

DEPARTMENT 12 YOUTH POULTRY

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Show Time: Tuesday - 8:00 a.m.

Pen Fee: \$3.00 per head

Dress Code: All exhibitors must wear black pants, white shirt, white lab coat and closed-toe boots/dress shoes.

Age: Exhibitor must be 5 years old as of January 1st of the current year.

Rules:

1. Please be sure your birds are healthy, clean, and vermin-free before checking in. Any bird determined to have lice or mites or to show symptoms of disease will be required to leave the barn immediately. Condition – birds must be clean, healthy, have good feather quality and be prepared for show.
2. Two entries per class per exhibitor. Maximum of fifteen (18) birds per exhibitor.
3. All market poultry and fowl must be the same sex and size and will be ordered by the superintendent.
4. Entry deadline is **JULY 15th**. **ALL CLASS ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 15th. PEN FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY. Absolutely NO ENTRIES will be accepted after JULY 15th, 2026.**
5. Mandatory Tagging/Banding date will be at Fair check-in at the Poultry Barn. All market birds must be brought to Fairgrounds to be tagged on this date before the fair starts.
6. Chickens, geese, ducks, turkeys: Due at Fair on Saturday, August 8, 2026 by appointment assigned by superintendents.
7. Pens will be assigned as poultry is checked in by the Superintendents.
8. For all poultry, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to have proof of a negative Pullorum Test. Testing is available at Wayne County Fairgrounds when checking in at Fair.
9. The Superintendent, for identification, will band all meat birds and waterfowl.
10. Exhibitors are to provide their own shavings, feed, and dishes (dishes need to be of suitable size).
11. All Exhibitors are responsible for doing Barn Duty.
12. Waterfowl must stay in pens.
13. All pens must be cleaned by 10:00 a.m. every day except Tuesday. Tuesday is show day and pens must be cleaned prior to the show.
14. Accumulation of three (3) demerits for unkempt birds, cages, feed and water dishes, and no Barn Duty will result in loss of awards.
15. Animals will not be released from their pens until August 15, 2026, at 11:00 p.m. Market animals may leave with the processor after 11:00 p.m. on Saturday of Fair week. Auction animals may be taken to a livestock sale barn after 11:00 p.m. on Saturday of Fair week.
16. All barn decorations must remain up until after 11:00 p.m. on August 15, 2026.
17. An exhibitor's animals must be entered in breed or meat class in addition to Showmanship. **Exhibitors are required to show their own animals.**
18. All youth must attach their dishes to the cages.

DIVISION - 01: Showmanship

Rules:

1. To be judged on the ability to handle their bird and knowledge of their bird.
2. Exhibitors must wear suitable attire while showing their own animal.
3. Animals must be bathed and clean
4. All 1st and 2nd place showmen will come back in the arena to then compete for Best Overall Showman.
1st Award, Rosette 2nd thru 6th - Rosette

Class:

01. Beginner Showmanship: 5 – 7 years
02. Junior Showmanship: 8 – 11 years
03. Intermediate Showmanship: 12 – 15 years
04. Senior Showmanship: 16 – 20 years

Grand Champion Overall Showman – Award
Reserve Grand Champion Overall Showman - Award

DIVISION – 02: Costume Class

Rules:

1. One entry per exhibitor - ages 5-20
2. Exhibitor does not have to dress
3. Exhibitor must have shown in poultry showmanship

1st-6th Rosette

Class:

01. Costume Class

DIVISION –03: Egg Exhibits

Rules:

1. Exhibitors are limited to one entry (12 Eggs/ 1 dozen)
2. A photo of the exhibitor with the laying hens must accompany all egg entries upon check in.
3. Egg entries should be uniform in both color as well as size and placed in the carton pointy end down.
4. Eggs are to be brought in during Poultry check in.
6. Grand and Reserve winning eggs will be sold at the Fair Board Livestock Auction.

