

## **DEPARTMENT 8 – POULTRY AND EGGS**

**SUPERINTENDENTS: Brian & Shirley Musick, April Robb**

**Entry deadline: June 15<sup>th</sup>, of the current fair year**

**Entry fee: \$1.00 per bird**

**Rules:** in addition to the General Rules

**All exhibitors must use the NEW health form provided in the book.**

1. Entries will be **limited to 20 birds per family or farm.**
2. **The entire entry and Health certificate form must be fully and correctly completed. Failure to do so will cause entry form to be returned to exhibitor. No fees will be returned under these conditions**
3. **For each bird entered Breed and Variety MUST BE listed on entry form.**
4. Only properly entered specimens and those listed in the fair book will be accepted.
5. All efforts will be made to coop singularly but the superintendent reserves the right to place in one coop, more than one bird of the same variety if owned by the same exhibitor.
6. The “American Standard of Perfection” of the American Poultry Assn., and the “Bantam Standard” of the American Bantam Assn. will be governing poultry.
7. A bird can compete for only one prize, except as provided for in special awards.
8. A judge shall not officiate in a class where he has an entry. Collusion between a judge and an exhibitor will exclude from competition and awards all entries of the offending exhibitor. Exhibitor’s protest relative to such exclusion must be in writing
9. Entered specimens must be the property of the exhibitor and have been hatched from a disease free flock. All poultry must be separately cooped and clearly marked as to sex and class.
10. During the fair week all birds will be examined each day. Birds showing signs of disease will be segregated and properly cared for or returned to the owner at the owner’s expense.
11. No substitutions will be permitted after the closing date unless of the same breed, variety and sex.
12. Birds will only be handled by the judge or an authorized fair official
13. In the absence of a protest, the decision of the judge will be final
14. **All correctly completed and signed entry forms and health forms must be received by June 15, 2009.**
15. Unless rescinded by Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, all poultry must be blood tested within 60 days before the opening of the fair.
16. **ONLY MARKET BIRDS shown by Youth 18 years of age and under on January 1, of the current fair year, will be sold in the Youth Market Sale.**
17. **The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion only must be sold at the Market Sale.**
18. Although not currently required, Poultry Showmanship is offered for all youth. Please see Section S for Classes.

**Premiums: 1<sup>st</sup> --\$4 2<sup>nd</sup> --\$3 3<sup>rd</sup> --\$2 4<sup>th</sup> -- \$1.50**

**DIVISION A – BANTAMS**

All breeds and varieties of Bantams will be accepted as officially listed in the Bantam Standard and Supplements.

**SPECIFY ON ENTRY: BREED, VARIETY AND SEX**

**Cock, Hen, Cockerel, Pullet**

**DIVISION B – POULTRY**

**SPECIFY ON ENTRY: BREED, VARIETY AND SEX**

**Cock, Hen, Cockerel, Pullet**

**DIVISION C – DUCKS**

**SPECIFY ON ENTRY: BREED, VARIETY AND SEX**

**Old Drake, Old Duck, Young Drake, Young Duck**

**DIVISION D – GEESE**

**SPECIFY ON ENTRY: BREED, VARIETY AND SEX**

**Old Gander, Old Goose, Young Gander, Young Goose**

**DIVISION E – TURKEYS**

**SPECIFY ON ENTRY: BREED, VARIETY, AND SEX**

**Old Tom, Old Hen, Young Tom, Young Hen**

**DIVISION F – EGGS**

**ENTRY FEE: 1 – 10 items \$1.25, 11 – 20 items \$2.50 and so on as per inside entries.**

1. An exhibitor may make entries in only one of the following classes:
  1. Farmer: open to egg producers having less than 3,000 laying birds
  2. Carton: commercial producer
3. Farmers may enter only 2 entries per class:
  1. One dozen brown eggs
  2. One dozen white eggs
  3. One dozen colored eggs other than brown, please specify on entry form

4. Bantam

Exhibitors scoring 95 points or more according to the official scorecard will be awarded a purple ribbon as a “Superior Quality Award”. Only one ribbon will be awarded per exhibitor.

