2024 POULTRY
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All poultry entries must be pre-entered at the Extension office by the deadline. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of eight live exhibition poultry in classes G07002-G070032 and G070036-G070039. An exhibitor may also enter a maximum of two pens of each production class (i.e. Egg Production, Broilers, or Production Turkeys) for a total of 14 live entries. There is no limit to the number of live exhibition entries per class (more than one poultry can be shown in the same class, but the total number of live exhibition poultry per exhibitor cannot exceed eight and total number of production classes cannot exceed six). Pens of three will count as one entry. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of two pens of three broilers, two production turkeys, and two pens of three egg production. All entries in each class will be presented to the judge together. Each exhibitor is expected to be present while judging is taking place. The exhibitor will take the poultry to the designated judging area where it will be judged according to its entered class. To be eligible for exhibition, all poultry entries should represent one of the classes listed in the American Standard of Perfection, unless otherwise stated.

Only two substitutions to pre-entry registration per exhibitor are permitted on fair check in day. These substitutions can be substitutions to the exhibitor's entries for Outstanding Poultry Award. Other substitutions to the Outstanding Poultry Award designated classes are not allowed. All poultry shown must be on the ID sheet. All entries excluding egg quality, broilers, egg production pens and production turkeys will be brought to the fair on poultry check in day and remain on premises during the entire fair. Egg quality, broilers, egg production pens and production turkeys will be brought, judged and released the same day as the poultry show, but the entry must be confirmed during poultry check in. All poultry must be owned by the exhibitor by June 15. All poultry shall be free of and show no symptoms of disease and may be asked to be removed from premises if symptoms exist.

Exhibitor that are 11 years old and older are eligible to compete for the Outstanding Poultry Exhibitor Award. Each exhibitor will designate up to 9 classes on the Pre-Entry form to be scored toward the Outstanding Poultry Exhibitor Award. An exhibitor's Showmanship placing will be an optional 10th class that will be included in the overall score to determine Outstanding Poultry Exhibitor Award.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Training: Exhibitors in beef, dairy cattle, goats, sheep, swine, and market poultry (including production turkeys) must have received Quality Assurance training or testing through a UNL Extension program by the date set by the Extension Office. Anyone not completing the Q.A. training will be ineligible to exhibit at the Buffalo County Fair. Completion of training will be certified by a Buffalo County Extension Educator.

Production Birds — Crossbred or purebred egg production bird entries shall consist of three pullets or hens. Egg production pullets or hens will be judged for production qualities only and need not necessarily conform to breed standards. Each pen of three will count as one entry on pre-registration. A limit of two pens per youth can be entered at fair.

A pen of broilers shall consist of three male birds or three female birds 6 to 8 weeks old. Note that broilers must be purchased following the guidelines through the Extension Office. Broilers not purchased through the Extension Office cannot be shown. Broiler pens will be judged on meat production qualities only. Each pen of three birds must weigh no more than 27.6 pounds total weight. Total weight more than 27.6 pounds will cause automatic lowering of one ribbon placement. Each pen of three will count as one entry on pre-registration. Limit of two pens per youth can be entered at fair. Each pen of three birds must weigh not less than 23.4 pounds. Total weight less than 23.4 pounds will cause an automatic lowering of ribbon placement.

Production Turkey — A production pen will consist of one male or one female turkey. Production turkeys must be purchased following the guidelines through the Extension Office. Any turkey not purchased through the Extension Office will not be allowed to show in the production turkey class. Turkeys will be judged on meat production qualities only. Each pen will count as one entry on pre-registration. An exhibitor may enter up to two production turkey exhibits. Production turkey weight must be a minimum of 12 pounds.

Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of the exhibitor. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their own poultry. Exhibitors are expected to keep the exhibit area orderly, neat, clean and attractive. They are expected to be courteous to other exhibitors and visitors. All exhibitors are expected to clean their area before removing animals from the exhibit building. 4-H Poultry will be released at 5 p.m. Sunday, July 30.

Buffalo County also follows State Fair rules and guidelines.

Dress Code — The same dress code applies to poultry that applies to livestock and will be strictly enforced. Show coats will NOT be permitted. Long-sleeved white shirts will be permitted. The dress code requirements will be for the regular show and showmanship.

LARGE FOWL CLASSES
*G070002   American (Plymouth Rock, Jersey Giant, Wyandotte, New Hampshire Red, Rhode Island Red)
*G070003   Asiatic (Cochin, Brahmas, Langshan)
*G070004   English (Cornish, Orpington, Australorps, Sussex, Dorkings)
*G070005   Mediterranean (Leghorn, Buttercup, Minorca)
*G070006   Continental (Polish, Hamburg, Campines, Faverolles, Houdan)
*G070007   Other Standard Breeds (Naked Neck, Game, Sumatra, Araucanas, Ameraucanas)

BANTAM CLASSES
*G070008   Game Bantam
*G070020   Old English and American Game
*G070009   Single Comb Clean Legged (Plymouth Rock, Leghorn, Japanese, Rhode Island Red, Orpingtons, New Hampshire)
*G070010   Rose Comb Clean Legged (Rosecomb, Wyandotte, Sebright, Leghorn, Belgian Bearded D'Anver)
*G070011   All Other Comb Clean Legged (Polish, Cornish, Houdan, Sumatra)
*G070012   Feather Legged (Silkie, Cochin, Brahma, Belgian Bearded D'Uccle, Langshan)

