

Animal Science - Department G

Poultry

Sarpy County Fair Co- Superintendents

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General Rules:

- A. All poultry exhibitors need to have completed Quality Assurance training in order to exhibit at the Sarpy County Fair.
- B. Advanced entries must be entered online in **Showworks by July 15th**.
 - **No late entries will be accepted.**
- C. An individual member is limited to eight (10) caged entries. Large Fowl Trios, Bantam Trios or a production pen of layers is considered one entry.
- D. All birds must be healthy and clean. If unhealthy, they will not be allowed to exhibit and must be removed from the fairgrounds. This will be left to the discretion of the attending veterinarian. All decisions by the veterinarian are FINAL.
- E. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to properly classify each entry. Exhibitors should know the name of breed they are exhibiting. Crossbreeds are encouraged to show in production, pet and best dressed chicken classes only. Exhibition breeds may be shown by breed if breed is recognized in "The American Standard of Perfection for Poultry".
- F. The show will be judged according to the American Standard of Perfection for Poultry. Exhibitors showing Poultry are required to wear either a white shirt with the official 4-H chevron attached or an official 4-H T-shirt, or a 4-H club t-shirt approved by the 4-H Office. No hats, caps or other types of headgear are to be worn while showing.
- G. During fair week, the 4-H member is responsible for the care of their animals. This includes feeding and watering. Signs pertaining to the sale of animals are not to be displayed on fairgrounds by any 4-H exhibitor or their families.
- H. Exhibitors will be asked to volunteer as Barn Watchers. Please sign up for a time. Also Exhibitors are asked to help setup the Poultry/Rabbit Barn (The Monday evening before Fair) and /or cleanup the Poultry/Rabbit Barn (the Monday evening after the Fair).
Note: 4-H Leaders please encourage your club members with these responsibilities as it would be nice to see representation from all clubs or individuals.
- I. All 4-H exhibitors that are showing Turkeys, Geese, Guineas, Pigeons, Production Fowl and Large Ducks are asked to be by their exhibits that are caged while they are being judged, to hear the Judge's comments and ask questions. Be prepared to table show most classes of birds. If total entries exceed total cage space the Superintendent(s) will determine which class or classes will be released early.
- J. Special awards will be given for Champion and Reserve Champion (Showmanship classes, Large Fowl, Bantam, Turkey, Duck, Goose, Guinea, Pigeon, Production, Broiler Best of Show and Reserve of Show, Allen Kreifels Memorial High Point

Poultry Award) Special awards will be given to purple placing exhibits only.

The Allen Kreifels Memorial High Point Poultry Award

This award will be presented to that 4-H member who receives the highest point total based on ribbon placing. The points associated for each ribbon placing are as follows:

Grand Champion-10pts

Res. Champion-8 pts

Purple-5 pts

Blue-4pts

Red 3-pts

White-2 pts

Green-0 pts

Grand/Res. Champions can come from the showmanship, table show, and waterfowl/pigeons/ turkeys/ Guineas. Eggs will also be included in these point totals. In the event of a tie, the 4-Her with the most entries will win. A plaque will be awarded to the winning 4-Her at the Awards Banquet at the end of the 4-H Year.

- L. Poultry Premiums will be Pay Level 5. Showmanship will be Pay Level 4. Information for these premiums can be found in the General Rules section of the on-line 4-H Fair Book.
- M. **Exhibits must stay for the duration of the fair or premiums will be withheld.** At the superintendent's discretion some of the large waterfowl, and turkey entries will be released immediately after the close of the poultry show. If your exhibit is in this early release group it **MUST GO** home with you on Wednesday night.
- N. **Enter Poultry & Rabbits Exhibits at: 3-8 p.m. Tuesday August 1, 2023.**
- O. **Poultry Show Times: The Showmanship Classes will start 9:00 a.m. and the Poultry Table Show will start at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday August 2, 2023. At the south end of the Poultry/Rabbit Barn.**
- P. 4-H Clover Kids may show a poultry exhibit that is not their own in the Clover Kid Showmanship class only. Clover Kid poultry showmanship is a non-competitive class and has no special awards or premiums associated with it.
- R. **All poultry/waterfowl entries must be at least four (4) months old or hatched by 4-1-2023**
- S. Individual birds are only allowed to be entered into a single class and may not compete in multiple classes. This does not apply to showmanship or best dressed chicken classes.
- T. State Fair entries are due on August 10, 2023. Nebraska State Fair website.
www.4h.unl.edu
- V. ***900 numbered classes are NOT eligible for the state fair.**

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Poultry Showmanship

General Information

Showmanship is based on grooming and training of the bird as well as the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must vocally explain the steps in their routine and 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, although grooming and condition of the bird is assessed during scoring. The judge may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor. All Showmanship presentations need to comply with the Nebraska State Fair time limit of 5 minutes in length. Violations for presentations in excess of 5 minutes will be left to the discretion of the presiding judge.

