2012 Linn County Fair

Poultry Department

Superintendent—Jackie Bohlken

Judging—Sunday July 1, 2012 9:00am • Indoor Arena
  Check-in—1:00-4:00pm Saturday June 30, 2012 • Indoor Arena
  Poultry must be checked-in by 4:00pm — NO Exceptions
  Poultry will be released after the entire show is completed. No early outs. Poultry must be out immediately following clean-up.

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

1. Exhibitors must be present when their birds are being judged. Substitute showman: See general rules.
2. 4-H’ers may exhibit up to 10 entries (a Pair is 1 entry). Exhibitors need to check poultry catalogs and poultry websites to properly identify their birds before check-in day.
3. Exhibitors will receive premiums for their top 10 placings.
4. All birds should be entered as: Cock—a male chicken hatched before Jan. 1, Hen—a female chicken hatched before Jan. 1, Cockerel—a male chicken hatched on or after Jan. 1, Pullet—a female chicken hatched on or after Jan. 1.
5. All birds will be judged according to the American Standard of Perfection, general health and care will be taken into strong consideration.
6. Cages will be provided for birds. 4-H’ers are invited to decorate their birds’ cages if they choose. Decoration should not interfere with the bird’s space or create a potential hazard to the animal.
7. Give your poultry enough food and water at adequate intervals, especially plenty of water during hot temperatures. See Iowa Youth Code of Ethics.
8. Showmanship is judged throughout your birds stay at fair by committee and judge. Part of the showmanship is the care and respect you give to your birds and others.
9. All poultry must be tested for Pullorum-typhoid by an authorized tester within 90 days prior to the fair. Which is the protocol established by the Iowa State Vet, Dr. David Schmitt.
10. All exhibitors are responsible for cleaning out cage and cleaning up barn as soon as birds are released. No early removals.
11. All birds must comply with health requirements setup by committee, Vet, and Judge.
12. Exhibitors need to keep their areas clean and swept during their stay at the fair. Please keep aisle clean for the public coming through the barn.

All classes will be divided into four parts:
A: Pullet, B: Cockrel, C: Hen, D: Cock (Except for the Pairs Class #149)

Breed Classes in order of showing
141—American
142—Asiatic
143—English
144—Mediterranean
145—Continental
146—All other Standard Breeds
147—Commercial Egg Production
148—Mix Breed (Only Mixed Breed)
149—Pairs (All Pairs: Chickens, Ducks, Geese, Etc.)
150—Bantam Game
151—Bantam Single Comb Clean Legged
152—Bantam Rosecomb
153—Any Other Clean Legged Bantam
154—Bantam Feather Legged
155—Duck-Light & Bantam Breed
156—Duck-Med. Breed
157—Duck-Heavy Breed
158—Turkey
159—Geese
160—Other (Pheasant, Quail, Pigeon, Etc.)

Showmanship Classes
This will be based on general knowledge and handling of poultry.
161A—Advanced
161B—Seniors - Grades 9-12
161C—Intermediates - Grades 7-8
161D—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 Saturday June 30, at 4:30pm in the Indoor Arena. 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 Sunday.