WATERFOWL
DUCK
*G070013   Heavy Duck (Perkin, Rouen, Alyesbury Muscovy)
*G070014   Medium Duck (Swedish, Buff, Crested, Cayuga)
*G070015   Light Duck (Runner, Khaki, Campbell, Magpie)
*G070016   Bantam Duck (Call, Mallard, East Indie, Wood Ducks, Mandarin)

GOOSE
*G070030   Heavy Goose
*G070031   Medium Goose
*G070032   Light Goose

PRODUCTION CLASSES
*G070033   Production Turkey
*G070034   Pen of Broilers
*G070035   Pen of Egg Production

TURKEY, PIGEONS, DOVES AND OTHER
G070036   Turkey
G070037   Pigeon/Dove
G070038   Other

NON-STANDARD
G070039   Those birds which do not meet breed standards, crossbreds, or birds voluntarily selected by the exhibitor may be entered into the Non-Standard. Entries are not eligible for and will not be considered towards the Outstanding Poultry Exhibitor Award.

EGG QUALITY
Purple, $3; Blue, $2; Red, $1.50; White, $1
Exhibits in classes G070052-G070055 must be on the pre-entry form prior to fair. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of 3 entries with each entry consisting of a clutch of 4 eggs from the same breed of poultry. There is no age division for this category. These exhibits must be declared at the same date and time as check-in day for poultry, with the actual eggs brought in the day of the poultry show. Each exhibit must include on a half sheet of paper or index card: Exhibitor name, Class #, and Breed of eggs. Eggs must come from poultry that is owned by the exhibitor. Eggs will be judged together in each class regardless of the egg color based upon the egg clutch's quality, cleanliness, and uniformity in size and color.
G070052   Chicken Large Fowl Eggs
G070053   Chicken Bantam Eggs
G070054   Waterfowl Eggs

G070055   Other Poultry Eggs (guinea, peafowl, etc.)

GENERAL
Purple, $2; Blue, $1.50; Red, $1; White, $0.50
Exhibits in classes G070040 through G070048 must be entered at the same date and time as entry day for poultry. All exhibits must be on pre-entry form prior to fair. These exhibits will be judged prior to show day, by interview judging. Each exhibitor can exhibit two entries in each of the following classes, not to exceed four total entries.

Each exhibit must include the following information on a half sheet of 8½-inch by 11-inch paper or index card:
Exhibitor number, name, age and years in project.
Goal in making exhibit.
Steps taken towards goal.
List important things learned.
What ideas or plans do you have for the future based on what you have learned?
Attach construction plans if applicable.
Place the information sheet with the entry tag. Exhibits lacking supporting information will be lowered one ribbon placing.

G070040   Poultry Cage, Transport, Feeder, Waterer and Related Equipment. Age 8-10, club projects or kits allowed.
G070041   Poultry Cage, Transport, Feeder, Waterer and Related Equipment. Age 11-13, NO club projects or kits allowed.
G070042   Poultry Cage, Transport, Feeder, Waterer and Related Equipment. Age 14-over, NO club projects or kits allowed.
G070043   Poultry Photo or picture display or special interest display — should be educational. Age 8-10, club projects or kits allowed.
G070044   Poultry Photo or picture display or special interest display — should be educational. Age 11-13, NO club projects or kits allowed.
G070045   Poultry Photo or picture display or special interest display — should be educational. Age 14 and older, NO club projects or kits allowed.
G070046   Poultry Miscellaneous exhibits. Age 8-10, club projects or kits allowed.
G070047   Poultry Miscellaneous exhibits. Age 11-13, NO club projects or kits allowed.
G070048   Poultry Miscellaneous exhibits. Age 14 and older, NO club projects or kits allowed.

G070049-51 Educational Posters, Displays and Multimedia -- Each exhibitor will present their exhibit to the judge not to exceed 6 minutes and the judge will have the opportunity to ask questions of the exhibitor. Presentations entered in Division-151 are not eligible for classes G070049-51.
G070049 Poultry Exhibit with an Interview. Age 8-10
G070050 Poultry Exhibit with an Interview. Age 11-13
G070051 Poultry Exhibit with an Interview. Age 14-over

POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP
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Each showman must show his or her own bird and will enter the class corresponding to his or her 4-H age. The bird must be exhibited in a class to qualify.
  A. Basis for judging-showmanship is based on grooming and training of the bird and the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must vocally explain the steps in their routine and the merit of the bird. Primarily showmanship is the skill of the exhibitor in presenting and explaining the bird before the judge. The excellence of the bird is not considered in scoring.
  B. The judges may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine.
  C. This is a timed event. Maximum length of showmanship presentations are subject to the current time limit as set forth by the Nebraska State Fair. Time limit may vary from year to year. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to know the time limit.
Exhibitors must comply with the dress code for all livestock. Exhibitor may wear a long-sleeve white shirt with the 4-H emblem. No show coats will be allowed. Adults must remain seated. No one other than the judges, youth, and show helpers will be allowed in the judging area.

*G070023   Exhibitor 14 years and older
*G070022   Exhibitor 11-13 years old
G070025   Exhibitor 8-10 years old