Any Class Champion has the option to move up to the next class level of competition. However, once you have chosen to advance to the next level of competition you **MAY NOT** return to your previous class level of competition.

***Those showman who have competed in the Junior or Intermediate division at the Nebraska State Fair and received first place will be allowed to compete in the next highest division at the county level. Those individuals who have received first place at the state level for senior showmanship division but have not received first place at the county level may compete at the county fair the following year. Although, if the senior division winner has won first place at the county and state level, it is understood that those individuals will refrain from competing again.

Premiums in Showmanship are pay level 4.

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| CLASS 19 | SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP - 4-H ages 15 to 18 |
| CLASS 18 | INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP - 4-H Ages 12 to 14 |
| CLASS 20 | JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP - 4-H Ages 8 to 11 |
| CLASS 913 | NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP - First Year Participants Only |

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Poultry & Waterfowl

Premiums for Poultry & Waterfowl Classes are level 5.

LARGE FOWL CLASSES

- CLASS 1** **AMERICAN** (Plymouth Rock, Jersey Giant, Wyandotte, New Hampshire, Rhode Island Red)
- CLASS 2** **ASIATIC** (Cochin, Brahmas, Langshan)
- CLASS 3** **ENGLISH** (Cornish, Orpington, Australorps, Sussex, and Dorkings)
- CLASS 4** **MEDITERRANEAN** (Leghorn, Buttercup, Spanish, Andalusians and Minorcas)
- CLASS 5** **CONTINENTAL** (Polish, Hamburg, Campines, Houdan, LaFleche, Marans and Faverolles)
- CLASS 6** **ALL OTHER BREEDS** (Game, Sumatra, Phoenix, Araucanas, Ameracaunas, Naked Necks)

*** Following class is not eligible for State Fair***

CLASS 903* **Large Fowl Trio** This group is composed of 1 rooster and 2 hens of the same breed. The breed needs to conform to the breed characteristics as stated in the Standards and Perfection for Poultry.

BANTAM CLASSES

- CLASS 7** **GAME BANTAM** (Modern and Old English)
- CLASS 8** **SINGLE COMB CLEAN LEG** (Plymouth Rock, Leghorn, Japanese, Rhode Island Red, Orpingtons, New Hampshire, Seramas, Naked Necks)
- CLASS 9** **ROSE COMB CLEAN LEG** (Rosecomb, Wyandotte, Sebright, Leghorn, Belgian Bearded D'Anver)
- CLASS 10** **ALL OTHER COMB CLEAN LEGGED** (Polish, Cornish, Houdan, Aracaunas, Ameracaunas)
- CLASS 11** **FEATHER LEGGED CLASS** (Silkie, Cochin, Brahma, Belgian Bearded D' Uccle, Langshans)

*** Following class is not eligible for State Fair***

CLASS 906* **Bantam Trio** This group is composed of 1 rooster and 2 hens of the same breed. The breed needs to conform to the breed characteristics as stated in the American Standard of Perfection for Poultry.

DUCKS

- CLASS 12** **Heavy Ducks** (Pekin, Rouen, Aylesbury, Saxony, Appleyard and Muscovy)
Medium Ducks (Swedish, Buff, Crested, Cayuga)
Light Ducks (Runner, Khaki Campbell, Magpie, Welsh Harlequin)
Bantam Ducks (Call, Mallard, East Indie, Mandarin, Wood Duck)

GOOSE

CLASS 13 **GOOSE** (African, Toulouse, Embden, Pomeranian, American Buff, Sebastopol, Pilgrim, Steinbacher, Tufted Roman, Chinas, Egyptian, Canadian)

TURKEY

CLASS 14 **TURKEY** (Narragansett, Royal Palm, Black Spanish, Beltsville White, Holland, Bronze, Bourbon Red)

GUINEA

CLASS 908* **GUINEA** (Pearl, Lavender, White)

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Production Fowl

Premiums for Production Fowl are level 5.

CLASS 23 (Production) LAYING TRIO - In this class the bird's breed type does not need to be listed in the American Standard of Perfection for Poultry.

