



POULTRY

(revised for 2008)

- Exhibit may be a project, poster, action demonstration or combination ◀

Poultry Level 1 - Grade 3-5

Poultry Level 2 - Grade 6-8

Poultry Level 3 - Grade 9-12

Exhibit

- One or more birds fed and cared for by member.
 - Complete 3 of the suggested activities listed in the members' guide, one of which will be a record sheet and two from the manual that is grade appropriate to that member.
1. All poultry for exhibition shall be accompanied by an official health certificate or an appropriate NPIP certificate.
 2. All poultry for exhibition must meet one of the following requirements:
 - Test negative for pullorum-typhoid within 90 days prior to the date of their exhibition;
 - Originate from NPIP approved flocks;
 - Be hatched from eggs originating from NPIP approved flocks;
 - Originate from a flock where the entire flock is certified NPIP pullorum-typhoid clean.
 3. No poultry may be exhibited showing signs of infectious or communicable disease.
 4. No poultry may be exhibited showing signs of external parasite infestation.
 5. For more information on poultry health requirements, call the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at (317) 227-0320.

Manuals need to be turned in to 4-H leaders by July 1. Member may exhibit at the county fair if their manual is complete.

All poultry (except waterfowl, pigeons and doves) must come from a pullorum free flock or hatchery. Member must provide proof of hatching date, receipt, bill of lading or official verification from hatchery of all poultry upon arrival for exhibition.

Member must have possession of bird for at least a minimum of five weeks prior to show.

Birds not hatched in current year must be blood tested to show.

Any bird showing symptoms of disease or birds that have lice or mites will not be shown and will be sent home.

All pens will be assigned by the superintendent. Birds must be fed, watered and cared for daily by the member until end of fair. Any bird not receiving feed or water for at least an eight hour period will be disqualified from competition as well as the auction. Members are also responsible for their own feed and for cleaning the cage daily.

For the 4-H Livestock Auction, champions and reserve champions (at the member's option) will sell first. After champions and reserve champions, numbers will be drawn by the superintendent for the sale order. Sale order is chickens, turkey, ducks and geese. Only those noted classes will be allowed to sell in the 4-H auction.

All members must be in attendance at judging and present their birds to the judge unless alternative arrangements have been made in advance with the project superintendent. A bird may be entered in only one class. Birds will be judged according to the American Standard of Perfection as authorized by the American Poultry Association.

DIVISIONS

1. **FANCY BIRDS:** Includes chickens, ducks, geese and peacocks. All fancy birds will be in a class of their own species.
 - Male Class. 1 bird.
 - Female Class. 1 bird.
 - Matched Pair. 1 male and 1 female.

2. **GAME BIRDS:** Exhibit one bird. All pheasant and quail must have a carrier to show.

NOTE: According to Indiana law, if you acquire a live game bird (ring-necked pheasant or bobwhite quail, including their subspecies and color phases) or purchase a live game bird, you must apply for a game breeder's license with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) within five (5) days. The possession of wild turkeys or ruffed grouse is prohibited under any circumstances. Information about the licensing of game birds is contained in a separate file on this CD.

3. **GUINEAS:** Exhibit a single bird or pair of birds matching in color.
4. **PIGEONS & DOVES:** Exhibit a single bird or a pair of birds. All pigeons and doves must have carrier to show.
5. **CHICKENS - EGG PRODUCTION:**
 - Pullets (2) hatched between March 1, and May 1 of the current year.
 - Hens (2) hatched prior to January 1 of the current year.
6. **CHICKENS - MEAT PRODUCTION:** To show in this class, exhibitors must obtain show birds from the same flock purchased by the 4-H Poultry Committee. Members exhibit two birds of the same sex (limit one class per member). These birds may be sold in the auction.
 - ▶ Pullets
 - ▶ Roosters
7. **TURKEYS:** Member shows one bird, hatched in March or April. Turkeys may be sold in the auction.
 - ▶ Hens
 - ▶ Toms

8. **DUCKS - MEAT PRODUCTION:** To show in this class, exhibitors must obtain show birds from the same flock purchased by the 4-H Poultry Committee. Exhibit one duckling of either sex. These ducks may be sold in the auction.
9. **GEESE - MEAT PRODUCTION:** One gosling either sex hatched after March 1 of the current year. These birds may be sold in the auction.
10. **SHOWMANSHIP:** Poultry showmanship participants are expected to wear a long-sleeved white shirt or lab jacket for this competition. Winners advance one level and do not compete at a lower level again. Awards will be given at the 4-H Livestock Banquet in August.
 - First year - Open to 4-H members in third or fourth grade.
 - Junior – Grades 5-8.
 - Senior - Ninth grade and over.
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