

Department 18G

Poultry

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1. A 4-H member may enter up to five pens of poultry. They may also enter up to two dozen eggs but the eggs must be in two different egg classes.
2. A breeding pen is made up of two females and one male. A market pen is made of three birds of the same sex preferably.
3. Each 4-H member must sign up for two barn duties and complete the list of chores described on the sign-up poster.
4. No diseased poultry will be accepted for exhibit in 4-H classes. All birds must be Pullorium tested before entering the barn. A copy of the U.S. Pullorium-Typhoid test must be provided to the Superintendent prior to placement of birds, and before any birds can be shown.
5. All birds must be washed and dried before check-in. Birds that arrive dirty will be sent home and if a market pen, will not be allowed to sell. No exceptions.
6. All 4-H youth will be required to **complete** a 4-H Poultry Record Book that must be turned in at check-in (Fri, July 14, 2-4:30 PM)
7. All 1st, 2nd and 3rd year members must show in poultry showmanship. All members must show in two different poultry events. Poultry events are defined as breeding classes, market pens, egg production, and poultry showmanship. **Exhibitors who choose not to comply with this rules are not eligible to sell their animal(s) in the Small Animal Auction.**
8. 4-H Poultry must be in place by Friday at 5pm with judging and showmanship to follow immediately.
9. Birds will not be released until 9am on the Sunday following the Fair.
10. Only poultry entered and shown in 4-H or open classes during fair will be allowed in the barn.
11. Exhibitors participating in the Ionia County 4-H Poultry program may not show poultry through 4-H in any other county fair during the current year. Violators may not participate the following year in the Ionia Free Fair.
12. Pullorium Testing will be available on the third Monday in June at the Ionia Free Fairgrounds at 7pm and/or during check in at the Fair.
13. Only 4-H members will be allowed to handle animals during the 4-H poultry show and the Small Animal Auction.
14. All poultry showmen are expected to adhere to state dress code guidelines.
15. All poultry must be in member's possession by May 1st.

Poultry Showmanship

Each exhibitor must own and show his or her own bird. **No sharing of birds.** Each exhibitor will have a maximum of 12 minutes to show their bird.

4875 Senior Showmanship, Ages 15 & over

4876 Intermediate Showmanship, Ages 12-14

4877 Junior Showmanship, Ages 9-11

4878 1st Year Showmanship

Prizes: 1-8 place Rosettes and Plaque for 1st place

4883 Cloverbud showmanship, Ages 7 & 8

4884 Clover Climber, Ages 5 & 6

Cloverbuds and Clover Climbers must be enrolled in a 4-H Poultry club by May 1st and have attended 4-H club meetings.

Prizes: Participation Ribbons

Eggs

1. Egg classes are open to members carrying the egg production project
 2. Eggs should be of uniform size, shape and color.
 3. Only two (2) dozen eggs may be shown per exhibitor but the eggs must be in two (2) different egg classes.
 4. The awarded Grand and Reserve Champion eggs will be sold at auction. All other eggs will be sold by their individual placing. If the 4-H member has selected to sell a unit in the auction for personal profit (rabbit or poultry), then the money generated will be donated to the 4-H Small Animal Development Committee.
 5. A Poultry Record Book is required.
- 4950 One (1) dozen standard chicken eggs
4951 One (1) dozen bantam eggs
4952 One (1) dozen eggs other than chickens

Prize: Rosette

Costume

Poultry: Entries will be judged on originality, theme, creativity, as well as audience appreciation.

Prize: 1-8 place flat ribbons

Poultry shown as a trio may NOT be shown as a single bird!

Breeding Chickens

All Classifications of chickens are taken from the American Poultry Association (APA) Standard. All exhibitors should know the correct classification for their breed chicken.

	American	Asiatic	English	Mediterranean	Miscellaneous	Bantams
Single Mature Cock – over one (1) year	4885	4891	4897	4903	4909	4915
Single Mature Hen – over one (1) year	4886	4892	4898	4904	4910	4916
Single Young Cockerel – under one (1) year	4887	4893	4899	4905	4911	4917
Single Young Pullet – under one (1) year	4888	4894	4900	4906	4912	4918
Breeding Pen of three (3) old birds (two (2) hens & one (1) cock)	4889	4895	4901	4907	4913	4919
Breeding Pen of three (3) young birds (two (2) pullets & one (1) cockerel)	4890	4896	4902	4908	4914	4920

Three placing ribbons per class.

