TUSCOLA COUNTY FAIR
4-H POULTRY ENTRY FORM

Please Print Neatly – Must be able to read the information.

Year ________________

Name: ___________________________________________ Exhibitor # ________________

Address: ________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: ___ MI ___ ZIP: _______________ Phone: ________________

Township: __________________________ Section Number: __________________________ (required)

Club Name: __________________________________ Exhibitor’s Age: ________________ (as of Jan. 1st of current year)

Parents / Guardian: __________________________________ Check Box if Cloverbud □

Date of Possession: __________________________

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Limit of 2 Market Entries
Only “A” (blue ribbon) entries will sell

SHOWMANSHIP:

Department 12  Division 200  Section 53  Class _____

EGGS:

Department 12  Division 200  Section 62  Check Box if Exhibiting Eggs □ (limit one entry)

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**REMEMBER:**

You must care for all of your own birds.
Follow cleanliness policy for daily animal care.
Keep your entries to a number you can manage.
Market poultry is your responsibility until the last day of fair.
POULTRY INFORMATION SHEET

Please READ all the information on this sheet.
It will answer most of the questions you may encounter.

The Poultry Entry Form must be filled out and turned in with your Fair Master Entry Form to MSU Extension in Caro by the entry deadline. The MSU Extension office phone number is (989) 672-3870.

DO NOT KEEP poultry, rabbit or goat entry forms with you. Turn them in with the Fair Master Entry Forms so they can reach the appropriate superintendents. You may copy the forms for your own records, but turn in the original forms.

HOW TO FILL OUT THE POULTRY ENTRY FORMS

1. Fill out the top section completely with your name, exhibitor number, etc. Must have your township and section number (required by Michigan Department of Agriculture) before birds will be accepted at the fair. Section numbers may be found on the property tax receipt of the land where the birds are housed.

2. Market Entries: Fill out the appropriate class number of your entry. Remember to label your trio in the same way before you get to the fair, especially if more than one trio is being transported together. Market trios will be designated in each to an exhibitor and banded before any weights are taken. It will be to your advantage to weigh and label your birds at home before you check in at the fair. Try to get three birds as close to the same weight and sex as possible. Weighing will aid you in choosing your pens. Only weights taken at check-in will be recorded for show. By rule, market fryers are 3 – 6 lbs each; market roasters are greater than 6 lbs each. By rule, even if only one of the market fryers is over weight, the whole trio will move up to the roaster class. Roasters that are all under 6 lbs will be placed in the fryer class.

3. Showmanship: You may enter one showmanship class. Check the fair book for the class number according to exhibitor’s age. Age of exhibitor will be determined by January 1st of the current year.

4. Eggs: Check the box on the entry form if you are entering eggs. Limit 1 entry. Egg entries are to be checked in on Sunday by 6:00 p.m.

5. All Other Poultry Entries: Under this portion all other poultry entries will be placed. All poultry entries are under Department 12, Division 200. The section and class will change with the sex, breed and age of your birds. Pigeons and Doves are under Department 12, Division 300.

6. Market Books: One market book per entry must be filled out and handed in on Monday by 6:00 p.m. These books will be judged. Must be turn in the market record book to sell.

GENERAL INFORMATION

• All poultry will be banded at the fair. You do not have to have a band on your bird when you bring it to check-in.

• Clean and dust your birds and pen about two (2) weeks before the fair for lice. Check for mites, fleas and sores – this will help prevent elimination on fair check-in day.

• If you find any lice or fleas, repeat cleaning and dusting one (1) week before the fair.

• If you have any doubt about the cleanliness of another flock, DO NOT trailer your birds to the fair with questionable birds. State law dictates ALL BIRDS trailered or caged together must be sent home even if only one is found to have mites or test positive for pullorum.
• All poultry for fair must be pullorum tested before being admitted to the barn. If possible, contact a tester before the fair so you can have your birds tested before check in day. This will speed things up a bit. To obtain a list of pullorum testers in Michigan please contact Marcia Weld at the Michigan Department of Agriculture at (517) 335-5713. Some local pullorum testers are:
  - Cheryl Sanger ~ Caro (989) 673-1862
  - Lisa Venema ~ Deford (989) 872-2145
  - Heather Middleton ~ Mayville (989) 670-7078
  - Jesse & Kathy Hatfield ~ Vassar (989) 823-3975

Remember all birds in the flock will still have to be examined for lice and mites before any birds in the flock are allowed in the barn or pens.

• Each exhibitor must be able to identify their own birds and which class they are being exhibited.

• Keep in mind, you must provide care for your own birds, so keep your entries to a manageable number.

