

PIGEON

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be **BOLDED and **ITALICIZED**! Pay special attention to any projects with **BOLD**, **ITALICIZED WORDS** because they have changed from last year.**

<i>Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Pigeon</i>			
<i>Division/Level</i>	<i>Grades</i>	<i>Completion Activities Needed*</i>	<i>Maximum State Fair Entries</i>
<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Grades 3-5</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	<i>Check IN St Fair Website</i>
<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Grades 6-8</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	<i>Check IN State Fair Website</i>
<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Grades 9-12</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	<i>Check IN State Fair Website</i>

*****“Activities” are defined as project manual activities and/or Hendricks County 4-H Workshops related to this topic. Members must be able to prove attendance by getting a signature from 4-H Leader/Project Advisor that conducts the workshop. Activity sheets available in the Extension Office with Poultry Project Manuals. Fair Exhibit requirements are listed below.***

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- 4-H Pigeons will be released on Saturday following Supreme Showmanship Contest.
- Birds entered at the Hendricks County Fair must be owned, raised, and cared for by the 4-H'er.
- 4-H exhibitors must have been enrolled in the project at the County Extension Office prior to May 15th. For competitive County Fair purposes, it is recommended that 4-H birds be hatched prior to May 1st, except as specified for birds shown in meat classes.
- All exhibition birds will be judged according to the American Standard of Perfection and authorized by the American Poultry Association. The American Standard of Perfection Book (in color) is available on loan at the Hendricks County Extension Office.
- All exhibits will be ranked on Blue, Red, and White ribbon quality. Champion and Reserve Champion, Reserve Ribbons will be awarded according to the classes as listed OR as determined by the Fair Board Director and Superintendent.
- It is recommended that 4-H club members be present at the time their 4-H Pigeon exhibit is judged. Order of show will be determined by the judge and show committee. Valuable information may be obtained by 4-H members from listening to the reasons that the judge gives for placing the classes.
- 4-H exhibitors and their parents should read both the general 4-H terms and conditions and the animal health requirements including NPIP information found in the front portion of this Handbook. 4-H Pigeon exhibits are to be accompanied by an official health certificate or an appropriate NPIP certificate.
- 4-H Pigeon members must have ownership forms completed and turned in by May 15th to the Hendricks County Extension Office. In addition to the Pigeon Entry Forms, 4-H members must also identify which animal(s) and classes they intend to exhibit in during the Hendricks County 4-H Fair on the FairEntry Online system by designated date.
- To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. See General Livestock Guidelines for more information.

Care and Management

- The Hendricks County Fair will furnish all coops.
- Exhibitors are personally responsible for maintaining clean **cages** and keeping an attractive exhibit through the Fair. Waste bedding should be dumped into the designated dumpster. Note: This is a condition of exhibit at the Hendricks County Fair and failure to comply will be handled accordingly.
- Carrying cases cannot remain in or be stored in the County Fair poultry building.
- Birds must be free of external parasites at check-in.***
- Dirty birds may be dropped one (1) ribbon place per discretion of judge, and may be excused from the show at the discretion of the Barn Director, or designee.
- Sick birds are not to be removed from their assigned Hendricks air /cage without written consent.
- Birds removed without written approval will be handled per general rules and guidelines.
- Exhibitors must furnish feed, feed containers, water, and bedding while on the grounds.

A 4-H'er may show any number of entries in each class. Birds will be judged on show condition and conformation to the National Pigeon Association Standards.

** All birds must be banded **

PIGEONS CLASSES:

- Fancy Breed
- Sport/Performance Breed
- Utility Breed

4-H PIGEON SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST:

The 4-H Pigeon Showmanship Contest will be held immediately after the 4-H Pigeon Show. 4-H'ers will demonstrate their ability to present birds which are clean and healthy, trained and manageable, along with techniques of proper display. This activity provides an opportunity to competitively demonstrate one's knowledge and skill in raising, conditioning, evaluation and handling.

- **Junior Showmanship**- grades 3 through 5 in January of the current year.
- **Intermediate Showmanship**- grades 6 through 8 in January of the current year.
- **Senior Showmanship** - grades 9 in January of the current year through their last eligible year in 4- H.