

**POULTRY**  
(See General Livestock rules on page 131)

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EXHIBIT CHECK-IN:	Wednesday, July 15, 2-8 PM
JUDGING:	Showmanship Poultry show
	Thursday, July 16, 10 AM, Open Judging
	Thursday, July 16, Immediately following Showmanship
	Open Judging
RELEASE TIME:	Thursday, July 16, Water Fowl only Immediately following Poultry show
	Tuesday, July 21, 7 AM– Noon, All Non-Auction livestock released
AUCTION:	Tuesday, July 21, 5:30 PM
STATE FAIR ENTRIES:	All livestock for STATE FAIR must be properly identified and enrolled. State Fair entry deadline is July 1.

**Project Description:**

The 4-H Poultry educational program and related activities (such as workshops, tours, etc.) provide youth a fun and hands-on learning experience which develops both poultry subject skills (such as nutrition, housing, and health care) and life skills (such as responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communications).

**Levels:**

Junior Grades 3-5

Intermediate Grades 6-8

Senior Grades 9-12

**Project Guidelines:**

- To exhibit at the county and state fair 4-H members showing beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine, must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). The purpose of this program: Youth will be more prepared to be ambassadors for animal agriculture in their role as youth livestock exhibitors; Animals from youth livestock programs are treated with the utmost care; 4-H members are contributing to a safe, wholesome food supply. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. More information about this program will be provided from the Extension Office.
- In each project manual level complete a minimum of four (4) different activities each year. These activities can include the "Eggstra Challenges" activities.
- 4-H'er will use and complete one (1) project manual in three (3) years. (You will use the books according to your grade as of January 15 of the current year).
- Complete a record sheet.
- If your project manual requirements and record sheet are INCOMPLETE, you will NOT be considered for Champion or be allowed to participate in the livestock auction.

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**Exhibit Requirements:**

Animal exhibitors also have the option of exhibiting a poster in place of, or in addition to exhibiting an animal. The posters and demonstration should cover a topic of one (1) of the activities or learning experiences in the completed grade level of the project manual. Posters must follow poster rules, Page 30, #15. All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list that indicates where information was obtained, giving credit to original author. A Champion poster will be chosen in each level (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) for each animal specie (Example: Dog, cat, goat, sheep, etc.) A Grand Champion animal poster will be selected from all eligible Champion animal posters.

Poultry exhibitors in Indiana will be required to provide documents to the superintendent that the bird(s) originate from a National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) official Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flock or have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within ninety (90) days preceding exhibition. If bird originates from certified flock, no test is needed for the first year. However, once the bird is one (1) year and older it must be tested each year even if it originated from a certified flock. The NPIP documentation should be received from the source of the poultry. Either the NPIP certification or the blood-testing results must be a part of that child's report. Representatives of the Indiana State Board of Animal Health will be at the county fairs to check paperwork, including the Indiana County Fair Poultry Superintendent's Report. **All birds one (1) year of age or older must attend identification day for testing. NPIP certification for birds less than one year old must be shown at identification day. Waterfowl and pigeons are not tested.** Showmanship will be before the start of judging.

**4-H POULTRY:**

Ownership deadline- May 15,  
2020 4-H Fair:

- All poultry must have a completed entry form and Animal Location form turned into the Extension Office by

## May 15.

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### GENERAL RULES:

It is strongly recommended that members be present while their entries are being judged. The judges can provide valuable information about the individual bird's qualities and comparisons to the breed standards and why the birds are placed as they are.

- Classes are provided for all types of poultry listed in this section.
- To be shown as a cockerel, pullet/ young bird, the bird must be hatched on or after September 1, 2019.
- For competitive purposes, it is recommended that all poultry be hatched no later than April 15, 2020.
- Chickens: Classes will be grouped in one of the following two categories:

#### Exhibition:

- All bantams and standard breed cockerel and cock birds will be shown as exhibition birds.
- No duplicate entries within a breed.
- One (1) cockerel or one (1) pullet or one (1) hen or one (1) cock bird of recognized breed including bantams constitutes one (1) entry. (i.e. within a breed, you could enter one (1) cock, one (1) hen, one (1) pullet, or one (1) cockerel. This would be a total of four (4) entries.) There will be no pairs shown or judged in any exhibition classes.

#### Commercial:

- Two (2) pullets or two (2) hens of a recognized production breed constitutes one (1) entry. No cocks or cockerels will be entered in the commercial class with the exception of the broiler class
- Commercial classes will be divided into the following classes:
  - Brown egg shell hens
  - White egg shell hens
  - Dual Purpose hens
  - Brown egg shell pullets
  - White egg shell pullets
  - Dual Purpose pullets

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#### Broilers

- The exhibit will consist of two (2) broilers of the same age (6 to 8 weeks) and the same sex (pullets or cockerels).
- Only one (1) entry per member in the broiler class.
- All commercial entries are pairs only and must be penned together.
- 4-H members may have one (1) entry in each class of commercial pullets and hens, and broilers for a total of seven (7) entries in the commercial class.

#### Pigeon

- One (1) old cock or one (1) old hen or one (1) young cock or one (1) young hen constitutes one (1) entry.
- No duplicate entries within a breed.
- No pairs will be shown/judged.
- Pigeons will be divided into the following class divisions:
  - Sport/Performance
  - Utility
  - Fancy

#### Waterfowl (standard and bantam)

- One (1) old drake/gander or one (1) old duck/goose or one (1) young drake/gander or one (1) young duck/goose in a recognized waterfowl breed constitutes one (1) entry.
- No duplicate entries within a breed in the same class.
- All waterfowl will be shown/judged as exhibition only, with the exception of heavyweight ducks.
- Runner ducks may be shown in a ring at the discretion of the judge.

#### Turkeys

- One (1) old tom or one (1) old hen or one (1) young tom or one (1) young hen of a recognized breed constitutes one (1) entry.
- No duplicate entries within a breed in the same class.

#### Commercial Chickens: White Egg Shell Pullets

White Egg Shell Hens  
Brown Egg Shell  
Pullets Brown Egg

Shell Hens Dual  
Purpose Pullets Dual  
Purpose Hens Broilers

**Standard**

Exhibition Chickens: American Standard English  
Standard Asiatic  
Standard  
Mediterranean  
Standard Continental  
Standard  
All Other Standard Breeds

Bantams: **Game Bantam**

Single Comb Clean Legged  
Bantam Rose Comb Clean Legged  
Bantam  
All Other Combs Clean Legged Bantam  
Feather Legged Bantam

Waterfowl: Heavy Weight Duck Medium Weight Duck  
Light Weight Duck  
Bantam Duck  
Heavy Weight Goose  
Medium Weight Goose  
Light Weight Goose

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Turkey: Turkey

Pigeons: Fancy

Sport/Performance  
Utility

Each 4-H member may enter up to twelve (12) entries of poultry total. Cages are furnished but each exhibitor is responsible for care, feeding, and watering. Feed and bedding are not provided. Showmanship contest will be provided. This is not a requirement in completing the poultry project. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion ribbons will be awarded in each level (Junior, Intermediate, & Senior).

**All waterfowl (with the exception of Grand and Reserve Grand Champion) will be released upon completion of judging by project superintendent.**