• All birds must have feed and water at all times. Cans may be used for water and feed, but must be attached to the cage. The short 16 oz. cans work best. Hanging feed and water cups are preferred in the following sizes:
  - Bantams – ½ pint
  - Standard – 1 pint
  - Large birds, turkeys, geese or ducks – 1 quart

Cups may be purchased from poultry hatcheries, suppliers or feed stores. Possible suppliers include, but are not limited to:
  - Big Acre – Caro (989) 673-3163
  - Twin City Poultry Supply – www.twincitypoultrysupplies.com (614) 595-8608
  - Millington Elevator – Millington (989) 871-2171
  - Murray McMurray Hatchery – www.mcmurrayhatchery.com (800) 456-3280
  - Strombergs Chicks & Game Birds Unlimited – www.strombergschickens.com (218) 587-2222
  - Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) – Caro (989) 673-2947

• Poultry judging and showmanship is on Tuesday starting at 9:00 a.m.

• Review the poultry rules from the fair book.

• Please be sure to remove your birds promptly at dismissal time so clean up can start. If you are unable to remove your birds then arrange for helpers to remove your birds and assist with clean-up.

• We realize assisting with clean-up in multiple areas can be a challenge when exhibitors are involved in several areas, but if you choose to show in several areas, you are obligated to assist with cleanup in those areas as part of the fair exhibiting privilege.

Thank you to all who show 4-H Spirit & Showmanship and participate in the fun and the work of making a successful 4-H year and Tuscola County Fair.

Good Luck!

Cheryl Sanger
Poultry Superintendent
CLASS: American

**Breeds:**
- Rhode Island Red
- Rhode Island White
- New Hampshire
- Plymouth Rock
- Jersey Giant
- Dominique
- Chantecler

**Varieties:**
- Single Comb Rhode Island Red
- Rose Comb Rhode Island Red
- Barred Plymouth Rock
- White Plymouth Rock
- Etc.

CLASS: English

**Breeds:**
- Australorp
- Cornish
- Orpington
- Dorking
- Redcap
- Sussex

**Varieties:**
- Dark Cornish
- White Cornish
- White Laced Red Cornish
- Etc.

**Some distinguishing characteristics of the four most important classes:**

CLASS: American

1. Yellow Skin
2. Red Ear Lobes
3. Clean Shanks
4. Brown Shelled Eggs (exceptions - Lamona, Holland)

CLASS: English

1. White Skin
2. Red Ear Lobes
3. Clean Shanks

CLASS: Asiatic

1. Feathered Shanks
2. Yellow Skin (exception – Langshan)
3. Red Ear Lobes
4. Brown Shelled Eggs

CLASS: Mediterranean

1. White Ear Lobes
2. Yellow Skin (exceptions – Minorca, Blue Andalusian, Spanish, Catalana)
3. Clean Shanks
4. White Shelled Eggs

Bantams: (Miniature chickens usually about 1/4 to 1/5 the weight of their counterparts, when such exist.)

**Breeds:** Some twenty, fourteen of which are miniature counterparts of large breeds and six of which are of a type and/or color not seen in large chickens.

**Varieties:** Sebright, Dutch, Japanese, Silkies, Seramas, etc.
# CLASSES OF CHICKENS

## STANDARD CLASS

### AMERICAN CLASS
- Plymouth Rocks
- Dominiques
- Wyandottes
- Javas
- Rhode Island Reds
- Rhode Island Whites
- Buckeyes
- Chanteclers
- Jersey Giants
- Lamonas
- New Hampshires
- Hollands
- Delawares

## ENGLISH CLASS

- Dorkings
- Redcaps
- Cornish
- Orpingtons
- Sussex
- Australorps

## MEDITERRANEAN CLASS

- Leghorns
- Minorcas
- Spanish
- Andalusians
- Sicilian Buttercups
- Catalanas

## CONTINENTAL CLASS

- North Europe
  - Hamburgs
  - Campines
  - Lakenvelders
- Polish
  - Bearded
  - Non-Bearded
- French
  - Houdans
  - Faverolles
  - Crevecoeurs
  - La Fleche

## ASIATIC CLASS

- Brahmans
- Cochins
- Langshans

## OTHER BREEDS CLASS

### Games
- Modern
- Old English

### Oriental
- Malays
- Sumatras
- Aseels
- Shamos
- Yokohamas
- Phoenix
- Cubalayas

### Miscellaneous
- Sultans
- Frizzles
- Naked Necks
- Araucanas
- Ameraucanas

## BANTAM CLASS

### SINGLE COMB CLEAN LEG

- Anconas
- Andalusians
- Australorps
- Catalanas
- Campines
- Delawares
- Dorkings
- Frizzles
- Hollands
- Japanese
- Javas
- Jersey Giants
- Lakenvelders
- Lamonas
- Minorcas
- Naked Necks
- New Hampshires
- Old English Game
- Orpingtons

## Single Comb Continued:

- Phoenix
- Plymouth Rocks
- Rhode Island Reds
- Spanish
- Sussex

## ROSE COMB CLEAN LEG

- Anaconas
- Antwerp Belgians
- Dominiques
- Dorkings
- Hamburgs
- Leghorns
- Minorcas
- Redcaps
- Rhode Island Whites
- Rosecombs
- Sebrights
- Wyandottes

