

DEPARTMENT 600—POULTRY

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All exhibitors will enter fair classes including Showmanship using Fair Entry – Entry Deadline is June 1.

Schedule of Events

Poultry Check-in and Weigh-in for Meat Pens. Saturday, July 27, 2024, 12pm - 2 pm.

All birds MUST have NPIP papers to show personnel BEFORE birds enter the barn. There will be a poultry tester at the barn when birds are checked in for the fair.

Poultry must be in the barn by 2 pm.

Mandatory Barn Meeting: Saturday, July 27, **11:00**

Jr. Poultry Judging: **Thursday, August 1**, 8:30 am

Poultry Showmanship: **Friday, August 2**, 8:30 AM

Order of Show:

Thursday: Judging: *Meat Chickens* - Fryers/Roasters, *Laying Chickens* - Pullets/Hens, *Exhibition Specialty Birds* - Guinea/Quail/Partridge/Peacock/Pheasants/Pigeon/Heritage Turkey, *Fancy Poultry*- Standard/Bantam Fancy, *Exhibition Waterfowl*- Ducks/Geese, *Market Fowl*- Ducks/Geese, *Meat Turkeys*.

Friday: **Showmanship:** Sr Prelims, Jr Prelims, Sr Finals, Jr Finals

Entry Rules

1. All exhibits must meet the health requirements listed in the front of this fair book.
2. **All chickens and turkeys brought to the Wood County Fair must either:**
 - a. **Come from a hatchery that is a participant in the National Poultry Improvement Plan and exhibitor has form NPIP-15 from the hatchery.**
 - b. **Be tested prior to the fair as negative for Pullorum or fowl typhoid by a licensed tester and have a copy of Form NPIP-15 to turn in at check-in; or**
 - c. **Be tested at the fair during check-in by a licensed tester. No Turkeys will be tested at the Fairgrounds.**
3. **A copy of form NPIP-15 can be uploaded into Fair Entry or MUST be turned in at the poultry check-in on Saturday, July 27th, from 12-2 pm for all chickens, and turkeys. Waterfowl (ducks and geese) do not require NPIP-15 form.**
4. Entries are limited to one (1) pen per section as outlined in the Sections and Classes, except for:
 - a. *Exhibition Specialty Birds* - exhibitors may take two (2) pens, must be in different classes.

- b. Exhibition Waterfowl - exhibitors may take two (2) pens, must be in different classes.
 - c. Fancy Poultry - exhibitors may take two (2) pens, must be in different classes.
5. All birds must be in possession by the date specified for the Class and property of the exhibitor
 6. The Show is divided into two parts:
 - a. Thursday - Judging through interview at cage by judge
 - b. Friday, Showmanship Sr./ Jr.
 7. Showmanship Age divisions are: Seniors 14-18, Juniors 8-13. There will be an overall champion Jr. and Sr. Showman. There will be a banners for 1st--5th place in both the Jr. and Sr. Division. The 1st place Senior Showman will represent the Poultry Department in the Showmanship Sweepstakes.
 8. **Exhibitors of meat chickens, market ducks, market geese, meat turkeys must participate in the Quality Assurance training program no less than 45 days prior to show (no later than June 14, 2024). DUNF forms must be completed through online enrollment only. Exhibitors are required to provide a copy of NPIP paperwork for all birds except Waterfowl.**
 9. Champion and Reserve Champion meat chickens, market ducks, market geese, and meat turkeys must sell at the Livestock Showcase and Sale. The show and sale are non-terminal for all poultry classes. **Exhibitors are responsible for taking their project home from the fair and obtaining a processing appointment (if needed).**
 10. Care of Poultry: All exhibitors are responsible for the feeding, watering & bedding of their poultry or fowl. Failure to do so will result in the following:
 - a. First warning. Written warning.
 - b. Second warning - loss of premium.
 - c. Third warning - removal from the grounds, forfeiture of awards, and loss of show privileges for the following year
 11. **Waters and feeders securely fastened to the cage Exhibitors must check the condition of pens, food, and water several times a day!**
 12. Replacement of poultry due to injury or disease is permitted at the discretion of the Junior Fair Poultry Committee. Pens with replacement animals are ineligible for awards at judging.
 13. All Junior Fair exhibitors must follow the Wood County Junior Fair Dress Code for all judging and shows. Long sleeve white shirt or lab coat. Jeans not torn or ripped. Closed toed shoes. Members will practice good sportsmanship and show ethics.
 14. Cages must be cleaned DAILY- and MUST be cleaned before final removal from the barn.

