

POULTRY

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 Poultry			
Division/Level	Grades	Completion Activities Needed	Maximum State Fair Entries
Level 1	Grades 3-5	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	Check IN State Fair Website
Level 2	Grades 6-8	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	Check IN State Fair Website
Level 3	Grades 9-12	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	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-HOnline and enter exhibit information into FairEntry by designated date. **2025 designated FairEntry Deadline is Tuesday, 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 24 for details)

POULTRY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Birds entered at the Hendricks County Fair must be owned, raised, and cared for by the 4-H'er.
2. 4-H exhibitors and their parents should read both the general 4-H terms and conditions and the animal health guidelines including NPIP information found in the front portion of this Handbook.
3. 4-H Poultry exhibits are to be accompanied by an official health certificate or an appropriate NPIP certificate. Blood testing (NPIP) of birds **MUST** be completed prior to the start of the Hendricks County 4-H Fair. Documentation must be presented at check-in. Unless otherwise stated prior to the County/State Fair.
4. 4-H poultry members must have **completed entry forms** turned in by May 15th to the Hendricks County Extension Office. In addition to the Poultry Entry Forms, 4-H members must also enter animal(s) and intended classes for exhibition into FairEntry by designated date each year. **The FairEntry deadline date for the 2025 4-H Fair is Tuesday, July 1, 2025.**
5. 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.
6. Individual chicken and waterfowl identification are not required for entry, although it is highly desirable.
7. All eggs are the property of the Fair management and not to be gathered by anyone except Fair employees.
8. 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.
9. Exhibition Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded for Large Fowl, Bantams, Duck, Goose, Guinea, Pigeons, Turkey and Shell Eggs.
10. Commercial Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded for Duck, Goose, Meat Chicken, Egg Layer Bird duo.
11. Exhibition and Commercial will both have their own Best of Show Awards.
12. 4-H members **MUST** be present at the time their 4-H poultry 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 131 for more details on substitute showman requests.
13. 4-H Poultry will be released on Saturday following the 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/crates cannot remain in or be stored in the County Fair poultry building or grounds.
4. Birds must be free of external parasites at check-in.
5. Sick birds will be excused from the show at the discretion of the Barn Director or designee and Extension Educator or Youth Council Representative.
6. Birds removed without written approval prior to the end of the Fair will be handled per general rules and guidelines.
7. Exhibitors must furnish feed, feed containers, water, and bedding while on the grounds.

POULTRY CLASSES:

SHOW: COMMERCIAL

COMMERCIAL LAYER BIRDS

A 4-H'er may show any number of entries in each commercial chicken class. An entry consists of 2 birds. In judging, special attention will be given to growth, development, and production qualities.

Description of birds:

- Pullets - 2 female birds of the same breeding less than one-year day of show.
- Hens - 2 female birds of the same breeding in laying condition one year or more day of show.

Classes

- Brown Egg Layer Pullets
- Brown Egg Layer Hens
- White Egg Layer Pullets
- White Egg Layer Hens
- Blue/Green Egg Layer Pullets
- Blue/Green Egg Layer Hens
- Duck Egg Layer Pullets
- Duck Egg Layer Hens

COMMERCIAL MEAT CHICKENS

4-H'er may show any number of entries in each commercial meat bird class. An entry consists of 2 birds. In judging, special attention will be given to growth, development, and production qualities.

Description of birds:

- Broilers - 2 birds of the same sex, 6 to 8 weeks of age and not over 5 ½ pounds on show day.
- Roasters - 2 birds of the same sex, 8 to 12 weeks of age and 5 ½ to 10 pounds on show day.

COMMERCIAL DUCK

An entry consists of 1 bird

Classes

- Young duck - Female under a year of age day of show
- Old duck - female over a year of age day of show
- Young drake - male under a year of age day of show
- Old drake - male over a year of age day of show

COMMERCIAL GOOSE

An entry consists of 1 bird.

