

# 2009 Linn County Fair



## Poultry Department

**Co-Superintendents**— Jackie Bolken and Georgia Carr

**Committee**—Michael Bolken, Matthew Bolken, Desi Carr, David Day, Josh Fangman, Austin Himes

**Judging**—Thursday July 9, 2009 9:00am in the small animal barn

Check in: 3-4pm Wednesday July 8, 2009

**Rules** (Note: All General Rules and rules for Animal Division apply)

1. Entries are limited to 3 birds in each category with a total of 12 entries per person. Exhibitors are encouraged to check chicken sale catalogs for examples of entries prior to check-in time. There will be a \$.25 per bird bedding fee.
2. Poultry will be judged according to the American Standard of Perfection. General health and care will be taken into consideration. The meat futurity birds will be judged on meat qualities, health and uniformity. Pens will be weighed upon arrival.
3. One first place trophy will be given per breed category. Exhibitor must receive a blue ribbon to receive the trophy.
4. Cages will be provided for birds. Exhibitors are invited to decorate their birds' cages if they choose. Decorations should not interfere with the bird's space or create a potential hazard to the animal.
5. EACH 4-H MEMBER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS/HER BIRDS. 4-H member must be present when their birds are judged. Substitute showman: See general rules.
6. All chickens should be entered as: Cock - male chicken 1 year or older; Hen - female chicken 1 year old or older; Cockerel - male chicken less than 1 year old; Pullet - female chicken less than 1 year old. Entries under the age of 8 weeks will not be able to be shown at the fair with the exception of the meat futurity birds.
7. All entries must provide category, breed and class information. Example: Category-Standard or Bantam, Breed - Barred Rock, Class - Pullet.
8. Exhibitors will receive premiums for their top 10 placings in the combined Breed Categories. Only ribbons will be given for any additional placings.
9. Give your poultry enough food and water at adequate intervals, especially plenty of water during hot temperatures. (See Iowa Youth Code of Ethics)
10. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning out cages immediately after birds are released. No early removal. (See General Rule #11)
11. Each exhibitor will be allowed to sell one entry at the fair auction on Monday July 13, 2009.
12. **All exhibits must have a certificate stating that the poultry were purchased from a US Pullorum-Typhoid clean flock within the calendar year or pullorum test birds within 90 days prior to show by an authorized tester. There are no exceptions.**
13. Exhibitors need to keep their areas clean and swept during their stay at the fair.
14. One pen of meat birds entry in the Meat Bird Futurity is allowed per exhibitor. All meat birds shown at the fair must be purchased through the Linn County Poultry Committee and have original wing tags.

All classes will be divided into four parts:

A: Pullet, B: Cockrel, C: Hen, D: Cock (Except for class #148 and #150)

### Classes in order of showing

#### Breed Categories

- 141—Bantam Clean Legged
- 142—Bantam Feather Footed
- 143—Egg Layers
- 144—Standard Breed
- 145—Heavy Feathered Footed
- 146—Standard Crested
- 147—Rare and Unusual
- 148—Pairs
- 149—Homeraised
- 150—Meat Bird Futurity
- 151— Duck – Standard Breed
- 152— Duck – Light Breed
- 153—Goose
- 154—Turkey
- 155—Other (pigeons, quail, pheasant, guinea, etc.)

Reserve and Best of Show will be chosen at conclusion.

\*\*Committee reserves right to split sub-classes\*\*

#### Potluck Lunch:

A potluck luncheon for the exhibitors and their families will be served following the Bird Show. The Poultry Committee will provide sandwiches. Exhibitors are asked to bring side dishes and desserts.

#### Showmanship Classes

This will be based on general knowledge and handling of poultry.

- 156A—Seniors - Grades 9-12
- 156B—Intermediates - Grades 7-8
- 156C—Juniors - Grades 4-6

\*\*\*The Awards Ceremony will follow at the conclusion of the Showmanship Classes. Birds will be released after the Awards Ceremony.\*\*\*

#### Avian Quiz Bowl

The Avian Quiz Bowl will be held on Wednesday July 8 at 4:30pm in the Poultry Building. The Bowl will consist of a quiz for Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels. The questions will be age appropriate. The announcement of the winners will occur during the Awards Ceremony following the show on Thursday.

#### Chicken Chip Bingo Game

Following the Awards Ceremony, the "Best of Show" bird will participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Chicken Chip Bingo Game. Only poultry exhibitors will be allowed to participate. Prizes will be awarded to the exhibitor with the winning square.