

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 29, 2023, noon - 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 29, 11:00

Jr. Poultry Judging: Thursday, August 3, 8:30 am

Poultry Showmanship: **Friday, August 4, 8:30 AM In The Pavilion**

Order of Show:

Thursday: Judging: Meat Chickens - Fryers/Roasters, Laying Chickens - Pullets/Hens, Exhibition Birds - Guinea/Quail/Partridge/Peacock/Pheasants/Pigeon/Standard Fancy/Bantam Fancy, Large Fowl, Market Ducks and Geese, Meat Turkeys.

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

Entry Rules

1. All exhibits must meet the health requirements listed in the front of this fair book.
2. Laying Chickens are birds used for egg production. Broilers must be birds grown for meat.
3. Showmanship Age divisions are: Seniors 14-18, Juniors 8-13. There will be an overall champion Jr. and Sr. Showman. There will be a banner for 1st place and a plaque for 2nd-5th place in both the Jr and Sr Division. The Supreme Senior Showman will represent the Poultry Department in the Showmanship Sweepstakes.
4. **All poultry (chickens & 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. **or 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. No Turkeys will be tested at the Fairgrounds.**
5. **A copy of form NPIP-15 MUST be turned in at the poultry check-in on Saturday, July 29th, from 12-2 pm.**
6. Entries are limited to one (1) pen per section except in the section Exhibition Birds where exhibitors may take two pens. However, these pens must be in different classes: example Bantam Fancy and Standard Fancy. Exhibitors may also take 2 classes in the Large Fowl section. Again, the pens must be two different classes: example Ducks and Geese.
7. All birds must be in possession as specified by date and property of the exhibitor.

8. The Show will include:
 - A.) Thursday, Interview at cage by judge.
 - B.) Friday, Showmanship Sr./ Jr.
9. **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, 2023) DUNF forms must be completed through online enrollment only. Exhibitors are required to provide a copy of NPIP paperwork for all birds except Waterfowl.**
10. If an exhibitor is registered for pullets and they begin to lay prior to the fair, they will be moved to the hen class.
11. If an exhibitor is registered for fryers and they weigh over 5.5 lbs., they will be moved to the roaster class.
12. 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
13. **Waters and feeders securely fastened to the cage with base at least 2 inches above bedding. Exhibitors must check the condition of pens, food, and water several times a day!**
14. Replacement of poultry due to injury or disease is permitted at the discretion of the Junior Fair Poultry Committee.
15. 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.
16. 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.

1. Fryers-- 4 - 5.5 lbs. each (possession by June 16, 6-8 weeks old).
Max pen weight = 11 lbs. Any pens over this wt. will be shown in Roaster class.
2. Roasters-- 5.5 – 8 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.

1. Pullets—6 months of age and under (or 5 days after hatch)
2. Hens—over 6 months of age (Last year's pullets may be brought back as hens.)

Section C: Meat Turkey – May exhibit only one bird of either sex (one pen). Possession date by May 1st. 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. Meat Turkey

New for 2023

- a. Toms - 15 weeks by weigh in
- b. Hens - 18 weeks by weigh in
- c. Suggested hatch dates: Hens - March 25, 2023; Toms - April 15th, 2023

Section D: Pen of Two Exhibition Birds – Possession by May 1st or 5 days after hatch. Two birds of the same breed: one cock and one hen is preferred. May exhibit two pens but must be in different classes.

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

Section E: Pen of Two Exhibition Large Fowl – May exhibit only one pen of large fowl. Must be in possession by May 1st.

1. Exhibition Ducks
2. Exhibition Geese
3. Purebred Turkeys

Section F: Pen of Two Market Large Fowl - May exhibit only one pen of market large fowl. Select only one duck or one goose pen.

1. Market Ducks – 6-8 lbs.; Pen of Two; Possession date by June 10 or approx. 50 days prior to exhibition.
2. Market Geese – 9-13 lbs.; Pen of Two; Possession date by May 21st or 70-90 days prior to exhibition.

Section G: Exhibition Fancy Poultry - Possession by May 1st or 5 days after hatch. Two birds of the same breed: one cock and one hen is preferred. May exhibit two pens but must be in different classes.

1. Standard Fancy
2. Bantam Fancy

Showing Poultry at Fair

*Members are encouraged to participate in Showmanship on Friday, August 4 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 Show:

1. Showmanship: Sr., Jr.
2. Showmanship exhibitors will bring one bird to the show ring for examination and placing.
3. Judging: birds will be evaluated at the cage unless the judge requires a different arrangement.

Order of Show:

Meat Chickens (fryers, roasters), Laying Chickens (pullets, hens), Exhibition Birds (see fair book), Exhibition Fowl, Market Large Fowl, Meat Turkeys.

The Mackenzie Shaffer Memorial - Supreme Poultry Exhibit - The Shawn Shaffer Family (this award will allow all Grand Champion birds/fowl show for the overall award)