

POULTRY DEPARTMENT
Superintendents: Al & Bridget Pasker

All poultry exhibited must come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean flocks and have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition. If the birds came from a P.T. clean flock they will still need to be tested. Proof needs to be presented at check-in time. Testing will be available at the Polk County Extension Office prior to the fair.

**Refer to Livestock Rules and Regulations/
 Health Requirements for additional information.**

1. Entries - See General Rules and Regulations. Dress Code – Livestock Rules and Regulations.
2. Only Market Broilers can be sold at the Livestock Auction on Monday. Broilers must be processed and delivered to buyer by 4-H or FFA member. After auction, the cages must be taken down and litter must be cleaned up by 4-H or FFA participant.
3. Poultry exhibit check-in is 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., Thursday. All poultry are eligible to arrive between 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M., Thursday. No substitutions may be made of any poultry exhibit after poultry have been entered except by the permission of the Division Superintendent.
4. Each exhibitor is responsible for proper entering and placing birds in pens; however, the Division Superintendent assigns pens.
5. Each exhibitor is limited to **one entry per sex per variety.** (Rhode Island Red – Hen is one entry and Rhode Island Red – Rooster would be another entry.) The 4H/FFA Exhibitor could show two Rhode Island Reds.
6. Pens must contain birds of the same sex and age. Large/unusual exhibits may need special pen furnished by the exhibitor "and approved by the superintendent."
7. Herdsmanship (judging care, cleanliness and health of the animal) will be checked by the Herdsmanship Department and ribbons provided to the exhibitors who merit awards. Exhibitors are responsible for care (feed and water) of their own animals. Water should be checked several times during each day. **Exhibitors are responsible for providing their own containers for feed and water.**
8. **Poultry exhibitors must provide their own litter or chips, feed, and all the feed pans and water pans. Sand is not to be used as litter.**
9. Production Poultry (previously titled Commercial Poultry) classes are for poultry raised to produce eggs. The basis for judging is uniformity, maturity (age considered), development, handling qualities, pigmentation, molt, and general conformation to breed characteristics.
11. Market broiler classes are for meat production birds under eight weeks old (purchase receipt to be presented at check-in.) Each exhibitor is limited to one entry. Entries will be judged according to USDA Production and Marketing Standards of quality for live poultry. Factors considered will include health, feathering, conformation (breast, back, legs and thighs,) fleshing and fat covering. The pen must consist of birds of the same sex.
12. The turkey class will be judged according to USDA Production and Marketing Standards of quality for live poultry. Factors considered will include health, feathering, conformation (breast, back, legs and thighs,) fleshing and fat covering.

13. Pigeons, Doves, Guinea, Pheasant, Quail, and Pea Fowl will be judged on health, vigor, conformation, maturity (age considered), and development.
14. Standard and Bantam breeds will be judged by their adherence to the American Poultry Association (APA) Standard of Perfection. No crossbred birds may be entered in these classes.
15. ALL LIVESTOCK MUST BE IN PLACE BY 8:00 P.M., THURSDAY.
16. All Poultry must remain in cages until release time of 4:00 P.M. Sunday.
17. SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST
 - a. Exhibitors showing their own livestock in all classes including showmanship are eligible to compete for showmanship awards.
 - b. Previous winners are not eligible for this competition in the age divisions they have previously won.
 - c. Showmanship will be broken into three age divisions, as of September 1, previous year:
 - i. Junior - grades 4 – 6
 - ii. Intermediate - grades 7 – 8
 - iii. Senior - grades 9 - 12

Production Pullets-Less than 20 Weeks of Age

CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

241	Production Pen of 3 pullets – max of one entry per variety.
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Production Hens-More than 20 weeks of Age

CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

242	Production Pen of 3 hens – max of one entry per variety.
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Grand Champion Production Pen – Selected from pullet or hen classes

Reserve Champion Production Pen from pullet or hen classes

Market Broilers

CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

250	Pen of 3 broilers/roasters – under eight weeks of age one entry per exhibitor
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Grand Champion Market Broiler Pen

Reserve Champion Market Broiler Pen

Turkeys

CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

260	Pen of 1 old breeding turkey – max of one entry per sex per variety- over 1 year of age
261	Pen of 1 young breeding turkey – max of one entry per sex per variety- under 1 year of age
262	Pen of 1 market turkey – max of one entry per sex- over 12 weeks

Grand Champion Turkey

Reserver Grand Champion Turkey

Waterfowl

CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

270	Pen of 1 duck – max of one entry per sex per variety
271	Pen of 1 goose – max of one entry per sex per variety

Bantam Breeds

CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

280	Pen of 1 bantam breed bird - max of one entry per sex per variety
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Standard Breeds Birds

CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

290	Pen of 1 standard breeds bird max of one entry per sex per variety
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Pigeons, Doves, Ornamental

CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

300	Pen of 1 pigeon – max of one entry per sex per variety
301	Pen of 1 dove – max of one entry per sex per variety

Guinea, Pheasant, Quail, Pea Fowl

CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

310	Pen of 1 bird – max of one entry per sex per variety
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Grand Champion Fancy Bird

Reserve Champion Fancy Bird

Grand and Reserve Champion to be chosen from Waterfowl, Bantam Breed, Standard Breed, Pigeon, Doves, Guinea, Pheasant, Quail and Pea Fowl classes

Showmanship will be judged on the member's ability to properly handle his/her bird, answer questions asked by the judge regarding breed, poultry anatomy, and general poultry knowledge, and overall poise and appearance. Showmanship classes are grouped by age into three categories:

Senior Showmanship 9th-12th grades & FFA

Intermediate Showmanship 7th-8th grades

Junior Showmanship 4th-6th grades

OPEN POULTRY SHOW

SUNDAY

8:00 A.M. Poultry Open Class Check-in

11:00 A.M. Poultry Open Class Show

1. **Bird must belong to the Clover Kid and not be shown in the 4-H/FFA Show.**
2. Any 4 y/o through 3rd grader, (as of July 2) may exhibit in this class.
3. Health Certificates and Pullorum-Typhoid tests are required.
4. Entry deadline is July 2 at the Polk County Extension Office
5. One entry per exhibitor.