

Department 18G

Poultry

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All youth must be entered for classes in FairEntry.com

1. A youth 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 youth member must sign up for two barn duties and complete the list of chores described on the sign-up poster.
4. All youth must help at set-up and clean-up of the poultry barn.
5. No diseased poultry will be accepted for exhibit in youth 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.
6. 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.
7. All youth will be required to **complete** a Poultry Record Book that must be turned in at check-in.
8. All 1st, 2nd, 3rd year members, and Barn Buddies 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.**
9. Youth Poultry must be in place by Friday at 5pm with judging and showmanship to follow immediately.
10. Birds will not be released until 9am on the Sunday following the Fair.
11. Only poultry entered and shown in Youth or open classes during fair will be allowed in the barn.
12. Youth 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.
13. 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.
14. Only youth will be allowed to handle animals during the youth poultry show and the Small Animal Auction.
15. All poultry showmen are expected to adhere to state dress code guidelines.
16. All poultry must be in member's possession by May 1st.

Youth must be registered for the Fair by July 1st. Entry must be made on FairEntry online. This document is for informational purposes only.

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

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

4878 Barn Buddies, ages 7 and below
Prizes: Participation 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.

| A-American | B-Asiatic | C-English | D-Mediterranean | | E-Miscellaneous | | F-Bantams | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------------|------|-----------------|------|-----------|------|
| | | | A | B | C | D | E | F |
| 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.

4921 Grand & Reserve Champion Single Standard (one bird)

Prize: Rosette

4922 Grand & Reserve Champion Single Bantam (one bird)

Prize: Rosette

4923 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

Three placing ribbons per class

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)

4929 Grand & Reserve Champion Breeding Turkey

Prize : Rosette

Ducks

Three placing ribbons per class.

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)

4935 Grand & Reserve Champion Breeding Duck

Prize : Rosette

Geese

Three placing ribbons per class

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

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

Prize : Plaque & Rosette

4943 Reserve Champion Overall Poultry

Prize : Rosette

4940 Breeder Pen (2 geese & 1 gander)

4941 Grand & Reserve Champion Breeding Goose
Prize : Rosette

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

Market Pens and Eggs

1. A sale charge will be deducted from selling price.
2. All youth will be required to complete a Poultry Record Book that must be turned in when market pen is checked in. No Exceptions.
3. Only one (1) unit (turkey, chicken, duck, rabbit or eggs) can be sold at auction for personal profit. The 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.
4. 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.
5. Exhibitors must own the hens that laid the eggs.
6. Birds must be in members possession by:
 - a. Chickens: Six (6) weeks before show date
 - b. Heritage Chickens: twenty (20) weeks before show date.
 - c. Turkeys: sixteen (16) to twenty (20) weeks before show date.
 - d. 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. If a market pen is sold at the 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.
10. Only one (1) market pen may be shown in EACH category, chicken, turkey, duck, heritage chicken or production egg.
11. All exhibitors must be present on show day and the night of sale. Members may also show eggs.
12. Only a seven (7) year old, Barn Buddy may show and sell a single market bird
13. All exhibitors must be present on show day and the night of sale.
14. All sellers of market pens must have at least three (3) photos taken the night of the sale after selling their pen.
15. All sellers of eggs or a Barn Buddy selling one (1) bird, must have one (1) photo taken the night of the sale after selling the eggs or bird.
16. Only members will be allowed to handle animals during the poultry show and the Small Animal Sale.

Market Pens

Three placing ribbons per class

- 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)
- 4948 Young Egg Production Pen Bantam

Eggs

An egg production pen must be three females of the same breed and variety. With pullets being more than 20 weeks of age, but less than 1 year, and hens being anything over 1 year of age. Only one entry may be submitted either as a pullet pen or a layer pen. A record book is required to exhibit in this section. All recognized breeds & commercial

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(over twenty (20) weeks)

4949 Adult Egg Production Pen Bantam
(over one (1) year)

4950 Young Egg Production Pen Standard (over
Twenty (20) weeks)

4951 Adult Egg Production Pen Standard (over
One (1) year)

4952 Barn Buddies – ONLY 7 year olds – single
Bird (any single bird from above categories)

4953 Grand Champion Market Pen
Prize: Special Award for champion

4954 Reserve Champion Market pen
Prize: Rosette

egg producers may be used for these classes
(examples include: Isa Brown, Black Sexlink, etc.)

Egg Production Pen continued:

| Pullets | Layers |
|----------------|---------------|
| Bantam | Bantam |
| Standard | Standard |

These classes will be judged on uniformity like a market pen.

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. This must be turned in at check-in.
- 4953 Grand & Reserve Champion Eggs
Prize: Rosette

Costume

1-8 place flat ribbons

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