1st thru 6th - Rosettes

Class:

01. One Dozen Eggs

Champion Egg – Award & Rosette/ Reserve Champion Egg - Rosette

DIVISION - 04: Meat Pen Turkeys

Rules:

1. Turkeys must weigh a minimum of 16lbs & must be hatched approximately 20 weeks prior to fair.
2. Exhibitors must own birds from two weeks of age.
3. Turkeys are shown as a pen of two.
4. Turkeys are sold individually.
5. Meat turkeys will be judged on conformation, uniformity, absence of pin feathers, and cleanliness.

1st thru 6th - Rosettes

Class:

01. Meat Pen - Turkeys

**Grand Champion Turkey Meat Pen – Award & Grand Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Turkey Meat Pen – Award & Reserve Rosette**

DIVISION - 05: Breed Class Turkeys

Rules:

1. Birds will be judged on conformation, cleanliness, and overall health.
2. Class is determined by age. Old tom and hen: over 1 year. Young tom and hen: under 1 year.

1st thru 6th - Rosette

Class:

01. Old Tom
02. Old Hen
03. Young Tom
04. Young Hen

Champion Turkey – Award & Rosette / Reserve Champion Turkey - Rosette

DIVISION - 06: Meat Pen - Geese

Rules:

1. Market geese must be approximately 13 weeks of age.
2. Birds must be owned by the exhibitor since two weeks of age.
3. Pen should consist of two of the same sex.
4. Meat geese will be judged on conformation, uniformity, absence of pin feathers, and cleanliness.
1st thru 6th - Rosettes

Class:

01. Meat Pen - Geese

Grand Champion Geese Meat Pen - Award & Grand Rosette
Reserve Champion Geese Meat Pen – Award & Reserve Rosette

DIVISION - 07: Breed Class Geese

Rules:

1. Birds will be judged on conformation, cleanliness, and overall health.
2. Class is determined by age. Old gander/goose: over 1 year. Young gander/ goose: under 1 year.
1st thru 6th - Rosette

Class:

01. Old Gander
02. Old Goose
03. Young Gander
04. Young Goose

Champion Goose - Award & Rosette / Reserve Champion Goose - Rosette

DIVISION - 08: Meat Pen Ducks

Rules:

1. Market ducks should be 13 weeks of age at check-in.
2. Birds must be owned by the exhibitor since two weeks of age.
3. Pen should consist of two of the same sex.
4. Meat ducks will be judged on conformation, uniformity, absence of pin feathers, and cleanliness.
1st thru 6th - Rosettes

Class:

01. Meat Pen - Ducks

Grand Champion Duck Meat Pen - Award & Grand Rosette
Reserve Champion Duck Meat Pen – Award & Reserve Rosette

DIVISION -09: Breed Class Ducks

Rules:

1. Birds will be judged on conformation, cleanliness, and overall health.
2. Class is determined by age. Old Drake and hen: Over 1 year. Young drake and hen: Under 1 year.
1st thru 6th - Rosette

Class:

01. Old Drake
02. Old Hen
03. Young Drake
04. Young Hen

Champion Duck – Award & Rosette / Reserve Champion Duck - Rosette

DIVISION - 10: Other Fowl

Rules:

1. Birds will be judged on conformation, cleanliness, and overall health.
2. Class is determined by age. Old cock and hen: over 1 year. Young cock and hen: under 1 year.
1st thru 6th - Rosette

Class:

01. Old Cock
02. Old Hen
03. Young Cock
04. Young Hen

Champion Other Fowl – Award & Rosette/ Reserve Champion Other Fowl – Rosette

DIVISION – 11 : Pigeons

Rule:

1. Birds will be judged on conformation, cleanliness, and overall health.
2. Class is determined by age. Old cock and hen: over 1 year. Young cock and hen: under 1 year.
1st thru 6th - Rosette

Class:

01. Old Cock
02. Old Hen
03. Young Cock
04. Young Hen

Champion Pigeon – Award & Rosette / Reserve Champion Pigeon - Rosette

DIVISION - 12: Doves

Rules:

1. Birds will be judged on conformation, cleanliness, and overall health.
2. Class is determined by age. Old cock and hen: over 1 year. Young cock and hen: under 1 year.

