

PIGEON

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be *BOLDED* and *ITALICIZED*! Pay special attention to any projects with **BOLD, ITALICIZED WORDS because they have changed from last year.**

Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Pigeon			
Division/Level	Grades	Completion Activities Needed	Maximum State Fair Entries
Level 1	Grades 3-5	<i>EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET</i>	Check IN State Fair Website
Level 2	Grades 6-8	<i>EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET</i>	Check IN State Fair Website
Level 3	Grades 9-12	<i>EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET</i>	Check IN State Fair Website

SUGGESTED REFERENCE MATERIALS (available for purchase in Extension Office or shop4-h.org)

- ***Level 1: Scratching the Surface***
- ***Level 2: Testing Your Wings***
- ***Level 3: Flocking Together***

GUIDELINES

1. Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H Livestock and Animal Section for General Guidelines related to all livestock projects. See 4-H Policies, Entry & Exhibit Guidelines for poster and general display guidelines.
2. ***Be sure to enroll in the project on 4-H Online and enter exhibit information into FairEntry by designated date. 2024 designated FairEntry Deadline is Monday, July 1st at 11:59 p.m.***
3. ***Complete the Record Sheet (if not exhibiting at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair).***
4. If wanting to exhibit a poster/display/notebook related to this species, 4-H members may do so under the “Animal Education” Project. (see page 25 for details)

PIGEON TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Birds entered at the Hendricks County Fair must be owned, raised, and cared for by the 4-H'er.
2. For competitive purposes, it is recommended that 4-H birds be hatched prior to May 1st, except as specified for birds shown in meat classes.
3. All exhibition birds will be judged according to the American Standard of Perfection and authorized by the American Poultry Association. The American Standard of Perfection Book (in color) is available on loan at the Hendricks County Extension Office.
4. 4-H club members **MUST** be present at the time their 4-H Pigeon exhibit is judged. Order of show will be determined by the judge and show committee. Valuable information may be obtained by 4-H members from listening to the reasons that the judge gives for placing the classes. Substitute showman requests will only be granted to those exhibitors who have medical emergencies or conflicts with showing other animals. See page 125 for more details on substitute showman requests.
5. 4-H Pigeon exhibits are to be accompanied by an official health certificate or an appropriate NPIP certificate.
6. 4-H Pigeons will be released on Saturday following Supreme Showmanship Contest.

Care and Management

1. The Hendricks County Fair will furnish all coops.
2. Exhibitors are personally responsible for maintaining clean cages and keeping an attractive exhibit through the Fair. Waste bedding should be dumped into the designated dumpster. Note: This is a condition of exhibit at the Hendricks County Fair and failure to comply will be handled accordingly.
3. Carrying cases cannot remain in or be stored in the County Fair poultry building.
4. Birds must be free of external parasites at check-in.
5. Dirty birds may be dropped one (1) ribbon place per discretion of judge, and may be excused from the show at the discretion of the Barn Director, or designee.
6. Sick birds are not to be removed from their assigned Hendricks air /cage without written consent.
7. Birds removed without written approval will be handled per general rules and guidelines.

A 4-H'er may show any number of entries in each class. Birds will be judged on show condition and conformation to the National Pigeon Association Standards.

** All birds must be banded **

PIGEONS CLASSES

- Fancy Breed
- Sport/Performance Breed
- Utility Breed

4-H PIGEON SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

The 4-H Pigeon Showmanship Contest will be held immediately after the 4-H Pigeon Show. 4-H'ers will demonstrate their ability to present birds which are clean and healthy, trained and manageable, along with techniques of proper display. This activity provides an opportunity to competitively demonstrate one's knowledge and skill in raising, conditioning, evaluation and handling.

- Junior Showmanship - Grades 3-5 in January of the current year.
- Intermediate Showmanship - Grades 6-8 in January of the current year.
- Senior Showmanship - Grades 9 in January of the current year through their last eligible year in 4-H.