livestock/Small Animal Entry Form* by the due date. No refunds will be given.

5. Check-In. Enter poultry at south end of Rabbit and Poultry Barn during designated time. (See schedule in front of this Fair Book.) Parking allowed only long enough to unload. All birds will be checked for health, pullorum typhoid certificates or leg bands. Sign up for herdsmanship and complete paperwork before birds are placed in pens. One exhibitor per pen. Animals with lice or disease will be sent home. Complete stall card including breed.

6. Criteria – Age guidelines:

- Cocks/hens are male/female chickens 1 year or older.
- Cockerels/pullets are male/female chickens less than 1 yr old.
- Pheasants and quail require proof that the eggs were hatched by a person with a Game Breeder's Permit from the DNR.

7. Water and Feed Containers. Exhibitors must take care of their own exhibits daily. Feed containers will be examined by Superintendents, who will request exhibitor to replace unsuitable containers. Water containers will be provided.

8. Herdsmanship. Rules pertaining only to poultry:

- Club identification must be above cages.
- Water must be in pens at all times. Container can be tin, heavy plastic, crock, etc.
- If feed is left in cage, container must be hooked on side of cage. Keep feed beneath cages in a wood or plastic container with a lid. All items under cage must be neat and orderly.
- **Wire cages and carriers may be stored neatly under pens.**
- Manure – During Fair leave droppings under cages.
- Remove eggs from cages

- Barn host shall encourage the public to keep hands out of cages. Read safety rules posted outside your area. Keep host area tidy. **See *General Herdsmanship Guidelines for other duties.***

- 9. Show Day.** Classes may be combined or separated depending upon number of entries. All exhibitors shall wear an exhibitor number on the front of their 4-H/FFA white shirt while showing poultry.
- 10. Supervising Building.** All poultry exhibitors will sign up for a time to supervise the Rabbit and Poultry exhibits area during the fair. Responsibilities include monitoring exhibits, welcoming visitors, and cleaning and maintaining the area. This is a citizenship activity for your records.
- 11. Release.** Exhibits must remain in place until release time at 5 pm on Sunday. Animals must be picked up between 5:00 – 6:00 pm on Sunday. Premium money will be withheld if exhibits leave early or are not picked up by 6:00 pm on Sunday. All exhibitors are expected to help with clean up of the Poultry Area. Lift cages up and remove manure and bedding and put in manure pile.
- 12. Ribbons.** Ribbons will be awarded based upon the quality of exhibit and will be given at the discretion of the judge. Exhibitors need to know the breed of poultry/fowl. No class will automatically receive any of the awards offered. Purple, Blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded, if deserving.
- 13. Sale.** No “For Sale” signs are to be posted until after show. Sale cannot take place until check out.

Egg Production

K 1 One dozen eggs

First Place One Dozen Eggs – Trophy

Production & Market Pens (these birds can not show in any other class) – All three should be the same breed/or cross and color.

K 2 Production Hens (more than 1 year of age) –
Pen of three hens (limit 3 pens)

First Place Production Hens – Trophy

K 3 Production Pullets (less than 1 year of age) –
Pen of three pullets (limit 3 pens)

First Place Production Pullets – Trophy

K 4 Market Pen – pen of three (3), may be fryers, broilers, or
roasters up to 8 lbs. (live weight) per bird. Limit 3 pens.

First Place Market Pen Poultry – Trophy

Chickens

K 5 Bantam – Cock

K 6 Bantam – Hen

K 7 Bantam – Cockerel

K 8 Bantam – Pullet

First Place (classes K5–K8) – Class Winner Ribbon

Champion Bantam Chicken – Trophy

Reserve Champion Bantam Chicken – Trophy

K 9 Standard – Cock

K 10 Standard – Hen

K 11 Standard – Cockerel

K 12 Standard – Pullet

First Place (classes K9–K12) – Class Winner Ribbon

Champion Standard Chicken – Trophy

Reserve Champion Standard Chicken – Trophy

Other Fowl

K 13 Commercial Duck – Pen of one (1) hen or drake

First Place Commercial Duck

K 14 Fancy Duck – pen of one (1), hen or drake

First Place Fancy Duck

K 15 Fancy or Commercial Turkey – Pen of one (1), hen or tom

First Place Turkey – *Trophy*

K 16 Fancy or Commercial Goose – Pen of one (1), goose or gander

First Place Goose - *Trophy*

K 17 Miscellaneous Fowl – Pen of one, male or female

First Place Miscellaneous Fowl - *Trophy*

K18 Pigeon - Pen of one male or female

First Place Pigeon – *Trophy*

Showmanship

Showmanship scores will be determined on the following basis:

- Demonstration before a judge
- Oral questions from a judge

K 27 Senior Poultry Showmanship – ***Plaque***

K 28 Intermediate Poultry Showmanship – ***Plaque***

K 29 Junior Poultry Showmanship – ***Plaque***

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