

June 12, 2020

Dear 4-H Poultry Members:

This letter contains important information about our 2020 4-H Poultry show scheduled for **July 29th** at the Poultry and Rabbit Barn on the Morgan County Fairgrounds. Please bear with us, as many changes need to be made in order to comply with the guidelines for social distancing, personal protection best practices, and in general, staying healthy during the COVID-19 situation.

Our Poultry show will be **virtual** this year, with a maximum of four entries per 4-H'er. Showmanship will be in-person, and is in addition to the four entries. Eggs will be judged in-person. Do not bring your birds to the fairgrounds for judging, except meat pens and showmanship birds. Regular placing class entries should be made in www.fairentry.com as photos. (See directions included in this letter.) Showmanship birds should remain in their carriers until it is your turn for showmanship, and these birds will exit the fairgrounds immediately following the show. We will have a showmanship session with Mini 4-H members during the show. Mini's should not bring a bird or use a bird this year.

The Poultry Eggs class rules remain the same as are printed in the 4-H Handbook. You are limited to one entry per class of eggs. Classes are white, brown and all other. Egg entries count toward the four Poultry entries total. Do not place eggs on the table without properly checking in with the Superintendent.

Meat Pen birds must weigh at least four pounds each to show. They will be weighed at the 8:00 a.m. check in time, and placed in the assigned cage for judging. A meat pen entry counts as one entry toward the four Poultry entries per member. Meat Pens will be judged in-person by the judge, and if not being sold in the auction (we are calling it a sale for 2020, and I will explain that shortly), they should be taken home once the show is over.

It is recommended, but not required that you wear a face covering (mask or bandana) during the show. You **ARE** required to maintain a distance of six feet of separation from others during this time. If the judge comes within six feet of you, please wear your face covering, so please have one with you.

The auction for all livestock, including Meat Pens, has been re-designated as a "sale" and will not be an in-person event. Sale consignment forms can be picked up at the registration table on the morning of the show, and must be completed and returned to the show Superintendent. Everyone selling meat pens will be listed on the Purdue Extension—Morgan County website and buyers will be able to choose which members they want to donate add-on money to, and then email their choices to the sale staff. Contributions from the donor category of "Friends of 4-H" will be divided between members whose animals did not receive add-ons. You are encouraged to share a sale flyer with potential buyers as soon as they are available (early July). Meat Pen entries going to the sale will be removed from the fairgrounds by the show Superintendent, and will be processed and donated to a local food pantry.

Schedule for the day of July 29th:

*****Only Meat Pens, Showmanship birds and eggs are to come to the fairgrounds on July 29th *****

8:00 a.m. Check in eggs, meat pens and sign in for Showmanship, including Mini members.

8:45 a.m. Judge arrives

9:00 a.m. Showmanship begins, followed by Meat Pen judging, then virtual show judging.

Following announcements, we will exit the barn immediately to make room for the 4-H Rabbit Show.

Continue to care for your birds! This year's events will be different than anything we have done before, and thank you for your patience as we work out all the details and plan for a great—although somewhat different—Morgan County 4-H Poultry show. Feel free to email me (Sherryl Gaines) with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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