Classes

- Young gander - male under a year of age day of show

- Old gander - male over a year of age day of show
- Young goose - female under a year of age day of show
- Old goose - female over a year of age day of show

COMMERCIAL TURKEY

An entry consists of 1 bird.

Classes

- Jenny - female under a year of age on the day of the show
- Hen - female over a year of age day of the show
- Jake - male under a year of age day of the show
- Tom - male over a year of age the day of the show

EGGS

Exhibit – an entry of six eggs displayed in a foam carton. Eggs will be disposed of by the project leader at the end of the 4-H Show.

A 4-H'er may make one entry of six eggs per class for a total of four entries.

Classes of Eggs

- Brown Shell Chicken Eggs
- Blue/Green Egg Shell
- White Shell Chicken Eggs
- All other Eggs

SHOW: EXHIBITION

EXHIBITION CHICKENS

A 4-H'er may show any number of entries in each class. Depending on the number of entries, it may be necessary to limit entries to 3 breeds.

Description of Birds and Classes:

- Cock - Male over 1-year day of show.
- Cockerel - Male under 1-year day of show.
- Hen - Female over 1-year day of show.
- Pullet - Female under 1 year day of show.

LARGE FOWL

CLASS	BREED	VARIETY
American	Plymouth Rocks	Barred, White, Buff, Silver Penciled, Partridge, Columbian, Blue
	Dominiques	
	Wyandottes	Silver Laced, Golden Laced, White, Black, Partridge, Silver Penciled, Columbian, Blue
	Javas	Black, Mottled
	Rhode Island Reds	Rose Comb, Single Comb
	Rhode Island Whites	Rose Comb
	Buckeyes	
	Chanteclers	White, Partridge
	Jersey Giants	Black, White, Blue
	Lamonas	
	New Hampshires	
	Hollands	Barred, White
	Delawares	
Asiatic	Brahmas	Light, Dark, Buff
	Cochins	Buff, Partridge, White, Black, Silver Laced, Golden Laced, Blue, Brown, Barred
	Langshans	Black, White, Blue

English	Dorkings	White (rose comb only), Silver (single comb only), Colored (single comb only), Red (single comb only), Cuckoo (rose comb and single combs)
	Red Caps	
	Cornish	Dark, White, White Laced Red, Buff
	Orpingtons	Buff, Black, White, Blue
	Sussex	Speckled, Red, Light
	Australorps	Black
Mediterranean	Leghorns	Single Comb: Black, Light Brown, Dark Brown, White, Buff, Silver Rose Comb: Dark Brown, Light Brown, White, Black, Buff, Silver
	Minorcas	Single Comb: Black, White, Buff Rose Comb: Black, White
	White Faced Black Spanish	
	Andalusians	Blue
	Anconas	Single Comb, Rose Comb
	Sicilian Buttercups	
	Catalanas	Buff
Continental	Barnevelders	
	Campines	Silver, Golden
	Hamburgs	Golden Spangled, Silver Spangled, Golden Penciled, Silver Penciled, White, Black
	Lakenvelders	
	Welsummers	
	Polish	Non-Bearded: White Crested Black, Golden, Silver, White, Buff Laced, White Crested Blue, Black Crested White Bearded: Golden, Silver, White, Buff
	Houdans	Mottled, White
	Crevecoeurs	Black
	La Fleche	Black
	Faverolles	Salmon, White
	Marans	Black Copper, Wheaten, White
All Other Standard Breeds (AOSB)	Modern Games	Birchen, Black, Black Breasted Red, Brown Red, Golden Duckwing, Red Pyle, Silver Duckwing, Wheaten, White
	Old English Games	Black, Black Breasted Red, Blue Golden Duckwing, Blue Silver Duckwing, Brown Red, Crele, Golden Duckwing, Lemon Blue, Red Pyle, Self Blue, Silver Duckwing, Spangled, White
	Malays	Black, Black Breasted Red, Red Pyle, Spangled, Wheaten, White
	Sumatras	Black, blue
	Aseels	Black Breasted Red, Dark, Spangled, Wheaten, White
	Shamos	Black, Black Breasted Red, Dark, Wheaten
	Yokohamas	Red Shoulder, White
	Phoenix	Black Breasted Red, Golden, Silver
	Cubalayas	Black, Black Breasted Red, White
	Sultans	
	Naked Necks	Black, Buff, Red, White
	Araucanas	Black, Black Breasted Red, Golden Duckwing, Silver Duckwing, White
	Ameraucanas	Black, Blue, Blue Wheaten, Brown Red, Buff, Self Blue, Silver, Wheaten, White