In class 919 egg production. A female will be judged for production qualities only and need not conform to breed standards. Cross bred birds need to enter into production classes or the pet classes only.

*** Following class is not eligible for State Fair***

CLASS 919* **SINGLE LAYING HEN**

Sarpy County Fair Market Broiler Project

- The Sarpy County Fair Broiler Classes will consist of a Pen of 3 Market Broilers.
- A Pen of 3 Broilers will consist of 3 Male or 3 Females
- All 4-Hers must sign up for the Broiler Project and receive their chicks at the same time.
 - Broilers may be picked up on the week of June 19th (Exact Date is TBD) from 10am-5 pm from the Douglas-Sarpy Extension Office at 8015 W Center Rd. Omaha
- Only those youth who have signed up for the broiler project and receive their broilers through the program are eligible to compete.
- Families may share an order of chicks but the same family members may not show the same birds.
- Broilers will be judged on marketability, degree of muscling and uniformity.
- A Champion and Reserve Pen of 3 Broilers will be awarded
- Champion and Reserve Pens and Purple Ribbioned Pens are eligible for the Sarpy County Fair Premium Auction on Saturday, August 5th

CLASS 935* **Market Broiler Pen of 3**

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Eggs

Premiums for Eggs are level 5.

- A. Eggs are an exhibit of the club member's selection ability.
- B. Eggs will be judged for exterior quality, uniformity of weight, size and shape, shell texture and cleanliness of shell.
- C. Do not refrigerate eggs before judging.
- D. A Champion and Reserve Egg Exhibit will be awarded.

CLASS 15 WHITE EGGS – 1 DOZEN
CLASS 16 BROWN EGGS – 1 DOZEN
CLASS 17 OTHER COLORED EGGS – 1 DOZEN

* The following classes are not eligible for State Fair*

CLASS 920 WHITE EGGS – ½ DOZEN
CLASS 921 BROWN EGGS – ½ DOZEN
CLASS 922 OTHER COLORED EGGS – ½ DOZEN

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Pigeons

Premiums for Pigeons are level 5.

* The following classes are not eligible for State Fair*

CLASS 926* UTILITY PIGEON – SINGLE
CLASS 927* UTILITY PIGEONS - PAIR
CLASS 928* FANCY PIGEON – SINGLE
CLASS 929* FANCY PIGEONS - PAIR
CLASS 930* PERFORMING PIGEON – SINGLE
CLASS 931* PERFORMING PIGEONS – PAIR

UTILITY PIGEONS: Runts, Homers, Kings, Modenas, etc

FANCY PIGEONS: Fantails, Swallows, Pouters, Frillbacks, Owls, etc

PERFORMING: Tumblers, Rollers, etc

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PET – Poultry and Waterfowl

Premiums for Pets are level 5.

The following classes are defined as: any breed or crossbreed species of land fowl or waterfowl that is not recognized in the American Standard of Perfection for Poultry or that has disqualifications that would severely downgrade it in competition. Entry must be an individual bird **NO** pairs or group entry allowed. Pet class birds are not eligible to receive champion or reserve champion awards.

The following classes are not eligible for State Fair

CLASS 932* ANY PET WATERFOWL

CLASS 933* ANY PET CHICKEN

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Best Dressed Chicken

No premiums awarded for this class

Exhibitors are encouraged to use their imagination to design a costume for their 4-H Chicken. The attire should emphasize the personality of the animal. One Chicken per 4-H member.

Absolutely NO Multiple bird entries in this class. Again one bird ONLY. Contest will be held at the conclusion of poultry judging. Clover kids are encouraged to participate. No premiums will be awarded for this class.

*** The following class is not eligible for State Fair***

CLASS 934* BEST DRESSED CHICKEN (only one entry allowed per exhibitor)

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Clover Kids Poultry

General Instruction:

1. An exhibitor in the Clover Kid poultry project must be between 5 and 7 years before January 1 of the current year and be enrolled in 4-H. Each exhibitor will be limited to one entry.
2. Clover Kids Poultry/Waterfowl/Pigeon TABLE SHOW will be held following Showmanship and prior to judging of birds.
3. Each exhibitor will receive a 4-H Clover Kid participation ribbon and the class will be conducted non-competitively based on the following:

- a. What the individual learned about caring for and raising the bird.
- b. The general health of the bird and knowledge in health-related areas.
- c. How the individual uses handling techniques when working with their bird.

Following classes are not eligible for State Fair

Class 999 CLOVER KID EXHIBITOR - Ribbon Only (no premiums)