
POULTRY

Poultry Judged: Saturday, August 1, 2026, 3:30 p.m.

Check-in time is 2:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Poultry Superintendents: Dale & Cheri Sanderson

Show in Swine Arena – using both arenas

Decisions made by the superintendents will be final.

POULTRY RULES

Illinois Health Requirements for Poultry:

1. All entries (except waterfowl, i.e., domesticated fowl that normally swim, such as ducks and geese) in a show or exhibition shall have originated from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or equivalent hatchery
2. or flock OR have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition. Exhibitor shall
3. show proper information as to name and address of owner or exhibitor, name and address of the
4. authorized testing agent, date of the testing and the number, breed, and species of those tested.
5. Prior to being used to transport poultry to a show, all crates, boxes, containers and vehicles
6. shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.
7. Any poultry vaccinations must be performed at least 4 weeks prior to delivery to the show.
8. Upon admission to a show, all entries shall be examined by the State Veterinarian or their
9. designee or qualified state personnel who shall also receive and examine all certificates necessary
10. for admission of birds to a show. Birds not in show condition will be removed from exhibition and
11. must be removed from the Fairgrounds.
12. Any fowl showing signs of illness during the Fair will be removed from the Fairgrounds.
13. All out-of-state turkeys must originate from flocks that are officially classified as U.S.
14. Mycoplasma Gallisepticum Clean in accordance with the provisions of the National Poultry
15. Improvement Plan or be negative to a test for Mycoplasma gallisepticum within 30 days prior to entry.
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For the DeKalb County 4-H Fair, ALL poultry (except for waterfowl) are REQUIRED to be tested within 90 days prior to the fair.

1. Appropriate attire is expected at the show table and in the sale ring. Safety should be considered – long sleeves are recommended.
2. **Due to the possibility of poultry overheating, exhibitors are to bring water dishes so their animals will have water available at all times.**
3. Poultry exhibits should be in the 4-H'ers possession as of **June 1** of the current year.
4. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of **9 birds and in 12 poultry classes**. Individual poultry may be shown in the pen classes. The meat pen counts for 3 birds so you may only show an additional 6 birds.
5. Poultry will be checked in between 2:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 1.

6. A pen of 3 consists of one male and 2 females of the same breed. In the Egg Production class, a pen consists of 3 hens of the same standard breed.
7. Both the Champion and Reserve Champion meat pen exhibits at the fair, and the Grand Champion Poultry of Show and the Reserve Grand Champion of Show will be eligible for the Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction, and they will retain ownership. Photos of these Champion animals will be taken immediately following the poultry show in the back of the swine annex barn.
8. Exhibits will ONLY be released after the COMPLETION of poultry judging. All pens are to be stacked neatly in the dirty cage pile before leaving for home.
9. 4-H Premiums paid will be using an X factor. Premium values will be:
Blue: 5X, Red: 4X, and White: 3X
10. All entries will be FINAL on June 8 and individuals may not make substitutions or changes after this date.
11. All poultry exhibits will be judged according to the American Poultry Standard of Perfection. A copy of this book is at the Extension office for you to use as a reference.
12. **4-H members are limited to receive one premium per class exhibited in premium eligible projects.**
Example: If a 4-H'er has 2 birds they exhibit in class 204 English Class - Pullet, the 4-H'er will only receive one premium for that class. This rule was established by the Agriculture Premium Fund.
13. 4-H'ers uncertain of what class they should enter in should contact Superintendent Dale Sanderson at 815-751-6408
14. To control diseases such as avian influenza it is recommended that you isolate show birds for at least 2-4 weeks after returning from a fair so you can look for signs of the disease.

The Department of Agriculture shall use its best efforts to secure sufficient appropriations to fund premiums. In any year for which the General Assembly of the State of Illinois fails to make an appropriation sufficient to pay such premiums, premiums amounts may not be accurately reflected in this Premium Book.

4-H POULTRY CLASSES

DUCKS & GEESE

Standards of perfections will determine how these birds fit into heavy, medium and light

Ducks

Heavy Breed Class include: Pekin, Aylesbury, Rouen, Muscovy, Crossbred, All Other Heavy Breed Varieties

164 Heavy Duck: Hen

165 Heavy Duck: Drake

Medium Breed Class include: Cayuga, Crested, Swedish, Buff, Crossbred, All Other Medium Breed Varieties

166 Medium Duck: Hen

167 Medium Duck: Drake

Light Breed Class include: Mallard, Runner, Campbell, Magpie, Crossbred, All Other Light Breed Varieties

168 Light Duck: Hen

169 Light Duck: Drake

Bantam Call Class include: All Call Varieties, East Indie, Crossbred, All Other Call Breed Varieties

170 Call Duck: Hen

171 Call Duck: Drake

Pen of Three Ducks: Must be 2 hens and 1 drake and can be from Bantam, Light, Medium or Heavy Ducks of any breed. A Pen needs be all Bantam, Lights, Medium or Heavy Ducks.

