

## **DEPARTMENT H—POULTRY**

**Judging: Monday, 9:00 am**

**Superintendents**

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### **GENERAL RULES: Also See Rules Governing Entries, Exhibitions and Awards, General Rules, and Rules for Livestock.**

1. All Poultry must be owned by May 1st of the current year, except for birds used for meat pens, which must be owned within one week of hatching.
2. Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of FIVE pens of poultry with up to ONE of the FIVE pens being market birds.
3. Tag-in and pullorum testing will take place the first week of June (Time and place to be announced). NPIP numbers on all birds are no longer acceptable. A pullorum blood test is necessary to enter the fair.
4. All poultry must meet health requirements set forth by the Michigan Department of Agriculture Animal Industry Division. See Michigan Department of Agriculture Animal Industry Division Requirements for Livestock Exhibited in Michigan for specific details. No bird can be put in a cage until it has been tested for pullorum-typhoid and the test is negative. An authorized tester will be available up to 45 days prior to the fair at the discretion of the superintendent and certified tester. Exhibitors or their representatives must be present and assist in handling of their birds during testing and check-in.
5. All poultry must be clean and parasite free. The Superintendent or designee will inspect each bird at check-in on Sunday. Approval must be given before the birds are put in their assigned cages. If parasites are detected, the exhibitor will have one opportunity to treat affected bird(s). Upon second inspection by the Superintendent, if live parasites are still present the exhibitor will not be allowed to exhibit the affected bird(s). Check in Sunday Pre-Fair 9-11 am
6. All poultry and eggs must be in cages by 3:00 pm Sunday, pre-fair.
7. Birds must be fed and watered daily by 10:00 am (8:00 am on show day.) Exhibitors will provide clean and like new feed and water containers appropriate for their poultry according to breed and size. Containers must be fastened to the front of the cage to prevent spilling.
8. All exhibitors must clean their floor pens and cages, and areas under cages must be swept out by 10:00 am daily (8:00 am on show day). ALL bedding must be completely replaced on auction day, Thursday, by 8 am and as needed at the superintendent's request. Exhibitors not complying with this rule will have a \$20.00 per cage per day charge payable to EMSF Poultry.
9. At the time of animal release, Sunday a.m. post-fair, all poultry must be removed from cages by 10:00 am. Cages must be cleaned and taken down. Area under cages must be completely cleaned. All wood shavings and manure must be put in the proper place. Superintendent must inspect cages and area under cages before release is approved. Exhibitors not complying with this rule will have \$20.00 per cage deducted from their livestock sale check.
10. All native game birds shown must have proper permits.
11. Failure to comply with any of the rules, or lack of care of a member's animal, may result in removal of the exhibit and forfeiture of sale privileges and/or exhibiting privileges for not more than 2 years at the Eastern Michigan State Fair.
12. Pen sheets must be filled out at time registration.
13. Barn duty is required by every exhibitor to share equally. Time slot sign up will be determined once the number of exhibitors is known.
14. Upon judging, the judge's ruling is final.

### **MARKET POULTRY RULES**

1. Each pen of meat class birds must be market age, generally 6 months or younger, and of the same sex and variety.
2. All meat pens will be weighed at time of check in. No more than 6 birds per exhibitor will be weighed. Exhibitors or their representatives must be present to handle birds during weigh-in and decide which 3 birds will be in their meat pen.

