

DEPARTMENT 12 **POULTRY**

Small Animal Mandatory Meeting will be held on Monday, August 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Tent

All exhibitors or their proxies will be required to attend the mandatory small animal meeting to learn about updates to the project areas, fairbook changes, show schedule updates, cleanliness policy, red tag policy, live and silent auction updates.

4-H youth are learning responsibility of selecting, raising, and caring for their project animals. As part of their project, youth must also attend meetings to learn the rules of participation.

4-H members must attend this meeting and sign in OR each pen of small animals will receive a red tag. Red tags will not be removed by the exhibitor. Only the superintendent of the species may remove the red tag. Pens or cages that receive three red tags will be subject to the red tag policy, which the exhibitor signed.

Judging- Thursday, August 26, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
in the Poultry Barn

Superintendent- Jeff Burpee (989) 467-0001

Co-Superintendent- Dustin Snyder (810) 648-4463

Entry time: Sunday, August 22, 2010: 4:00- 6:00 p.m.

Monday, August 23, 2010: 9:00 a.m.- 12 noon

Release time: Sunday, August 29, 2010:
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Barn clean up time: Sunday, August 29, 2010:
10:00 a.m.

A Small Animal Cleanliness Policy must be signed and returned to the MSU Extension Office by July 1, 2010!

PROJECT GUIDELINES

BABY CHICKS: Suggested 25 chicks, start records not later than May 1st and continue 4 month or longer.

EGG PRODUCTION: Keep record of feeding, housing, and management cost on approximately 25 pullets. Suggested time- 3 months or longer, except meat birds.

BREEDING AND FLOCK MANAGEMENT:

Secure a pedigree male. Hatch 10 or more chicks from selected bird by either natural or artificial incubation or brooding.

ADVANCED POULTRY: Complete management of pullet flock.

BROILER AND ROASTER PROJECT: Raise 25 birds for meat. Select 3 cockerels for exhibition.

TURKEY PROJECT: Raise at least 10 turkeys.

FAIR EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

1. The American standard of perfection (its qualifications and defects) will govern the judging in the department.

2. All birds must be free of all parasites including lice. Birds with parasites will not be allowed to be exhibited and must be removed from the grounds.

3. Poultry and all the paper work including whether or not your pen will be sold at auction, must be in place by 2:00 p.m. on Monday of fair week.

4. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st- 3rd place in all classes except champion classes. Rating Ribbons on request.

5. 1 breed per pen. Limit 10 pens total. 2 pens of the same class.

6. Exhibitors must care for and clean exhibit cages by 10:00 a.m. daily or they will be disqualified and no premium paid.

7. Each exhibitor must furnish their own food. Feed must be stored neatly in a sealed container. NO GLASS CONTAINERS, NO BAGS.

8. All birds will be tested on the first day of the fair. All poultry shown at public exhibition in this state shall meet all current requirements as outlined in the National Poultry Improvement Plan. Exempted are waterfowl, pigeons and doves. Exhibitors must be present when judging takes place. All birds must originate from a pullorum-typhoid clean flock or be tested by an authorized agent (a licensed accredited veterinarian or Michigan Department of Agriculture certified pullorum tester) within 90 days of the show or exhibition. The test 90 days before the show is based on a 100 percent flock test. Therefore, all negative flocks are qualified for NPIP certification. Individual birds originating from non-NPIP qualified flocks may be tested at the show or exhibition and if negative, be allowed to participate in the show or exhibition. Documentation of birds originating from a certified NPID flock must be presented at the show or exhibition (parent flock NPIP certification number VS9-2, VS9-3 or Michigan Department of Agriculture state pullorum test certificate).

9. All exhibitors must know breed and class animal will be shown in. Superintendent is not responsible for class placement.

10. The following classes are eligible for Small Animal Livestock Sales:

Section 42- Production Birds

Section 43- Standard Breed Chickens

Section 44- Pheasants

Section 45- Pigeons

Section 46- Meat Birds

Section 47- Turkeys

Section 48- Duck & Geese

11. All exhibitors are required to show in showmanship class in poultry project area.

12. Judge's decision is **FINAL!!**

13. Exhibitors are to wear plain white shirts or plain white lab coats and dark pants. Dark jeans are acceptable.

SECTION 41 **SHOWMANSHIP**

1. Exhibitor shows one bird of their choice.

Class

- 0511 Senior Showman; 15- 19 years old
Trophy
- 0512 Intermediate Showman; 11- 14 years old
Trophy
- 0513 Junior Showman; 9- 10 years old
Trophy
- 0514 Novice Showman 1st time only (not mandatory) 4-H age 9- 19 excluding 5- 8 year old. *May not enter any other poultry showman class for that year*
Trophy
- 0515 Grand Champion & Reserve Showman (1st & 2nd place from Classes 0511-0514)
Trophy & Rosettes

