



YL-K - 4-H & FFA POULTRY DEPARTMENT

Superintendent: Beth Langvardt

Assistant Superintendents: Jennifer Poston and Michelle Hodiak Schafer

Barn Hours: Open Daily from 8:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Poultry Show: Sunday, August 6th – 9:00 A.M.

Broiler Show: Thursday, August 10th – 9:00 A.M.

1. Only approved 4-H/FFA Poultry projects will be accepted.
 2. Exhibitors must have owned the birds by June 1st.
 3. Exhibitors must have a Maryland State 4-H Poultry Registration Form on file with the Howard County 4-H Office by June 1st of the current year. Only animals listed on this registration form can be entered and exhibited as a project by the member.
 4. Clovers are not permitted to exhibit in the 4-H & FFA Poultry Show, however, are welcome to enter in the Open Class Show.
 5. Exhibitors can exhibit their poultry exhibits in both 4-H & FFA and Open class.
 6. Any changes of a Class 04 or 05 entry must be made by the date of the fair orientation. Contact Superintendent to make changes of breed or sex. No class changes, other than sex, will be made at Fair.
 7. Each exhibitor is limited to 30 entries total in class 04 and/or 05. Exhibitors are limited to one entry each in Class 01 & 02 and cannot enter the same bird in Class 04 & 05.
 8. All poultry exhibitors must have valid proof of a registered Maryland Poultry Premises ID Number.
 - a. All poultry must have a negative test for Avian Influenza. The test must be conducted on at least 15 birds from the flock (or complete flock if fewer than 15) within 30 days of the event and remain segregated from all birds of unknown or positive Avian Influenza test status.
 - b. All exhibitors must show proof that poultry (except pigeons and waterfowl) either:
 - originate directly from an NPIP Pullorum-Typhoid clean flock as defined by Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- OR
- have all individual poultry entries tested negative for Pullorum- Typhoid within **90 days** of the fair and remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive

Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid test status. Blood samples for official tests shall be drawn by an authorized agent and tested by an authorized state or federally recognized laboratory.

Birds will not be accepted without testing certificates.

9. Self-certification forms must be filled out completely prior to bringing to fair with each bird band number listed.
10. Entries:
 - a. Poultry: Must be entered on Saturday between NOON-9:00 P.M. Release time is on the last Saturday of the Fair at 9 P.M. Birds left after 11 P.M. are left at Exhibitor's risk.
 - b. Waterfowl: Waterfowl must be entered no later than 8:30 A.M. Sunday. Release time is on the last Saturday of the Fair at 9 P.M. Waterfowl left after 11 P.M. are left at Exhibitor's risk.
 - c. Broilers: Must be in place no later than 8:30 A.M. Thursday. All broilers MUST arrive clean and dry for judging. Broilers will be judged outdoors in personal traveling cages/pens. At least 1 family member or the exhibitor must stay with the broiler exhibits the entire time the birds are on the Fairgrounds to monitor the birds condition. All Broilers must be removed immediately after the conclusion of judging.
11. The Showmanship Contest will be conducted on Sunday starting at 9:00 A.M. All exhibitors will be automatically entered in the contest. See superintendent to confirm your participation/scratch prior to 8:30 A.M. Sunday. Exhibitors need to be present in the Poultry Building at 9:00 A.M. so they are ready when called. Those not present when called will be scratched. 4-H/FFA Show uniform is required for the Showmanship Contest.
12. Plastic waterers and feeders will be provided for all birds. Exhibitors must feed, water, and change shavings daily. Cages must be cleaned by 10:00 A.M. and check-in with a superintendent once completed. It is expected that exhibitors are to be cleaning the pens. Parents can help hold birds while exhibitors are cleaning the pens. Parental assistance should be provided to 1st year and all junior exhibitors. Additionally, poultry exhibits need to be checked on a regular basis especially in extreme heat circumstances. **The exhibits are the responsibility of the exhibitor.**
13. Exhibitors who neglect their birds or do not clean cages as required will forfeit their premiums.
14. All exhibitors are required to clean the cages their exhibits were in when checking out. Failure to clean the cages could prohibit their entries being accepted for the following year.
15. No clipped wings or clipped beaks are permitted.

