

Poultry Department

Superintendents: Jason Lihs & Renee Fiala

- 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 before the fair.
1. Only Market Broilers and Market Turkeys can be sold at the Livestock Auction on Friday. Birds must be processed and delivered to the buyer by 4-H or FFA members. After the auction, the cages must be taken down and litter must be cleaned up by 4-H or FFA participants.
 2. When birds are released all cages must be taken down and all litter must be cleaned up by 4-H or FFA participants or premiums will be withheld.
 3. Poultry exhibits check-in is at **4:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Saturday 7/12/2025**. **Broilers, Market Turkeys, and Open Classes** may be checked in between 6:00 – 8:00 AM the day of the show, **Sunday 7/13/2025**. No substitutions may be made of any poultry exhibit after poultry have been entered except by the permission of a Poultry Superintendent. Substitutions, after Fair Entry has closed, are encouraged to be emailed to the superintendent (Jason: biglihs71@me.com) for advanced approval so cages and cards can be adjusted in advance.
 4. Each exhibitor is responsible for proper entering and placing birds in pens; a Poultry Superintendent will assign pens.
 5. Each exhibitor is limited to **one entry per sex per variety per color**. (Example: An Orpington hen and rooster may be shown by the same participant but not two Orpington roosters or an exhibitor may show a black silkie pullet and a white silkie pullet but not two of the same color).
 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 of care, cleanliness, and health of the animal) will be checked by the Herdsmanship Department, and ribbons provided to the exhibitors who merit awards.
 8. Exhibitors are responsible for the care (feed and water) of their animals and must provide contact information at check-in.
 - Water should be checked several times each day. Exhibitors are responsible for providing their containers for feed and water.
 - Water containers are preferred to be attached to the pen so they cannot be knocked over.
 - Water must be entirely replaced every 24 hours at a minimum and inspected throughout the day.
 9. Poultry exhibitors must provide their bedding such as shavings or pelletized horse bedding. Sand is not permitted. It will be communicated prior to the fair if the bedding is provided for the exhibitor.
 10. Poultry, except Broilers and market turkeys remaining for the auction, must remain in cages until the release time of **5:00 PM, Thursday 7/17/2025**.

11. Showmanship Contest- Showmanship will be judged on the member's ability to properly handle their bird and answer the judge's questions regarding breed, poultry anatomy, general poultry knowledge, overall poise, and appearance. Showmanship classes are grouped by age.
- In Showmanship classes, exhibitor must use an animal that is ID'ed by the exhibitor and that they have registered to exhibit in other classes at the Polk County Fair.
 - Previous Showmanship Champions are not eligible for this competition in the age divisions they have previously won.
 - Showmanship will be broken into three age divisions, as of September 1, previous year.

Class Number and Description

001	Junior Showmanship Grades 4-6
002	Intermediate Showmanship Grades 7-8
003	Senior Showmanship Grades 9-12 & FFA
004	Master Showmanship: Previous years Senior Showmanship winners; is not <u>eligible for supreme showmanship</u>

Production Pullets-Less than 20 Weeks of Age

101	Production Pen of 3 pullets – max of one entry per variety. (Hatched After 3/1/2025)
102	Classroom Hatched pullet— <u>one entry only</u> , chick must be hatched in the Polk County 4-H school classroom hatching (other hatched birds can be entered into the <u>Standard or Bantam classes</u>)

Production Hens-More than 20 weeks of Age

201	Production Pen of 3 hens – max of one entry per variety. (Hatched Before 3/1/2025)
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Production 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.

Champion and Reserve Champion Production Pen – Selected from pullet and hen classes.

Market & Fryer Broilers

301	Pen of 3 broilers/roasters – under eight weeks of age one entry per exhibitor (5/19/2025)
302	Pen of 3 Fryer's – Under eight weeks of age, one entry per exhibitor (5/19/2025)

Market broiler & fryer 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 in each class. Entries will be judged according to USDA Production and Marketing Standards of quality for live poultry. Factors considered will include cleanliness, size, and uniformity. The pen must consist of birds of the same sex.

Champion and Reserve Champion Market Broiler Pen
Champion and Reserve Champion Market Fryer Pen

Turkeys

401	Pen of 1 market turkey – max of one entry per sex per variety per color
402	Breeding Pen- Pen of 2 (1 male and 1 female) market or heritage breeds of Turkey- Max entry one per exhibitor
403	Pen of 1 Heritage breed turkey– max of one entry per sex per variety per color

The Market type turkeys will be judged according to USDA Production and Marketing Standards of quality for live poultry, while Heritage breeds will be judged by their adherence to the American Poultry Association (APA) Standard of Perfection. Turkeys will be shown as a single class unless there are ten or more birds in a single class.

