

Pigeon

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Project Description:

This project allows the 4-H member to learn about pigeons. This includes selection of the bird, proper care, safety and good showmanship practices. Learning about pigeon industry and how it works is another part of this project. **All Pigeon/Poultry members must be YQCA certified to show.**

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. Birds will be judged on show condition and **conformation** against the National Pigeon Association Standards.
2. It is a requirement for pigeons to wear a seamless leg band with an identification number. Pigeons must be banded prior to check-in.
3. **Entry forms and entry fees are due no later than May 15. No exceptions.**
4. **All scratches and leg band numbers must be declared no later than the last Friday of June (same day as fairentry.com is due). The pigeon breed, variety and leg band number must be on the May 15 entry form.**
5. All birds must remain on the fairgrounds until release time.
4. 4-Her may enter a maximum of one bird for each age group-class (old cock, old hen, young cock, and young hen). This is four per breed/ variety.
5. A champion and reserve champion selection will be made of the Fancy, Sporting and Utility Classifications. A Grand and Reserve Champion Pigeon will be selected from each class champion/reserve champion.
6. Refer to the Indiana State Fair 4-H and FFA Premium Book for further information on breed classifications.

DESCRIPTION OF BIRDS

1. Old Cock - Male bird banded prior to January 1 of the current year.
2. Old Hen - Female bird banded prior to January 1 of the current year.
3. Young Cock - Male bird banded on or after January 1 of the current year.
4. Young Hen - Female bird banded on or after January 1 of the current year.
5. Breeds will be in the classification below:
 - a. Fancy Breeds
 - b. Sporting/Performance Breeds
 - c. Utility Breeds

POSTER PROJECT

The Poultry/Pigeon project may be completed by Poster at the County Fair and can advance to State Fair.

Poster exhibits must have the standardized exhibit card in the lower right-hand corner with the 4-H member's name, project and club. Allow room on your poster for the exhibit card. The exhibit cards will be available at check-in time at the fair.

1. Posters must be 22" x 28" and DISPLAYED HORIZONTALLY ■ and not vertically ■.

2. POSTER MUST BE SELF-SUPPORTING (remain standing when leaned at a slight angle). Use heavy cardboard or foam board. For foam board, contact the Extension Office.
3. All posters must be covered with clear plastic (NOT SARAN WRAP). Contact the Extension Office to purchase acetate poster sleeves.
4. All poster type projects must have a title or theme on the poster. Check your manual for specifications. Be sure the poster accurately meets the guidelines and objectives of the activities in the manual.
5. All items must be securely mounted on the poster or display board
6. When designing your poster, you should consider: lines, shapes, textures, colors and placement of items.