Sections and Classes (Premium for Exhibition \$3.00 per pen)

Section A: Pen of Two Meat Chickens- Exhibit Meat breeds only and may only enter 1 class. Judging will be based on the market capabilities and similarities between birds of the pen. Both birds in the pen must meet the required weight to be eligible to place in the Class.

1. Fryers - Two birds, 4.0 - 5.5 lbs. each (possession by June 16, 6-8 weeks old). **Max pen weight = 11 lbs.** Any pens overweight will be shown in Roaster class.
2. Roasters - 5.5 – 8.0 lbs. each (possession by June 4, 8-10 weeks old) **Max pen weight = 16 lbs.**

Section B: Pen of Two Laying Chickens- Exhibit laying breeds only and may only enter 1 class. Judging will be based on the egg laying potential/capabilities and similarities between

birds of the pen.

1. Pullets - Two birds, 6 months of age and under, not yet laying eggs (possessions by June 1st). Any pens that begin to lay prior to the fair will be moved to the hen class.
2. Hens - Two birds, over 6 months of age (possession by May 1st). Last year's pullets may be brought back as hens.

Section C: Single Meat Turkey – Exhibit meat breeds only. Exhibitor is allowed to enter 1 class. Judging will be based on the market capability of the bird.. Must weigh over 10 lbs. by fair. **Only Turkeys between 15 and 35 pounds will be eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion.** (Ideal weight for a bird is between 23-28 lbs.; Birds over 30 lbs. are extremely difficult to process.

1. Toms – One bird, 15 weeks by weigh in (possession by May 1st). Suggested hatch date April 15th.
2. Hens – One bird, 18 weeks by weigh in (possession by May 1st). Suggested hatch date March 25th.

Section D: Pen of Two Exhibition Specialty – May enter up to two (2) different classes. Judging will be based on the ideal bird for each class and similarities between birds of the pen. Possession by June 1st for all classes. Two birds of the same breed: one male and one female preferred.

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| 1. Guinea | 4. Peacock | 7. Heritage Turkey |
| 2. Quail | 5. Pheasants | |
| 3. Partridge | 6. Pigeon | |

Section E: Pen of Two Exhibition Waterfowl – Exhibition breeds only (no meat breeds) and may enter up to two (2) different classes. Judging will be based on the APA Standard of Perfection for each breed. Possession by June 1st for all classes. Two birds of the same breed: one male and one female preferred.

1. Exhibition Ducks
2. Exhibition Geese

Section F: Pen of Two Market Fowl – Exhibit meat breeds only and may enter up to two (2) different classes. Judging will be based on the market capabilities and similarities between birds of the pen. Both birds in the pen must meet the required weight to be eligible to place in the Class.

1. Market Geese – Two birds, 9-13 lbs each (possession by May 21, 70-90 days old).
2. Market Ducks – Two birds, 6-8 lbs each (possession by June 10, 45-55 days old).

Section G: Pen of Two Fancy Poultry - May enter up to two (2) different classes. Judging will be based on the APA Standard of Perfection for each breed. Possession by June 1st for all classes. Two birds of the same breed: one male and one female preferred.

1. Standard Fancy
2. Bantam Fancy

Showing Poultry at Fair

*Members are encouraged to participate in Showmanship on Friday, August 2 at 8:30 am

*Showmanship sign up is to be done in Online Fair Entry. Deadline is June 1. **NO sign up in the barn!**

*Participate in Livestock Interview Judging and Skill-a-thon to be eligible for the Champion Poultry Project.

Order of Showmanship Show:

1. Showmanship: Sr., Jr.
2. Showmanship exhibitors will bring one bird to the show ring for examination and placing.

Awards:

Each class in a section will have a 1st - 5th place winner. The top two from each class will compete for Grand and Reserve Champion for their Section

Special Awards:

The Mackenzie Shaffer Memorial, Supreme Poultry Exhibit - Sponsored by The Shawn Shaffer Family, this award is given to the overall champion bird which is selected by the judge