

Poultry

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

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

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. The Poultry project may be completed by Poster at the County Fair, and can advance to State Fair. Refer to Poster Guideline section below for Poster Requirements.
2. Birds must be recognized by the American Poultry Association to be eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion recognition. Refer to the Standard of Perfection to verify your breed is recognized and meets the standard.
3. All entered birds must be owned and cared for by the 4-Her. Birds must be in possession prior to May 15, with the exception of commercial birds.
4. To comply with State Board of Health requirements, each chick shall originate from National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) sources or be tested within 90 days of the show. The appropriate form indicating either of these situations must be turned in prior to unloading birds at the fair. No exceptions.
5. No poultry may be exhibited with signs of infectious disease or excessive external parasites.
6. All 4-Hers who exhibit poultry at the Clinton County Fair are eligible to go on to compete at the State Fair, if they complete and submit the necessary entry information at the State Fair by the required deadline.
7. All classes will be determined by the superintendent after animal enrollment.
8. Entry forms and entry fees are due no later than May 15. No exceptions.
9. **All scratches must be declared no later than the last Friday of June (same day as fairentury.com is due).**
10. Commercial Meat birds will be weighed Sunday **after check-in is complete**. Birds entered as Broilers that are over 5.5 pounds will be moved to Roasters. Birds entered as Roasters that are less than 5.5 pounds will be moved to Broilers. Birds weighing more than 10 pounds will not be eligible to compete for championship classes. Each member can exhibit one entry per commercial class.
11. All birds must remain on the fairgrounds until the release time.

COMMERCIAL CHICKEN CLASSES

A 4-Her may enter a maximum of one entry of two birds per class.

Class Description

1. White Shell Pullets -- Two female birds of the same breed less than 1 year of age.
2. White Shell Hens -- Two female birds of the same breed in laying condition a year or more in age.
3. Brown Shell Pullets -- Two female birds of the same breed less than 1 year of age.
4. Brown Shell Hens -- Two female birds of the same breed in laying condition a year or more in age.
5. Broilers -- Two birds of the same sex, 6 to 8 weeks of age and not over 5 ½ pounds on show day.
6. Roasters -- Two birds of the same sex, 8 to 10 weeks of age and 5 ½ to 10 pounds on show day.
7. Eggs -- Six eggs displayed in a foam carton, of like size, color, and uniformity.

- a. White Shell Class
- b. Brown Shell Class
- c. All Other Shell Class

COMMERCIAL WATERFOWL CLASSES

Please see the Waterfowl rules.

COMMERCIAL TURKEY CLASSES

A 4-Her may enter a maximum of one turkey per class per breed.

Class Description

1. Young hen – a female bird less than 1 year of age
2. Old hen – a female bird 1 year or more of age
3. Young Tom – a male bird less than 1 year of age
4. Old Tom – a male bird 1 year or more of age

STANDARD EXHIBITION CLASSES

A 4-Her may enter a maximum of one entry per class per breed per variety. For example, an exhibitor could enter four different birds (cock, cockerel, pullet, hen) in one variety of Wyandotte and then four more birds in a second variety of Wyandotte.

Class Description

1. Cock -- male bird over 1 year of age
2. Hen -- female bird over 1 year of age
3. Cockerel -- male bird under year of age
4. Pullet -- female bird under year of age

BANTAM EXHIBITION CLASSES

A 4-Her may enter a maximum of one entry per class per breed per variety. For example, an exhibitor could enter four different birds (cock, cockerel, pullet, hen) in one variety of Wyandotte and then four more birds in a second variety of Wyandotte.

Class Description

1. Cock -- male bird over 1 year of age
2. Hen -- female bird over 1 year of age
3. Cockerel -- male bird under year of age
4. Pullet -- female bird under year of age

WATERFOWL EXHIBITION CLASSES

Please see the Waterfowl rules.

TURKEY EXHIBITION CLASSES

A 4-Her may enter a maximum of one turkey per class per breed (four birds per breed).

Class Description

5. Young hen – a female bird less than 1 year of age
6. Old hen – a female bird 1 year or more of age
7. Young Tom – a male bird less than 1 year of age
8. Old Tom – a male bird 1 year or more of age

POSTER PROJECT

The Poultry project may be completed by Poster at the County Fair but does not 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.