172 Pen of 3 Ducks

Champion and Reserve Champion Ducks Determined - All first place winners in each division will compete and second place winners should be on stand-by.

Geese

Classes include: All Breeds

173 Goose: Hen

174 Goose: Gander

175 Pen of 3 Geese: Must be 2 hens and 1 gander.

Champions for Geese Determined

Pheasant

Classes include: All Breeds

176 Pheasant: Hen

177 Pheasant: Cock

178 Pen of 3 Pheasants: Must be 2 hens and 1 cock

Champion Pheasant Determined

Turkey

Classes include: All Breeds

179 Turkey: Hen

180 Turkey: Tom

181 Pen of 3 Turkeys: Must consists of 2 hens and 1 tom

Champion Turkeys Determined

Quail

Classes include: All Breeds

182 Quail: Hen

183 Quail: Cock

184 Pen of 3 Quail: Must consists of 2 hens and 1 tom

Champion Quails Determined

Grand Champion All Other Poultry will be Determined

185 Market Pen: (*Pen of 3 poultry eligible for auction if Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion in this class only.*) This pen should consist of 3 meat quality birds all of the same sex and breed. **The poultry in the Market Pen CANNOT be shown individually in a single classes.** *Please note: your goal should be to have birds weighing between 5-8lbs.*

Champion Market Pen Determined

STANDARDS (Large Birds)

American Class includes: Plymouth Rocks, Dominiques, Wyandottes, Javas, Rhode Island Reds, Rhode Islands

Whites, Buckeyes, Chanteclers, Jersey Giants, Lamonas, New Hampshires, Hollands, Delawares

- 186 **American Class:** Cock hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 187 **American Class:** Hen hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 188 **American Class:** Cockerel bird hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 189 **American Class:** Pullet hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 190 **American Class:** Pen of three hatched after Jan. 1, present year

Mediterranean includes: Leghorns, Minorcas, Spanish, Andalusians, Anconas, Sicilian Buttercups, Catalanas

- 191 **Mediterranean Class:** Cock hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 192 **Mediterranean Class:** Hen hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 193 **Mediterranean Class:** Cockerel bird hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 194 **Mediterranean Class:** Pullet hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 195 **Mediterranean Class:** Pen of three hatched after Jan. 1, present year

Asiatic includes: Brahmas, Cochins, Langshans

- 196 **Asiatic Class:** Cock hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 197 **Asiatic Class:** Hen hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 198 **Asiatic Class:** Cockerel bird hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 199 **Asiatic Class:** Pullet hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 200 **Asiatic Class:** Pen of three hatched after Jan. 1, present year

English includes: Dorkings, RedCaps, Cornish, Orpingtons, Sussex, Australorps

- 201 **English Class:** Cock hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 202 **English Class:** Hen hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 203 **English Class:** Cockerel bird hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 204 **English Class:** Pullet hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 205 **English Class:** Pen of three hatched after Jan. 1, present year

Continental includes: Hamburgs, Campines, Lakenvelders, Barnevelders, Welsummers, Polish: Bearded – Non-Bearded, Houdans, Faverolles, Crevecoeurs, La Fleche

- 206 **Continental:** Cock hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 207 **Continental:** Hen hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 208 **Continental:** Cockerel bird hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 209 **Continental:** Pullet hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 210 **Continental:** Pen of three hatched after Jan. 1, present year

Standard All Other Variety Not Listed (including Ameraucana)

- 211 **Standard Any other variety not listed:** Cock hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 212 **Standard Any other variety not listed:** Hen hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 213 **Standard Any other variety not listed:** Cockerel bird hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 214 **Standard Any other variety not listed:** Pullet hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 215 **Standard Any other variety not listed:** Pen of three hatched after Jan. 1, present year

Standard Crossbreds

- 216 **Standard Crossbreds:** Cock hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 217 **Standard Crossbreds:** Hen hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 218 **Standard Crossbreds:** Cockerel bird hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 219 **Standard Crossbreds:** Pullet hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 220 **Standard Crossbreds:** Pen of three hatched after Jan. 1, present year

Champions for Standards Determined

BANTAMS (Small Birds)

Rose Comb Clean Legged Bantams include: Anconas, Belgian Bearded d'Anvers, Dorkings, Dominiques, Hamburgs, Leghorns, Minorcas, Red Caps, Rhode Islands, Rosecombs, Sebrights, Wyandotts

- 221 **Rose Comb – Clean Legged:** Cock hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 222 **Rose Comb – Clean Legged:** Hen hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 223 **Rose Comb – Clean Legged:** Cockerel bird hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 224 **Rose Comb – Clean Legged:** Pullet hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 225 **Rose Comb – Clean Legged:** Pen of three hatched after Jan. 1, present year

Single Comb Clean Legged Bantams include: Anconas, Andalusians, Australorps, Catalanas, Campines, Delawares, Dorkings Dutch, Frizzies, Hollands, Japanese, Javas, Jersey Giants, Lakenvelders, Lamonas, Leghorns, Minorcas, Naked Necks, New Hampshires, Orpingtons, Phoenix, Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, Spanish, Sussex