SECTION 42 **PRODUCTION BIRDS**

3 birds make a pen. Exhibitor may show a pen of 3 hens or a production trio consisting of 2 hens and 1 rooster. Production Bird definitions: Young Bird- less than 12 months old and Old Bird- 1 year old or older

Class

- 0516 Young females, lightweight breeds
- 0517 Old females, lightweight breeds
- 0518 Young females, heavyweight breeds
- 0519 Old females, heavy weight breeds
- 0520 Young trio, lightweight breeds
- 0521 Old trio, light weight breeds
- 0522 Young trio, heavyweight breeds
- 0523 Old trio, heavy weight breeds
- 0524 Best of Show & Reserve Production Bird- (1st & 2nd place winners from Classes 0516-0523)
Trophy & Rosettes

SECTION 43 **STANDARD BREEDS-CHICKENS**

1. Exhibitors are limited to a pair or individual bird.

Class

- 0525 American Class
- 0526 Asiatic Class
- 0527 English Class
- 0528 Mediterranean Class
- 0529 Continental Class
- 0530 Bantams
- 0531 All Other Standard Breeds
- 0532 Best of Show & Reserve Standard Breed Chicken (1st & 2nd from classes 0525- 0531)
Trophy & Rosettes

SECTION 44 **PHEASANTS**

(Including peafowl, jungle fowl, guineas and other birds that do not have another section) Exhibitors are limited to a pen or a pair of birds of the same breed or a pen with an individual bird. Ring neck pheasants may not be sold per State of Michigan laws.

Class

- 0533 2 Birds of the same breed
- 0534 Individual bird
- 0535 Best of Show & Reserve Pheasants (1st & 2nd winners from Classes 0533 & 0534)
Trophy & Rosettes

SECTION 45 **PIGEONS**

(Doves, Partridges, & Quail)

May Bring 1 Bird or 1 Pair

Class

- 0536A Meat Pigeon
- 0536B Fancy Pigeons
- 0536C Flying Pigeons
- 0537A Doves
- 0537B Partridge
- 0537C Quail
- 0538 Best of Show & Reserve Pigeons (1st & 2nd winners from classes 0536A-0537C)
Trophy & Rosettes

SECTION 46 **MEAT BIRDS**

Meat birds will be judged on conformation, finish, and uniformity. Birds do not have to be standard pure bred bird. Date of hatch **must** be on the entry card by 5:00 p.m. on Monday of Fair or will not be judged or placed on auction roster. Meat bird age minimum of 4 weeks to 12 weeks maximum as of the date of weigh in at the Fair. Birds are to be weighed in by 2:00 p.m. Monday. Birds are classed according to age. Cornish meat birds are to be 4- 6 weeks of age, maximum weight of 2 pounds each.

Class

- 0539 Cornish Meat Birds are to be **4- 6 weeks old**
Max weight 2 lbs
- 0540 Meat Birds (6- 8 weeks)
- 0541 Meat Birds (8- 10 weeks)
- 0542 Meat Birds (10- 12 weeks)
- 0543 Best of Show & Reserve Meat Birds (1st & 2nd place winners from classes 0539- 0542)
Trophy & Rosettes

SECTION 47 **TURKEYS**

Meat turkeys will be judged on market quality. An entry of meat turkeys may consist of any combination of 2 birds at least 1 month of age, but not to exceed 1 year of age when exhibited. Breeding pairs shall consist of 1 tom and 1 hen over 1 year of age.

Class

- 0545 Meat Turkeys
0546 Breeding Pairs
0547 Best of Show & Reserve Turkeys
(1st & 2nd place winners from classes 0545 & 0546)
Trophy & Rosettes

SECTION 48
DUCK & GEESE

Exhibit shall consist of pen of 1 or 2.

Class

- 0550 Goose or gander
0551 Pen of Geese
0552 Duck or drake
0553 Pen of Ducks
0554 Best of Show & Reserve Waterfowl
(1st & 2nd place winners from classes 0551- 0553)
Trophy & Rosettes

SECTION 49
EGGS

1. Exhibitors are to complete 4-H Record Book (optional).
2. Eggs are to be entered on Thursday at the time of the poultry show, 10:00 a.m.
3. An entry shall consist of 12 eggs, all of which shall be either brown, white, or colored and exhibited in cartons.
4. Exhibitors are limited to 1 dozen eggs.
5. Eggs are judged at the conclusion of the poultry show.
6. Species and breed of poultry is to be listed on exhibitor card.

Class

- 0557 White Eggs
0558 Brown Eggs
0559 Colored Eggs
0560 Best Overall Dozen
Rosettes

SECTION 50
ALL BIRDS

Class

- 0562 Best Overall & Reserve Overall Birds
Trophy & Rosettes

SECTION 51
RECORD BOOKS

All exhibitors may complete 4-H 1457 Record Book. Books (optional to exhibitor) must be turned into the 4-H office on **Tuesday of Fair week by 5:00 p.m.**

Class

- 0564 Animal Project Record Book (4-H 1457) Optional