Champion and Reserve Champion Overall Turkey

Champion and Reserve Champion Heritage Turkey (Rosettes Only)

Champion and Reserve Champion Commercial Hen Turkey (Rosettes Only)

Champion and Reserve Champion Commercial Tom Turkey (Rosettes Only)

Waterfowl

501	Pen of 1 heavy duck – max of one entry per sex per variety per color Breeds include: Pekin, Appleyard, Aylesbury, Saxony, Rouen, Muscovy
502	Pen of 1 medium duck – max of one entry per sex per variety per color Breeds include: Cayuga, Crested, Swedish, Buff
503	Pen of 1 light duck – max of one entry per sex per variety per color Breeds include: Runner, Campbell, Magpie
504	Pen of 1 bantam duck – max of one entry per sex per variety per color Breeds include: Call, East Indie, Mallard, Wood, Mandrian
505	Pen of 1 goose – max of one entry per sex per variety per color

Duck breeds will be judged by their adherence to the American Poultry Association (APA) Standard of Perfection. No crossbred or hybrid birds may be entered in these classes.

Champion and Reserve Champion Duck

Heavy duck class can be considered for overall market champion or reserve market champion

Bantam duck class can be considered for overall bantam champion or reserve bantam champion

Bantam Breeds

601	Pen of 1 Feather Legged Bantam – Max entry of one per sex per variety sex per color
602	Pen of 1 Game Bird (Old English or Modern) Clean Legged Bantam – Max entry of one per sex per variety sex per color
603	Pen of 1 Single Comb Clean Legged Bantam – Max entry of one per sex per variety sex per color
604	Pen of 1 Rose Comb Clean Legged Bantam – Max entry of one per sex per variety sex per color
605	Pen of 1 All Other Comb Clean Legged Bantam – Max entry of one per sex per variety sex per color
606	Pen of 1 Silkie – Max entry of one per variety per sex per color

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.

Clean Legged Bantams champion and reserve champion will compete against feather legged champion and reserve champion and silkie champion and reserve champion for top overall bantam.

Champion and Reserve from each Class of Bantam Breed

Standard Breeds Birds

701	American - Max entry of 1 entry per sex per variety per color
702	Asiatic - Max entry of 1 entry per sex per variety per color
703	English - Max entry of 1 entry per sex per variety per color
704	Mediterranean - Max entry of 1 entry per sex per variety per color
705	Continental - Max entry of 1 entry per sex per variety per color
706	Other- Max entry of 1 entry per sex per variety per color

Standard breeds will be judged by their adherence to the American Poultry Association (APA) Standard of Perfection. **No crossbred or hybrid** birds may be entered in these classes.

Champion and Reserve from each Class of Standard Breed

Pigeons, Doves, Ornamental

801	Pen of 1 pigeon – max of one entry per sex per variety per color
802	Pen of 1 dove – max of one entry per sex per variety per color

Guinea, Pheasant, Quail, Pea Fowl

901	Pen of 1 bird – max of one entry per sex per variety per color
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Pigeons, Doves, Guinea, Pheasant, Quail, and Pea Fowl will be judged on health, vigor, conformation, maturity (age considered), and development.

Champion and Reserve Champion Fancy Bird (Rosette Only)

A Commercial Grand Champion will be chosen from the Layer, Broiler, Fryer and any Market Type turkeys or waterfowl.

A Grand Champion will be chosen from all standard, bantam, fancy, turkey, and waterfowl.

Bred By Owned By Class

1001	Pen of 1 bird - Max entry of 1 entry per sex per variety per color
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Exhibitors will create a record book documenting the process of selecting birds to breed, the breeding and raising process as well as why they selected the offspring they did for exhibition. Exhibitors will be judged 80% on the documentation and 20% on the birds. Exhibitor may show from any type or breed of poultry that may be exhibited at the Polk County Fair. Record books must be submitted to the County Extension Office or to a Poultry Superintendent by 7/1/2025. Please email Jason at biglihs71@me.com for the record book documents.

Poultry Costume Photo Show

- Photos will be judged on composition, creativity, and the presence of costume or humorous setting.
- Participants are limited to one entry and must have at least one bird entered in the Poultry Show.
- CGI or app-created costumes or changes are not permitted.
- Filters, adding words and manipulation of color is acceptable.
- Entries must be family-friendly, pose no risk to the bird and be appropriate.
- Entries are due 7/1/2025, and photos must be digitally submitted by 7/5/2025 to the Poultry Superintendent (email reneewhite06@gmail.com), who will print and laminate them for display at the fair. Please include the participant's name, club, image title, and a brief description when submitting the photo via email.

1101	Poultry Humor Photo Contest (Rosette Only)
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Grand and Reserve Champion Photo

Youth Open Class Poultry

1. Show **Sunday 7/13/2025**. Bird may be checked in on **Saturday 7/12/2025** from 4 pm and 8 pm or Sunday **7/13/2025** between 6:00 am and 10:00 am.
2. **Bird will be shown by the open show participant and not be shown in the 4-H/FFA Show. It will be stalled with the other open class poultry exhibits.**
3. Any 4 y/o through 3rd grader (as of July 1) may exhibit in this class. One entry per exhibitor.
4. Pullorum-Typhoid tests are required.
5. Entry fees and registration is due by July 1 via FairEntry. Entries after July 1 will have a late fee. See general rules for more information.
6. Dress code – See General and Livestock Rules and Regulations for additional information.
7. For photo contest, see rules in 4-H Section above.

Class Number and Description

010	Youth Open Class Poultry
011	Youth Open - Showmanship
012	Open Poultry Humor Photo Contest