

## **DEPARTMENT 15 - POULTRY**

Check in Sunday July 18, 8 AM-12 PM @ Small Animal Arena

Senior Fair Board: Wayne Arnold



Junior Fair Board: Connor Collins, Jenna Goddard, Jonah Goddard, Kaley Moser, Robbie Bennett

### **Rules**

- The Small Animal Barn will be closed and locked every evening of the Fair at 11 PM and opened at 6 AM.
- All breeding poultry will be released Friday evening after sale.
- Judging for market poultry will be held on Wednesday, July 21 @ 8 AM in the Small Animal Arena. Breeding poultry will be judged on Wednesday, July 21 following market at 8 AM.
- All Junior Fair poultry must be brought to the fairgrounds on July 18 from 8 AM to 12 PM. All meat chickens will be leg banded and weighed prior to entering the barn.
- Breeding birds will be expected to come into the breeding barn from 8 AM to 12 PM only. All breeding birds that are over one year of age or did not come from an NPIP source will not be blood tested. Birds under one year of age do not need to be tested if they have hatchery papers at the time of check-ins. Turkeys will be checked in at the same time as the chickens.
- All birds will need hatchery papers. This includes turkeys and meat chickens.
- No birds can enter the barn or be placed in their pen until they are checked in and hatchery papers are reviewed.
- There will be no re-weighs after birds have already passed over official scale. All birds must weigh between 5 and 7 pounds. Meat birds weighing less than 5 pounds and over 7 pounds are considered underweight and overweight, respectively, and therefore ineligible for the champion drive and premium sale.
- Birds may not be swapped out after they have already been weighed. If a bird dies or is injured, the member may not be provided another bird from home or by another member. Weigh-ins and check-ins are final, it is the member's responsibility to insure that the birds they bring meet their weight specifications at weigh-ins and that they are well provided for during fair week.
- Birds are expected to remain in the barn until Friday during the fair. Meat pens will be loaded out following the conclusion of the small animal sale. Barn will be locked during load-out of the sale animals. Exhibitors are responsible for daily care of their project until the official fair release date for that project.
- No icing of market chickens or turkeys.
- Skillathon for poultry is July 8 from 5-7 PM at the Extension Office. Exhibitor must attend and complete skillathon in order to show.
- Hatch Dates are March 3 for turkeys and June 2 for chickens. Birds must be hatched on these dates or afterwards, not before.
- Exhibitors may exhibit according to the following guidelines: (Note: This is by project, not years in 4-H, or age)
  - Poultry I - exhibit 1 to 4 birds and/or Pen of 3.
  - Poultry II - exhibit up to 6 single birds and/or Pen of 3.
  - Poultry Advanced - exhibit up to 9 birds and/or Pen of 3.
  - Meat Pen of Three
- The American Poultry Association's Standard of Perfection will be the guide for judging all standard breed breeding stock.

- Breeding stock will be divided into a minimum of five classes: Standard Bred Female, Standard Bred Male, Bantam Female, Bantam Male, and the Home Crossbred Class. All breeding stock bought or raised on the farm and not purchased from hatchery will not be pullorum tested at the fairgrounds. Standard breed pen of 2 pullets must be laying.
- The Standard and Bantam classes will be split into smaller classes if there are ten birds of any one category as outlined in the Standard of Perfection until the class is composed of a single breed unless it reduces the original class to less than ten birds.
- First and second place will be awarded in all of the breeding classes and Overall Champion and Reserve male, and an Overall Champion and Reserve Female will be selected from these.
- A copy of the proof of purchase with a clearly marked hatch date for meat pens must be presented at weigh-in. All birds used for meat pens must originate from a NPIP (National Poultry Improvement Plan) certified hatchery.
- Birds must be bred by Fayette County Exhibitors and not be a recognized breed in the Standard of Perfection to be entered in the Home Crossbred Class.
- An interview by the judge about the birds' value and history, and the condition of the specimen will be considered in awarding the placing in the Home Crossbred Class.
- Grooming time for washing poultry must be completed at least 2 hours before the start of the show.

Classes:

- 297. Chickens – standard breed (rooster)
- 298A. Chickens – standard breed (hen)
- 298B. Chickens – standard breed (pullet) – Pen of 2 – Must be laying
- 299. Chickens – bantam breed (rooster)
- 300. Chickens – bantam breed (hen)
- 301. Chickens – Home Crossbred Class
- 302. Pen of 3 – Market
- 303. Ducks
- 304. Geese
- 305. Pigeons
- 306. Guinea

- All meat pens will be classified as commercial and the following breeds of chickens will be considered: Barred Rock, New Hampshire, White Rock, Buffed Rock, Wyandotte, Cornish, & Cornish Cross, which is preferred.
- Meat pens of three must be cockerels.
- All meat pens of 3 chickens must weigh between 5 - 7 lbs. and be under 7 weeks of age in order to show.
- Members taking the pullet project will take two birds to exhibit; each bird must be laying at the time of the show and must be under the age of one year.

**Poultry Showmanship**

July 19 @ Small Animal Arena

Classes:

- 307. Senior Showmanship - grades 9 & above
- 308. Intermediate Showman - grades 7 & 8
- 309. Junior Showman - grades 5 & 6
- 310. Beginner Showman - grades 3 & 4

## **Turkeys:**

- Turkeys must have been hatched on or after March 3, 2021. All turkeys must originate from a NPIP (National Poultry Improvement Plan) certified hatchery.
- Only Toms will be allowed to show and sell.
- Turkeys must arrive at the Fairground on July 18 from 8 AM – 12 PM. All turkeys will be leg banded and weighed before entering the barn. Toms must weigh not less than 30 pounds and not more than 45 pounds at weigh-in.
- Members may show 2 and sell 1 turkey.

## Classes:

311. Turkeys

312. Turkey Showmanship