# Poultry

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1. A youth member must be a member of an Ionia County 4-H club or an Ionia County FFA club. A leader from the club must participate in the Ionia County Small Animal Committee.
2. 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.
3. 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. An egg-production market pen must be made of three hens.
4. Each youth member must sign up for two barn duties and complete the list of chores described on the sign-up poster.
5. All youth members must help set-up and clean-up of the poultry barn.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. All youth members with market pens must complete a Market Poultry Book. All other youth members will make an educational poster to be displayed in the poultry barn.
9. All 1st, 2nd and 3rd year youth members must show in poultry showmanship. All youth 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 these rules are not eligible to sell their animal(s) in the Small Animal Auction.
10. All youth member poultry must be in place by Friday at 5pm with judging and showmanship to follow.
11. Birds will not be released until 9am on the Sunday following the Fair.
12. Only poultry entered and shown in youth or open classes during fair will be allowed in the barn.
13. Youth members are participating in an Ionia County, 4-H event. They may not show poultry in any other 4-H County Fair during the current year. Violators may not participate the following year.
14. 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.
15. Only youth members will be allowed to handle animals during the poultry show and the sale.
16. All youth members are expected to adhere to state dress code guidelines.
17. All poultry must be in member’s possession by May 1st, (excluding chicken market pens).

# 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 8-11

Prizes: 1-6 place Rosettes and Plaque for 1st place

4878 Barn Buddies showmanship, Age 7 and below Prizes: Participation Ribbons

# 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.

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

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| A-American B-Asiatic | C-English | D-Mediterranean | | E-Miscellaneous | | F-Bantams |  |
|  |  | American | Asiatic | English | Mediterranean | Misc. | 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 (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 | | 4889 | 4895 | 4901 | 4907 | 4913 | 4919 |
| (two (2) hens & one (1) cock) | | | | | | | |
| Breeding Pen of three (3) young birds | | 4890 | 4896 | 4902 | 4908 | 4914 | 4920 |
| (two (2) pullets & one (1) cockerel) | |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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.

Three placing ribbons per class

4922 Single Mature Tom – over one (1) year 4923 Single Mature Hen – over one (1) year 4924 Single Cockerel – under one (1) year 4925 Single Pullet – under one (1) year 4926 Breeder Pen (2 hens & 1 tom)

Grand & Reserve Champion Turkey Prize : Rosette

# Ducks

Three placing ribbons per class.

4927 Single Mature Drake, over twenty (20) weeks 4928 Single Mature Duck, over twenty (20) weeks 4929 Single Young Drake, under twenty (20) weeks 4930 Single Young Duck, under twenty (20) weeks 4931 Breeder Pen (2 ducks & 1 drake)

Grand & Reserve Champion Duck Prize : Rosette

# Geese

Three placing ribbons per class

4932 Single Mature Gander – over one (1) year 4933 Single Mature Goose – over one (1) year 4934 Single Young Gander – under one (1) year 4935 Single Young Goose – under one (1) year 4936 Breeder Pen (2 geese & 1 gander)

Grand & Reserve Champion Goose Prize : Rosette

# Game Birds

Pheasants, grouse, quails, guineafowl and pigeons.

Three placing ribbons per class

4937 Single Mature Male – over one (1) year 4938 Single Mature Female – over one (1) year 4939 Single Young Male – under one (1) year 4940 Single Young Female – under one (1) year 4941 Breeder Pen (2 females & 1 male)

Grand & Reserve Champion Game Bird Prize : Rosette

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

Prize : Plaque & Rosette Reserve Champion Overall Poultry

Prize : Rosette

1. A sale charge will be deducted from selling price.
2. All youth members will be required to complete a Poultry Market Book that must be turned in when market pen and eggs are checked in. No Exceptions.
3. Only one (1) unit (turkey, chicken, duck, hen, eggs or rabbit) 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. On a youth member’s last year as an active member, they may show and sell two (2) market projects (turkey, chicken, duck, hen, eggs or rabbit). The youth member must sign a statement stating this is their last year.
5. Youth members must raise all poultry market 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. Youth members must own the hens that laid the eggs.
7. Market birds must be in members possession by:
   1. Chickens: Six (6) weeks before show date.
   2. Heritage Chickens: twenty (20) weeks before show date.
   3. Turkeys: sixteen (16) to twenty (20) weeks before show date.
   4. Ducks: Eight (8) weeks before show.
   5. Young Egg Production: twenty (20) weeks before show date.
   6. Adult Egg Production: one (1) year before show date.
8. If the pen or eggs are eliminated or disqualified for any reason, they may not be sold in the auction. Judges decision is final.
9. Birds must be kept clean. Youth members with market pens must clean cages a minimum of three times during fair week. Youth members that do not keep their birds clean will have their birds sent home, and will not be allowed to sell.
10. If a market pen is sold at the Small Animal Sale, the youth members must be willing to deliver the birds alive or dressed - fresh or frozen, to the buyer. The youth member must abide by the buyer’s choice.
11. Youth member selling eggs must prepare a fresh dozen eggs to give to the buyers.
12. Only one (1) market pen may be shown in EACH category, chicken, heritage chicken, turkey, duck or young/adult egg production. Youth members may also show eggs.
13. Barn buddies can only sell one animal or eggs.
14. All youth members of market projects must be present on show day and the night of sale.
15. All youth members of market pens must have at least three (3) photos taken the night of the sale after selling their pen.
16. All youth members of eggs must have one (1) photo taken the night of the sale after selling the eggs.
17. Only youth members will be allowed to handle animals during the poultry show and the sale.

# Market Pens

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 (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)

No placings for Barn Buddies Three placing ribbons per class

Grand Champion Market Pen in each of the 8 categories above based on judge’s discretion.

Prize: Special Award

Reserve Champion Market pen in each of the 8 categories above based on the judge’s discretion.

Prize: Special Award

# Eggs

1. Egg classes are open to members with production hens in their possession.
2. Only two (2) dozen eggs may be shown per exhibitor and the eggs must be in two (2) different egg classes.
3. Eggs should be of uniform size, shape, and color.
4. Eggs must be put in a clean carton with pointed ends downward.

4955 One (1) dozen standard chicken eggs 4956 One (1) dozen bantam eggs

4957 One (1) dozen eggs other than chickens

Three placing ribbons per class Grand & Reserve Champion Eggs

Prize: Special Award

# COSTUME

The member and their chicken will be judged on originality, theme, creativity, and audience appreciation. 4959 Poultry Costume Class

1-6 place flat ribbons