16. Sales:

- a. Livestock Sale: The Champion Broiler Pen and Champion Individual Broiler must sell in the Livestock Sale. The Reserve Champion Pen and Reserve Champion Individual Broiler is optional. The exhibitor is responsible for providing a cage to hold the broiler(s) in during the Sale. On the day of the Livestock Sale, the broiler(s) are not to be unattended and are the responsibility of the exhibitor. If the exhibitor chooses to bring their broiler(s) ahead of time, they cannot be left unattended. The exhibitor of the broiler(s) sold in the sale will be required to follow all Livestock Sale criteria including required thank you note and having the cost of the buyer's banner deducted from their sale check. The exhibitor is responsible for getting birds processed and delivered within 30 days.

- b. Private Sales: Private Sale Poultry will be released on the last Saturday at 4:00-5:00 P.M. Only animals on exhibit may be sold. It is the responsibility of the seller to follow all current MDA rules governing sale of poultry.

4-H Special Awards sponsored by: Birds of a Feather 4-H Club, Dayton 4-H Club, Ellicott City Kiwanis Club, Farm & Home Service, Inc., Happy Hounds 4-H Club, Howard County EAC, In loving Memory of Janet Greisman, Lisa Hirrlinger, Michelle Cole, Mike and Jandell Haines, Southern States Mt Airy Coop, The Craumer Family, The Feaga Family, The Langvardt Family, The Quill Family, The Williams Family and TLV Tree Farm

Premiums:

Class 01	20.00	18.00	16.00	14.00	12.00	10.00	9.00	8.00	7.00	6.00
Class 02	10.00	9.00	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00
Class 03	10.00	9.00	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00	rest of class			
Classes 04-05	7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00					
Class 06	10.00	9.00	8.00	7.00	6.00	rest of class				

Champion and Reserve ribbons for each class

Poultry Poster – see 4-H Science

CLASS 01 – BROILER PEN - 3 birds purchased through the Howard County 4-H Program. (Broiler pens will be automatically entered and 4-Hers do not need to complete online entry. 4-H/FFA members can purchase any number of broilers, however, only 15 will be banded. Only banded birds are eligible for competition) Each exhibitor can only exhibit one broiler pen.

CLASS 02 – INDIVIDUAL BROILER -1 bird purchased through Howard County 4-H Program. (Individual broilers are automatically entered and 4-Hers do not need to complete an online entry.) Each exhibitor can only exhibit one individual broiler.

CLASS 03 – SHOWMANSHIP – Monday, August 7th – 9:00 A.M. Senior (14-18), Intermediate (11-13), Junior (8-10), Grand Champion Showman. Please refer to rule #9.)

CLASS 04 – BREED CLASSES

Only recognized breeds and varieties will be accepted. Give name and variety as shown in the Standard of Perfection.

COCK – Male hatched prior to 2023 COCKEREL – Male hatched during 2023
HEN – Female hatched prior to 2023 PULLET – Female hatched during 2023

Classes will be offered for Cock, Hen, Cockerel, and Pullet for each variety – Large Fowl, Bantams, Ducks, Geese, Pigeons, Turkeys, Pheasants and Waterfowl.

CLASS 05 – EGG PRODUCTION

CLASS 06 – BRED & OWNED – Limited to 1 entry per exhibitor. Bird entered will be from the breed class division (not broilers). All bred and owned birds must be the offspring of a hen or female owned by the exhibitor at the time bred. Bred and owned animals must be designated on the Poultry Registration Form (noted in the comment section) that is turned in to the county 4-H program by June 1st.

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