3. All meat pens receiving an "A" ribbon will go to sale. "B" ribbon will NOT go to sale but remain on fairgrounds. Seller is responsible to take birds to processor, pay processing fee, pick poultry up from processor & deliver poultry to buyer, unless buyer has requested otherwise.
4. Exhibitors are allowed to sell 2 meat pens of different species.
5. All exhibitors showing a poultry meat pen must show in poultry showmanship, in order to sell.
6. A game bird meat pen consists of one of the following species: quail, partridge, guinea, or pheasant.
7. It is recommended chickens be 6 to 10 weeks of age and 6 to 10 lbs. Ducks are recommended to be 20 weeks of age with a minimum weight of 4 lbs. and Turkeys be 20-24 weeks of age with a minimum weight of 17 lbs. per bird. Freedom Ranger chickens are recommended to be 12-16 weeks and 6-10 lbs. in weight and Geese should be 15-20 weeks and a minimum weight of 6-12 lbs.
8. The recommended weight difference between the lightest and the heaviest bird in the pen should not be more than 4 oz. for quail, 2 pounds for turkeys, and 1 pound for all other meat pens.

### **Division 1 - MEAT BIRDS**

Class 6001: Pen of three game birds

Class 6002: Pen of three chicken

Class 6003: Pen of three ducks

Class 6004: Pen of three geese

Class 6005: Pen of three turkeys

Class 6006: Pen of three Freedom Ranger chickens (Fryer class)

**Awards:** 1st-6th placings each class

Grand Champion Pen of Game Birds

Grand Champion Pen Chickens

Grand Champion Pen Ducks

Grand Champion Pen Geese

Grand Champion Pen Turkeys

Grand Champion Pen Freedom Ranger chickens

Reserve Champion Pen of Game Birds

Reserve Champion Pen Chickens

Reserve Champion Pen Ducks

Reserve Champion Pen Geese

Reserve Champion Pen Turkey

Reserve Champion Pen Freedom Ranger chickens

### **EXHIBITION CHICKENS**

**Mixed breed standard chickens (production hens) may be entered in this section only. Enter Female class number 6011 only.**

**Awards:** 1st – 6th placings in each class. Champion & Reserve Champion in each Division.

**Entries in Divisions 3-21 must be Purebreds.**

**List section and class numbers for each animal on entry form.**

**List breed and variety description on pen sheet.**

### **STANDARD CHICKENS**

**Division 2 – American Class**

**Division 3 - Asiatic Class**

**Division 4 – English Class**

**Division 5 – Mediterranean Class**

**Division 6 – Continental Class**

**Division 7 – Production Hens (Mixed breeds)**

Class 6010: Male

Class 6011: Female

Class 6012: Pair: mature birds, one male and one female

**Awards:** 1st – 6th placings in each class Champion & Reserve Champion in each Division

Grand Champion Standard Chicken & Reserve Grand Champion Standard Chicken, Divisions 3 - 8

## **BANTAM CHICKENS**

**Division 8 – Game Bantams**

**Division 9 – Single Comb Clean Legged Other Than Game Bantams**

**Division 10 – Rose Comb Clean Legged Bantams**

**Division 11 – All Other Combs Clean Legged Bantams**

**Division 12 – Feather Legged Bantams**

Class 6013: Male

Class 6014: Female

Class 6015: Pair: mature birds, one male and one female

### **Awards:**

1st –6th placings in each class Champion & Reserve Champion in each Division

Grand Champion Bantam Chicken & Reserve Grand Champion Bantam Chicken from Divisions 8-12

## **DUCKS**

**Division 13 - Heavyweight Ducks**

**Division 14 - Medium Weight Ducks**

**Division 15 – Light Weight Ducks**

**Division 16 - Bantam Ducks**

Class 6016: Male

Class 6017: Female

Class 6018: Pair of ducks, one male and one female

**Awards:** 1st – 6th placings in each class Champion & Reserve Champion in each Division

Grand Champion Duck & Reserve Grand Champion Duck from Division 13 - 16

## **GEESE**

**Division 17 - Heavy Class Geese**

**Division 18 - Medium Class Geese**

**Division 19 - Light Class Geese**

Class 6019: Male

Class 6020: Female

Class 6021: Pair of geese, one male and one female

**Awards:** 1st – 6th placings in each class Champion & Reserve Champion in each Division

Grand Champion Goose & Reserve Grand Champion Goose from Divisions 17 - 19

## **Division 20 - TURKEYS**

Class 6022: Male

Class 6023: Female

Class 6024: Pair of turkeys, one male and one female

**Awards:** 1st – 6th placings in each class Grand Champion Turkey & Reserve Grand Champion Turkey

### **Division 21 - GAME AND HOBBY BIRDS**

Entries in Game & Hobby Bird classes may be one male, or one female, or a pair of one mature male and one mature female.

