

DEPARTMENT H—POULTRY

Judging: Monday, 9:00 am

Superintendent(s)

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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 TWO of the FIVE pens being market birds of TWO different species** (i.e. Turkeys and Quail, Meat Chickens and Ducks, etc...)
3. 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.
 - 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 mandatory to enter the fair.
4. Poultry Check in Sunday Pre-Fair 9-11 am
 - Approval must be given before the birds are put in their assigned cages.
 - All poultry must be clean and parasite free. The Superintendent or designee will inspect each bird at fair check-in. If parasites are detected, the exhibitor will have one opportunity to treat affected bird(s). Upon second inspection by the Superintendent or designee, if live parasites are still present the exhibitor will not be allowed to exhibit the affected bird(s) and said birds must be removed from the fairgrounds.
5. All poultry and eggs must be in cages by 3:00 pm Sunday, pre-fair.
6. Birds must be fed and watered daily by 9:00 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.
7. All exhibitors must clean their floor pens and cages, and areas under cages must be swept out by 9:00 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 \$50.00 per cage per day charge payable to EMSF per the EMSF Rules Governing Entries Exhibits and Awards.
8. 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 fee assessed which must be paid prior to entry in any subsequent EMSF.
9. All native game birds shown must have proper permits from the proper governing agency.
10. Barn duty is required by every exhibitor to share equally. Time slot sign up will be determined once the number of exhibitors is known.
11. Upon judging, the judge's ruling is final.
12. 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.

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 be deemed eligible for the EMSF Youth Livestock Auction. "B" ribbon will be not eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion and will not be eligible to be sold at the EMSF Youth Livestock Auction but remain on fairgrounds for the duration of the fair.
4. Seller is responsible for taking birds to processor, pay processing fee, pick poultry up from processor & deliver poultry to buyer, unless buyer has requested otherwise.
5. All exhibitors showing a poultry meat pen must show in poultry showmanship, to be eligible for the EMSF Youth Livestock Auction. Market birds are not to be used for showmanship: exhibitors must enter and exhibit a separate exhibition bird entry which may be used for showmanship.
6. Recommended Age and Weight for poultry meat pens (weight is per bird):
 - Game Birds (meat pen of quail, partridge, guinea, or pheasant) : Add Age and weights as appropriate
 - Chickens: 6 to 10 weeks of age, 6-10 lbs.
 - Chickens that have been selectively bred for rapid growth and large breast muscles.
 - Ducks: 20 weeks of age, minimum weight of 4 lbs.
 - Geese: 15-20 weeks of age, weight of 6-12 lbs.
 - Turkeys: 20-24 weeks of age, minimum weight of 17 lbs.
 - Freedom Ranger chickens: 9-14 weeks of age, weight of 5-8 lbs.
 - Freedom Ranger chickens are hybrid broilers bred for free range and pasture raised environments, typically having tri-colored or red feathers and yellow shanks, and being slower growing than typical market chicken breeds.
7. 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 23 - POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

Rules:

1. All poultry exhibitors MUST enter and show in showmanship. Any exhibitor not showing in showmanship will NOT be eligible for the EMSF Youth Livestock Auction.
2. Exhibitors must enter a separate exhibition bird (may not be part of a market pen) for use in Showmanship.
3. To participate in poultry showmanship, exhibitors must enter and show in any exhibition bird class from Division 2-21.
4. 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.

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 and Reserve Champion of each Class as deemed appropriate.

EXHIBITION BIRDS

Entries in Divisions 2-21 must be Purebred birds with the exception of production hens.

List section and class numbers for each animal on Fairentry form. List breed and variety description on pen sheet.

Entries in Exhibition Bird classes are limited to one male or one female or a pair of birds consisting of one mature male and one mature female.

Awards: 1st – 6th placings in each class

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

Class 6010: Male

Class 6011: Female

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

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

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

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

Division 20 - TURKEYS

Class 6022: Male

Class 6023: Female

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

Division 21 - GAME AND HOBBY BIRDS

Class 6025: Pigeons

Class 6026: Guineas

Class 6027: Quail or Partridge

Class 6028: Pheasants

Class 6029: Doves

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 by 3pm 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

Division 25 - POULTRY CONTESTS

Poultry Expo

Rules:

1. Poultry Expo is open to any exhibitor in the poultry area.
2. Poultry Expo consists of a series of educational activities available on Saturday from 9am to noon and 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. Awards will be announced on Saturday evening.

Class 6060: Junior - 8-13 years

Class 6061: Senior - 14-19 years

Awards: 1st - 6th placings

Division 26 – SPROUTS

Rules:

1. Sprouts may participate in the classes below ONLY. All Sprouts classes are optional and non-competitive.
2. Sprouts are permitted ~~enter poultry for exhibit in Divisions 1—23~~ to exhibit their own bird or borrow a bird for Sprout showmanship.
3. Cage availability will determine if sprout bords are allowed to stay on the fairgrounds during fair week. Sprouts will be notified as far in advance of the fair as possible whether sprouts may keep birds on the fairgrounds or if birds must go home after the conclusion of the poultry show.

Class 6065: Sprouts Showmanship, ages 5-7 years

Class 6066: Sprouts Poultry Expo

Class 6067: Sprouts Eggs, 1 dozen

Class 6068: Sprouts Record Book

Class 6069: Sprouts Costume Contest

Division 27 – POULTRY EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT

Rules:

1. Any exhibitor, even those not exhibiting live poultry, may exhibit an educational poultry exhibit.
2. Poultry educational exhibit can be entered in poultry section, as well as the veterinary and/or animal science sections of skilled exhibits.
3. Exhibits will include a poster about your poultry project. You may include items such as pictures, breed, origin, nutrition, housing, health, basic care, training, biosecurity, etc.
4. 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

Division 28- Poultry Costume Class

Class 6080: Poultry Costume Class

Division 29- Poultry Record Book

Rules:

1. Record books are optional for all poultry exhibitors.
2. Poultry record books are due by 5p.m. Sunday of fair check-in.

Class 6080: Jr. Poultry record books 8-13 years of age

Class 6081: Sr. Poultry record books 14-19 years of age