BANTAM

Bantam	American Game Bantam	Birchen, Black, Black Breasted Red, Blue, Blue Red, Brown Red, Golden Duckwing, Red Pyle, Silver Duckwing, White
	Modern Game	Birchen, Black, Black Breasted, Red, Blue, Blue Breasted Red, Brown Red, Ginger Red, Golden Duckwing, Lemon Blue, Red Pyle, Silver Blue, Silver Duckwing, Splash, Wheaten
	Old English Game	Birchen, Black, Black Breasted Red, Black Tailed Ruff, Blue, Blue Brassy Black, Blue Breasted Red, Blue Golden Duckwing, Blue Silver

		Duckwing, Blue Wheaten, Brassy Back, Brown Red, Columbian, Crele, Cuckoo, Fawn Silver Duckwing, Ginger Red, Golden Duckwing, Lemon Blue, Millie Fleur, Quail, Red Pyle, Self Blue, Silver Blue, Silver Duckwing, Spangled, Wheaten, White
Single Comb Clean Legged Other Than Game Bantam (SCCL)	Anconas	Mottled
	Andalusians	Blue
	Australorps	Black
	Campines	Golden, Silver
	Catalanas	Buff
	Delawares	
	Dorkings	Colored, Silver-Gray
	Dutch	Light Brown, Silver, Blue Cream Light Brown, Blue Light Brown, Black, Cream Light Brown
	Hollands	Barred
	Japanese	Black Tailed White, Gray, Mottled, Black Tailed Buff, Black, White, Barred, Brown Red, Wheaten
	Javas	Black, Mottled
	Jersey Giants	Black, White
	Lakenvelders	
	Lamonas	White
	Leghorns	White, Black, Black Tailed Red, Buff, Columbian, Dark Brown, Light Brown, Red, Silver, Golden Duckwing, Barred
	Minorcas	Black, Buff, White
	Naked Necks	Buff, Red, Black
	Nankin	
	New Hampshires	
	Orpingtons	Black, Blue, Buff, White
	Phoenix	Silver, Golden
	Plymouth Rocks	Barred, White, Blue, Buff, Columbian, Partridge, Silver Penciled, Black
	Rhode Island Reds	Black
	Seramas	White
	White Faced Black Spanish	
	Sussex	Light, Red, Speckled
	Welsummers	
Rose Comb Clean Legged Bantams (RCCL)	Anconas	Mottled
	Belgian Bearded d'Anvers	Black, Blue, Cuckoo, Mille Fleur, Mottled, Porcelain, Quail, White, Self Blue
	Dominiques	
	Dorkings	Rose Comb White
	Hamburgs	Silver Spangled, Black, Golden Penciled, Golden Spangled, Silver Penciled, White
	Leghorns	Dark Brown, Light Brown, White, Silver, Black, Buff
	Minorcas	Black, White
	Nankins	
	Redcaps	
	Rhode Island Reds	
	Rhode Island Whites	
	Rose Combs	Black, White, Blue
	Sebrights	Golden, Silver
	Wyandottes	Black, Buff, Columbian, Partridge, Silver Laced, Silver Penciled, White, Golden Laced, Buff Columbian, Blue
All Other Combs Clean Legged Bantams (AOCCL)	Ameraucanas	Black, Blue, Blue Wheaten, Brown Red, Buff, Silver, Wheaten, White
	Araucanas	Black, Black Breasted Red, Golden Duckwing, Silver Duckwing, White
	Buckeyes	
	Chanteclers	Partridge, White