Class 6025: Pigeons  
Class 6026: Guineas  
Class 6027: Quail or Partridge  
Class 6028: Pheasants  
Class 6029: Doves

**Awards:** 1st – 6th placings in each class  
Grand Champion Game & Hobby Bird & Reserve Champion Game & Hobby Bird

### **Division 23 - POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP**

#### **Rules:**

1. Exhibitors must enter a non-meat bird for use in Showmanship.
2. To participate in this section, the exhibitor must have shown in any poultry bird class from Division 3 – 21.
3. Exhibitors in Showmanship must use their own bird, exhibited at the fair unless extenuating circumstances arise. Superintendents will make that determination.

Class 6050: Advanced Senior, 17-19 years of age  
Class 6051: Senior, 14-16 years of age  
Class 6052: Intermediate, 11-13 years of age  
Class 6053: Junior, 8-10 years of age

**Awards:**  
1st-6th placings in each class. Grand Champion & Reserve Champion in each age division.

### **Division 24 - MARKET EGGS**

#### **Rules:**

1. Exhibitors are limited to 1 entry per class but may enter up to 2 classes.
2. An entry shall consist of 12 eggs, exhibited in a clean carton.
3. Eggs must be produced by the exhibitor's own flock. Any breed of poultry may be used, but all eggs in carton must be from SAME BREED.
4. Eggs are to be checked in 3:00 pm Sunday and will be judged on Monday with the poultry show.

Class 6055: White eggs, 1 dozen  
Class 6056: Brown or tinted eggs, 1 dozen  
Class 6057: Waterfowl eggs, 1 dozen  
Class 6058: Game bird eggs, 1 dozen

**Awards:** 1st-6th placings each class & Best Overall Dozen

## **Division 25 - POULTRY EXPO CONTESTS**

### **Rules:**

1. Poultry Expo is open to any exhibitor in the poultry area.
2. Poultry Expo consists of a series of activities Tuesday thru Thursday 10 am – 5 pm, with makeup day on Friday 10 am – 2 pm These activities must be completed in the poultry area.
3. Participants may compete in as many or as few of the activities as they choose; points for each activity completed will be combined for total score.
4. 1st through 6th places in each age group will be announced Saturday evening.

Class 6060: Junior - 8-10 years

Class 6061: Intermediate - 11-13 years

Class 6062: Senior - 14-16 years

Class 6063: Advanced Senior - 17-19 years

**Awards:** 1st - 6th placings

### **Poultry Costume**

Class 6080: Poultry Costume Class

## **Division 26 – SPROUTS**

### **Rules:**

1. Sprouts may participate in Showmanship, Poultry Expo, and Market Eggs only, in classes listed below. All Sprouts classes are optional and non- competitive.
2. Sprouts are permitted to enter poultry for exhibit in Divisions 1 – 23. They may borrow an exhibitor's bird on show day.

Class 6065: Sprouts Showmanship, ages 5-7 years

Class 6066: Sprouts Poultry Expo

Class 6067: Sprouts Eggs, 1 dozen

**Awards:** Participation Ribbons

## **Division 27 – POULTRY EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT**

### **Rules:**

1. All youth may participate in an educational poultry exhibit.
2. Exhibits will include a poster about your poultry project. You may include items such as pictures, breed, origin, nutrition, housing, health, basic care, training, etc.
3. A poultry novelty project display class will be available for youth to build a poultry project or bird. This exhibit should not exceed 3' x 30".

Class 6070: Poultry Educational Poster Projects

Class 6071: Poultry Novelty Project Display