The Judges have the right to break two eggs for examination. SCORING EXTERIOR

QUALITY: Size (total weight).....	16 points
Uniformity of color.....	12 points
Uniformity of shape.....	12 points
Shell Texture.....	12 points
Condition.....	12 points
INTERIOR QUALITY.....	36 points
Total 100 points	

SIZE: (Total weight of exhibit) A perfect score will be given to the dozen eggs weighing between 24 and 27 ounces. If the average weight is within one ounce, either above 27 ounces or below 24 ounces, cut 8 points; or if more than one ounce either above or below, cut 16 points.

UNIFORMITY OF COLOR: All eggs in the entry should be the same shade of color. If white, all eggs should be chalk white, and free from creamy or tinted coloring. If brown, all eggs should be uniformly the same shade of color. A reduction of ¼ to ½ point per egg may be made according to the actual shade of each egg, and how well it conforms to uniformity of shade with other eggs in the dozen.

UNIFORMITY OF SHAPE: Each egg should conform as nearly as possible in shape. Extremes should be avoided. A reduction of ¼ to ½ points for each egg off in shape or ridged.

SHELL TEXTURE: The shell should be strong and of uniform thickness. Reductions of ¼ to ½ point per egg for shells that are rough, ridged, or wrinkled and for shells that are porous, mottled or blind check. A reduction of ½ to 1 point for each egg that is cracked or leaking.

CONDITION: The eggs should be clean and carry a natural bloom. Reductions of ½ to 1 point for each dirty or stained egg, or egg with shiny or glassy surface.

INTERIOR QUALITY:  
GRADE AA 3 points per egg  
GRADE A 3 points per egg  
GRADE B including double yolk 2 ¼ points per egg  
Inedible egg including blood spot or meat spot **\*\*DISQUALIFIED\*\***

- DISQUALIFICATIONS:
1. Total weight less than 20 oz. Or more than 27 oz. per dozen
  2. Eggs showing signs of incubation or germ development

3. Inedible eggs

### **DIVISION G – PIGEONS**

#### **SPECIFY ON ENTRY: Old Cock, Old Hen, Young Cock, Young Hen**

1. All recognized breed and varieties of pigeons will be accepted.
2. All birds must be banded with the proper size official seamless band.
3. A health form must accompany all entries.

### **DIVISION H—MARKET BIRDS – Youth only**

1. All market birds must have hatched after January 1, 2008.
2. All market birds should be from the heavy meat type breeds or crossbred heavy breeds.
3. Two birds per pen, one pen per exhibitor.

#### **CLASSES**

1. Fryer class – 10 to 16 weeks
2. Roaster class – 17 to 26 weeks

### **DIVISION I – MARKET CAPONS – Youth only**

1. All market birds must have hatched after January 1, 2006.
2. All market birds should be from the heavy meat-type breeds or crossbred heavy breeds.
3. THREE birds per pen, one pen per exhibitor.
4. If one or more of the birds in a pen die before the sale the entire pen is disqualified from the  
Sale.

### **DIVISION J – GUINEAS**

#### **SPECIFY ON ENTRY: BREED, VARIETY, SEX Cock, Hen, Cockerel, Pullet**

### **DIVISION S – SHOWMANSHIP**

#### **CLASSES:**

1. 7yrs and under
2. 8-11 Years
3. 12-18 Years

### **POULTRY HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

#### **CHICKENS TURKEYS DUCKS & GEESE PIGEONS**

Owner Endorsed

Health Certificate\*  
(AA1-50) **Required Required Required Required**

Laryngotracheitis(LT)  
Modified Virus\*\*  
Applied individually **Required NO NO NO**

Officially Rated Pullorum-  
Typhoid free/Clean **Required Required Required NO**

Newcastle LaSota Strain  
Applied individually Recommend Recommend Recommend NO

\*Flock owners must endorse official certification that all poultry and birds for exhibit originate from flocks free of evidence of contagious diseases.

\*\* Pennsylvania chickens must be from home flocks vaccinated for Laryngotracheitis (LT) no more than one year, and no less than 30 days before opening fair date. LT VENT BRUSH vaccine must NEVER be used. Use vaccine for intranasal (IN) or introacular (IS) administration only.

Since all birds returned from the show are potential sources of infection to other birds, they should be isolated immediately after their return, separate and apart from all other birds. This isolation should be maintained indefinitely, if possible, or at least until it has been established that the birds are not carriers of disease-producing agents as may be determined by exposure of a few susceptible birds to direct contact with them.

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