

Thursday, 4 April 2024

Dear Poultry Project 4-H Member,

It is time to start thinking about the 2024 Montgomery County 4-H Fair. As many of you may know, many of our livestock projects utilize the 4-H Online system to enroll animals. However, poultry members do NOT utilize this system for enrolling individual animals.

Therefore, the enclosed enrollment form will be used for the Montgomery County 4-H program for poultry. Each 4-H member enrolled in the poultry project needs to complete the enrollment form with what animals they intend to show at the 2024 Montgomery County 4-H fair. Please ensure that you are completing all boxes that are on the registration form! You will not be able to add or change poultry after May 15th. Therefore, please list all possible birds you might show on this form.

Indiana is considered a Pullorum-Typhoid Clean state. In order to maintain this, all poultry (including chickens, turkey, and game birds) that you plan to exhibit must come from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flock <u>OR</u> test negative for pullorum-typhoid within 90 days prior to exhibiting. This is part of the larger National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP).

Therefore, <u>all</u> birds must have a completed NPIP form (enclosed) to turn in with your enrollment form. If you have birds to exhibit that do not come from a NPIP Clean Flock or you are unsure if they need tested, please plan to attend our Poultry Blood Testing Day. Poultry Blood Testing will take place **Saturday**, **June 22**nd **from 8:00-11:00 am in the Poultry Barn** on the fairgrounds. Waterfowl do not need to be tested for exhibition.

This enrollment form needs to be completed and turned into the Montgomery County Extension office no later than **May 15, 2024**. NPIP Clean Flock forms must be on file in the Extension office before you are allowed to exhibit birds at the fair. If you already have an NPIP Clean Flock form, you may turn it in with your enrolment form. If you have any questions, please call the Extension office at (765)364-6363 or Poultry Superintendent, Travis Hess at (317)903-6050.

Thank you,

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