Grand & Reserve Champion Single Standard (one bird)

Prize: Rosette

Grand & Reserve Champion Single Bantam (one bird)

Prize: Rosette

Grand & Reserve Champion Trio (1 cock and 2 hens. Standard or bantam)

Prize: Rosette

These three Grand Champions will come back for the Overall Grand Champion Poultry Exhibit judging.

Turkeys

4924 Single Mature Tom – over one (1) year

4925 Single Mature Hen – over one (1) year

4926 Single Cockerel – under one (1) year

4927 Single Pullet – under one (1) year

4928 Breeder Pen (2 hens & 1 tom)

Three placing ribbons per class

4929 Grand & Reserve Champion Breeding Turkey

Prize: Rosette

Geese

4936 Single Mature Gander – over one (1) year

4937 Single Mature Goose – over one (1) year

4938 Single Young Gander – under one (1) year

4939 Single Young Goose – under one (1) year

4940 Breeder Pen (2 geese & 1 gander)

Three placing ribbons per class

4941 Grand & Reserve Champion Breeding Goose

Prize: Rosette

Ducks

4930 Single Mature Drake, over twenty (20) weeks

4931 Single Mature Duck, over twenty (20) weeks

4932 Single Young Drake, under twenty (20) weeks

4933 Single Young Duck, under twenty (20) weeks

4934 Breeder Pen (2 ducks & 1 drake)

Three placing ribbons per class.

4935 Grand & Reserve Champion Breeding Duck

Prize: Rosette

4942 Grand Champion Overall Poultry Exhibit best of chickens, turkeys, ducks and geese.

Prize: Plaque & Rosette

4943 Reserve Champion Overall Poultry

Prize: Rosette

Ionia Free Fair is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged articles prior to, during or after Fair.

Market Pens

1. A sale charge will be deducted from selling price.
2. All 4-H youth will be required to complete a
3. 4-H Poultry Record Book that must be turned in when market pen is checked in. No Exceptions.
4. Only one (1) unit (turkey, chicken, duck, rabbit or eggs) can be sold at auction for personal profit. The 4-H youth must tell the superintendent which market project will sell by noon on Sunday. Additional projects can be sold as a donation to the Small Animal Development Committee.
5. Exhibitors must raise all poultry meat pens. A hatching certificate with appropriate hatching date from where purchased must be included in the record book. If no hatching certificate is turned in, pen cannot be shown or sold. If you are hatching the birds yourself, arrangements must be made with superintendent prior to hatching.
6. Birds must be in 4-H members possession by:
 - Chickens: Six (6) weeks before show date
 - Heritage Chickens: twenty (20) weeks before show date.
 - Turkeys: sixteen (16) to twenty (20) weeks before show date.
 - Ducks: Eight (8) weeks before show
7. If the pen is eliminated or disqualified for any reason, the poultry may not be sold in the auction. **Judges decision is final.**
8. **Birds must be kept clean. Exhibitors with market pens must clean cages a minimum of three times during fair week. Exhibitors that do not keep their birds clean will have their birds sent home, and will not be allowed to sell.**
9. First year poultry members are not eligible to exhibit market pens. A 4-H member may show a market project if he/she is nine (9) year of age (4-H age), has been a full 4-H member or Cloverbud for one year, AND has participated in that species showmanship for at least one year.
10. If a market pen is sold at the 4-H Small Animal Sale, the youth consignor must be willing to deliver a fresh or frozen dressed bird to the buyer. The youth must abide by the buyer's choice.
11. Only one market pen may be shown in EACH category, chicken, turkey, duck or heritage chicken.
12. All exhibitors must be present on show day and the night of sale.
13. All sellers of market pens must have at least three (3) photos taken the night of the sale after selling their pen.
14. Only 4-H members will be allowed to handle animals during the 4-H poultry show and the Small Animal Sale.

4944 Chicken Market Pen (4.5lb minimum)

4945 Heritage Market Pen (4.5lb minimum)

4946 Turkey Market Pen (18lb minimum)

4947 Duck Market Pen (6lb minimum)

Three placing ribbons per class

4948 Grand Champion Market Pen

Prize: Special Award for champion

4949 Reserve Champion Market pen

Prize: Rosette