1st thru 6th - Rosette

Class:

01. Old Cock
02. Old Hen
03. Young Cock
04. Young Hen

Champion Dove – Award & Rosette/ Reserve Champion Dove – Rosette

DIVISION - 13: Quail

Rules:

1. Birds will be judged on conformation, cleanliness, and overall health.
2. Class is determined by age. Old cock and hen: over 1 year. Young cock and hen: under 1 year.
1st thru 6th - Rosette

Class:

01. Old Cock
02. Old Hen
03. Young Cock
04. Young Hen

Champion Quail – Award Rosette / Reserve Champion Quail - Rosette

DIVISION - 14: Bantams – Breeding Class

Rules:

1. Birds will be judged on conformation, cleanliness, and overall health.
2. Class is determined by age. Old cock and hen: over 1 year. Young cock and hen: under 1 year.
1st thru 6th - Rosette

Class:

01. Old Cock
02. Old Hen
03. Young Cock
04. Young Hen

Champion Bantam - Award & Rosette / Reserve Champion Bantam – Rosette

DIVISION - 15: Standard Chickens

Rules:

1. Birds will be judged on conformation, cleanliness, and overall health.
2. Class is determined by age. Old cock and hen: over 1 year. Young cock and hen: under 1 year.
1st thru 6th - Rosette

Class:

01. Old Cock
02. Old Hen
03. Young Cock
04. Young Hen

Champion Standard Chicken - Award & Rosette / Reserve Champion Standard Chicken - Rosette

DIVISION - 16: Production Hens

Rule:

1. Pens will consist of either one young hen or one old hen.
2. Hens will be judged on production of eggs
1st thru 6th - Rosette

Class:

01. Old Hen
02. Young Hen

Champion Production –Award& Rosette / Reserve Champion Production – Rosette

DIVISION - 17: Meat Pen Chickens

Rules:

1. All meat chickens must be ordered from the Poultry Superintendents and be picked up on the day of delivery.
2. 10-week roasters should be a minimum of 6lbs. Chickens from 6lbs-8.5lbs will be put in the fryer class. Chickens from 8.6lbs and up will be put in the Roaster class.
3. Pen should consist of two of the same sex.
4. Meat birds will be judged on conformation, uniformity, absence of pin feathers, and cleanliness.
1st thru 6th - Rosettes

Class:

01. 10-week-old Fryer
02. 10-week-old Roaster

**Grand Champion Fryer Meat Pen – Award & Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Fryer Meat Pen - Award & Rosette**

Grand Champion Roaster Meat Pen - Award & Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Roaster Meat Pen - Award & Rosette=

DIVISION - 18: Educational Exhibits

Entries are due at time of animal check in.

Rules:

1. Standard poster size is required.
2. Poster contents: Any information regarding poultry/waterfowl that would be educational to the viewer of the poster. The purpose is to provide a learning experience.
3. Entries must be labeled with the exhibitor's name, age, and 4-H Club (if applicable) on the **back** bottom right corner of their poster. No personal information is to be on the front of the poster.
4. Limit one (1) poster per class.

1st thru 6th - Rosette

Class:

01. Educational Display – Poultry / Waterfowl

DIVISION – 19: Build A Bird

Rules:

1. Build a model of a bird using synthetic materials.
2. Creativity encouraged (not required to be a replica of your bird).
3. Must have an autobiography or short story accompanying the model.
4. Models and written work will be judged on creativity.

1st thru 6th - Rosette

Class:

01. Poultry

DIVISION – 20: Egg Toss

1. Pick a partner not signed up for class.
2. Eggs will be furnished

1st-6th Rosette

Class:

01. Egg Toss ages 5-9
02. Egg Toss ages 10-15
03. Egg Toss ages 16 & up