## OTHER CLEAN LEG CLASS

- Ameraucanas
- Araucanas
- Buckeyes
- Chanteclers
- Cornish
- Crevecoeurs
- Cubalayas
- Houdans
- La Fleche
- Malays
- Polish
- Shamos
- Sicilian Buttercups
- Sumatras
- Yokohamas

## FEATHER LEG

- Booted
- Brahmans
- Cochins
- Faverolles
- Frizzles
- Langshans
- Silkies
- Sultans
MANAGEMENT TIPS FOR FAMILY POULTRY & GAME BIRD FLOCKS

RECOMMENDED BIRDS

Layers .................................. White Leghorn, White Rock (brown eggs)
Broilers ................................. Vantress, Brown Eggs, White Rock, Rhode Island, Barred Rock
Ducks .................................. White Meat Pekin, Rouens, Mallard
Geese .................................. White Embden, Gray Toulouse, White Chinese
Turkey ................................. Broad Breasted Bronze, White
Pheasant ............................... Ring-Neck, Mongolian

STARTING THE BIRDS

1. Clean and disinfect rearing facilities.
2. Floor space per bird: 1st week through 8th week = 1 sq. ft.
   8th week through 12th week = 2 - 3 sq. ft.
   12th week plus = 2 - 3 sq. ft.
3. Litter: 2 – 3 inch of shavings, sawdust, etc.
4. Temperature for first week: 
   Layers & Broilers 90 - 95 degrees
   Game Birds 95 - 98 degrees
5. Feeder space per bird: 0 - 4 weeks = 2 inches
   4 - 8 weeks = 3 inches
   8 - 12 weeks = 4 inches
   12 plus weeks = 5 - 6 inches
6. Waterer space: One gallon water per 50 birds for the first four weeks
   Triple the water space after four weeks

RECOMMENDED FEEDING PROGRAMS

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BROODING BABY POULTRY

1. Keep them warm, dry and draft free. Baby poultry can be kept for several weeks in a cardboard box or ring of cardboard 18 inches high with a heat lamp hung over the center of the area. Hang the lamp about 18 inches above the floor at first. A thermometer placed on the floor should read 95 degrees directly under the lamp at first. Chicks & poults will move closer or farther from the lamp to adjust the heat to their needs. Raise the lamp every 3-4 days to gradually decrease the heat level to 80 degrees.

2. Allow 36 sq. inches of floor space per bird for the 1st three weeks and then one square foot (144 sq. inches) afterwards. A four foot diameter cardboard ring about one foot tall, with one heat lamp is about right for up to 50 chicks for several weeks.

3. Do not keep them in the house. Set up an area where they can be cared for in another building, such as a porch, garage or poultry coop. They do need fresh air.

4. Baby poultry may carry Salmonella germs that can make people very sick. Avoid contaminating human food and always wash your hands after caring for your birds.

5. On the floor, place 2 inches of dry wood shavings or 1 inch of dry sawdust or cat box filler. Cover this for the 1st week with coarse landscape grade burlap to prevent litter eating. Change the litter, as it becomes wet & dirty.

6. Provide nutritionally balanced ground or crumbled feed for the type and age of poultry you have. If the birds are not eating, gently grasp some of them and dip their beaks into water first and then feed. To attract them to water put something shiny in the water, like marbles or balls of foil.

7. Provide feed & water free choice in clean containers. Wash & clean feeders weekly. To reduce waste, only fill 1/3 to 1/2 full. Clean & disinfect waterers every few days. Use a 9/1 water to bleach solution to disinfect. About 4-6 drops of bleach in a gallon of water will retard mold growth.

8. Do not place baby poultry in with older birds. To help prevent disease outbreaks, practice "all in-all out" or even age management.

GROWING POULTRY AFTER THE BROODING STAGE

1. Do not mix different types of poultry or different age birds of the same type. You will have fewer disease problems.

2. Place the birds into clean & disinfected housing with adequate floor space.

3. Provide adequate feeder and waterer space.

4. Unless the birds are raised in cages or on mesh floors, feed a coccidiostat to growing poultry help with this protozoan disease common to poultry.

5. Follow a vaccination program for layer/breeder birds.

6. Nutrition is very important. Feed the right type of mixed feed for the type and growth stage poultry you have. If you are feeding a complete feed, you should not feed scratch grains. If you feed a concentrate plus whole grains and/or pasture, offer grit free choice.

7. Light level and hours of light (day length) are very important to egg type chickens. Use artificial light at one 40-60 watt bulb per 150 sq. feet of floor space in the poultry house. Plug the lights into a time clock to increase the day length to develop pullets. Work up to a 16 hour day as they begin laying. Never allow the day length to decrease for layers. Other poultry should have a 12 hour minimum day length.

8. Get further information and details from MSU Extension at www.msue.msu.edu/poultry.