	Cornish	Dark, White, White Laced Red, Buff, Blue Laced Red, Spangled, Black, Mottled
	Crevecœurs	Black
	Cubalayas	Black, Black Breasted Red, White
	Houdans	Mottled, White
	Ko Shamo	Wheaten
	La Fleche	Black
	Malays	Black Breasted Red, Black, Red Pyle, White, Spangled, Wheaten (Female)
	Polish	Non-Bearded White, Bearded White, Bearded Buff Laced, Non-Bearded Buff Laced, Bearded Golden, Bearded Silver, Non-Bearded Golden, Non-Bearded Silver, Non-Bearded White Crested Black, Non-Bearded White Crested Blue
	Shamos	Wheaten, Black, Black Breasted Red
	Siclian Buttercups	
	Sumatras	Black, Blue
	Yokohamas	White, Red Shouldered
Feather Legged Bantams	Booted	White, Mille Fleuer, Porcelain, Black, Self Blue
	Belgian Bearded d'Uccle	Bearded Mille Fleur, Bearded Porcelain, Bearded White, Bearded Black, Bearded Golden Neck, Bearded Mottled, Bearded Self Blue
	Brahmas	Buff, Dark, Light
	Cochins	Black, Buff, Partridge, White, Barred, Brown Red, Golden Laced, Mottled, Silver Laced, Red, Birchen, Blue, Columbian, Splash
	Faverolles	Salmon, White
	Langshans	Black, White, Blue
	Silkies	Bearded White, Non-Bearded White, Bearded Black, Non-Bearded Black, Bearded Blue, Bearded Buff, Bearded Gray, Bearded Partridge, Non-Bearded Blue, Non-Bearded Buff, Non-Bearded Gray, Non-Bearded Partridge, Bearded Splash
	Sultans	White

WATERFOWL

DUCKS	Heavy Weight	Pekin	White
		Aylesbury	White
		Rouen	Gray
		Muscovy	Black, Blue, Chocolate, White
		Saxony	
		Silver Appleyard	
	Medium Weight	Cayuga	Black
		Crested	Black, White
		Swedish	Blue
		Buff	
	Light Weight	Runner	Black, Buff, Chocolate, Cumberland Blue, Fawn and White, Gray, Penciled, White
		Campbell	Khaki
		Magpie	Black and White, Blue and White
		Welsh Harlequin	Silver
	Bantam	Call	Blue Bibbed, Blue Fawn, Buff, Butterscotch, Chocolate, Gray, Pastel, Snowy, White
		East Indie	Black
		Mallard	Gray, Snowy
GEESE	Heavy	Toulouse	Buff, Gray
		Emdben (Emden)	White
		African	Brown, Buff, White
	Medium	Sebastopol	White
		Pilgrim	Sex-linked
		American Buff	Buff

		Saddleback Pomeranian	Buff, Gray
		Steinbacher	Blue
	Light	Chinese	Brown, White
		Tufted Roman	White
		Canada	Eastern
		Egyptian	Brown
TURKEY	Turkeys	Turkeys	Bronze, Narragansett, White Holland, Black, Slate, Bourbon Red, Beltsville Small White, Royal Palm
	Guinea	Guinea Fowl Helmeted	Lavender, Pearl, White

4-H POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

- ***See Page 134***

4-H ROOSTER CROWING CONTEST (Optional)

1. The Hendricks County 4-H Rooster crowing contest will be held on the day of show. This is a fun contest and 4-H exhibitors will receive participation ribbons for the contest. Only 4-H birds may enter the contest.
2. The location of the contest will be in the Small Animals Pavilion and will begin at lunch break.
3. No entry fee is required.
4. Entries will be made daily up to the start of the contest by the Small Animals Pavilion Director.
5. Special judges will be announced by the Small Animals Pavilion Director and qualified recorders will be assigned to record the number of crows during the specified time.
6. Roosters will be penned in the individual coops and handlers may use any method to get their exhibit to crow without touching the bird (talk, gimmick, clap sides with hands, throw them food, etc.).