- 226 **Single Comb – Clean Legged:** Cock hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 227 **Single Comb – Clean Legged:** Hen hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 228 **Single Comb – Clean Legged:** Cockerel bird hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 229 **Single Comb – Clean Legged:** Pullet hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 230 **Single Comb – Clean Legged:** Pen of three hatched after Jan. 1, present year

Feather Legged Bantams include: Booted, Brahmas, Cochins, Faverolles, Frizzles, Langshans, Silkies, Sultans

- 231 **Feather Legged:** Cock hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 232 **Feather Legged:** Hen hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 233 **Feather Legged:** Cockerel bird hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 234 **Feather Legged:** Pullet hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 235 **Feather Legged:** Pen of three hatched after Jan. 1, present year

Game Bantams include: Modern, Old English

- 236 **Game:** Cock hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 237 **Game:** Hen hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 238 **Game:** Cockerel bird hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 239 **Game:** Pullet hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 240 **Game:** Pen of three hatched after Jan. 1, present year

Bantam All Other Variety Not Listed (including Ameraucana)

- 241 **Bantam Any other variety not listed:** Cock hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 242 **Bantam Any other variety not listed:** Hen hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 243 **Bantam Any other variety not listed:** Cockerel bird hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 244 **Bantam Any other variety not listed:** Pullet hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 245 **Bantam Any other variety not listed:** Pen of three hatched after Jan. 1, present year

Bantam Crossbreds

- 246 **Crossbred Bantams:** Cock hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 247 **Crossbred Bantams:** Hen hatched before Jan. 1, present year
- 248 **Crossbred Bantams:** Cockerel bird hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 249 **Crossbred Bantams:** Pullet hatched after Jan. 1, present year
- 250 **Crossbred Bantams:** Pen of three hatched after Jan. 1, present year

Champions for Bantams Determined

- 251 Egg Production:** Pen of three birds hatched before Jan. 1, present year (consists of 3 hens of the same standard breed and 1 dozen eggs)

Champion Egg Production Determined

Grand Champion Poultry of Show Determined

Youth must also register for showmanship classes in the Poultry Department. Showmanship will be observed throughout the day of judging. 4-H'ers registered to exhibit for this class will be given a different color of name tag so that the judge is aware of their enrollment in showmanship.

- 252** Poultry Junior Showmanship –11 and under
253 Poultry Intermediation Showmanship – 12 -14 years
254 Poultry Senior Showmanship – 15 and over

For details on showmanship see page 31 of the 4-H poultry manual "Scratching the Surface."

POULTRY CHAMPIONS

4-H

Champion Duck	Rosette
Reserve Champion Duck	Rosette
Champion Goose	Rosette
Reserve Champion Goose	Rosette
Champion Pheasant	Rosette
Reserve Champion Pheasant	Rosette
Champion Turkey	Rosette
Reserve Champion Turkey	Rosette
Champion Quail	Rosette
Reserve Champion Quail	Rosette
Grand Champion All Other Poultry (Ducks, Geese, Pheasant, Turkey & Quail)	Award
Reserve Grand Champion All Other Poultry	Rosette
Grand Champion Meat Pen	Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pen	Rosette
Champion Standard Pullet	Rosette
Reserve Champion Standard Pullet	Rosette
Champion Standard Cockerel	Rosette
Reserve Champion Standard Cockerel	Rosette
Champion Standard Hen	Rosette
Reserve Champion Standard Hen	Rosette
Champion Standard Cock	Rosette

Reserve Champion Standard Cock	Rosette
Champion Standard Pen of 3	Rosette
Reserve Champion Standard Pen of 3	Rosette
Grand Champion Standard	Award
Reserve Grand Champion Standard	Rosette
Champion Bantam Pullet	Rosette
Reserve Champion Bantam Pullet	Rosette
Champion Bantam Cockerel	Rosette
Reserve Champion Bantam Cockerel	Rosette
Champion Bantam Hen	Rosette
Reserve Champion Bantam Hen	Rosette
Champion Bantam Cock	Rosette
Reserve Champion Bantam Cock	Rosette
Champion Bantam Pen of 3	Rosette
Reserve Champion Bantam Pen of 3	Rosette
Grand Champion Bantam	Award
Reserve Champion Bantam	Rosette
Champion Egg Production	Rosette
Reserve Champion Egg Production	Rosette
Grand Champ Poultry of Show (from the following Championship classes Standard, Bantam)	Trophy
Res. Grand Champ Poultry of Show	Rosette
Senior Showmanship: 15 years & over	Award
Reserve Senior Showmanship	Rosette
Intermediate Showmanship: 12-14 years	Award
Reserve Intermediate Showmanship	Rosette
Junior Showmanship: 11 years & under	Award
Reserve Junior Showmanship	Rosette

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