

**4-H POULTRY DEPARTMENT**

**4-H Poultry Team**

**Superintendent** - Jessica Seward, Ames

**Market Broiler Superintendents** - Roger and Kyle Smith, Runnells

**SCHEDULE:**

**Monday, August 5**

Class changes & substitutions due (email to show superintendent)

**Thursday, August 8**

2:00 p.m. Poultry may arrive - Poultry/Rabbit Building (N.E. corner of Fairgrounds)

**Friday, August 9**

6:00 a.m. Poultry may arrive

6:00 - 8:00 a.m. Check-in of breeding, commercial and market birds; weigh-in market broilers

8:00 a.m. Poultry must be in

8:30 a.m. Poultry Show - Market Broilers and Commercial Birds and Breeding Birds will be judged simultaneously (a lunch break will be announced)

Poultry Presentations will be scheduled throughout the show. Check with Superintendent.

Poultry will be released after the entire show is completed. No early coop outs.

4:00 p.m. Poultry Award Ceremony

6:00 p.m. Poultry must be out

**Saturday, August 17**

2:00 p.m. Sale of Champions Market Broilers - Cattle Barn Media Center

**ENTRY DEADLINE - JULY 1 through FairEntry (4hOnline)**

**RULES**

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations, 4-H General Rules and Regulations and 4-H Livestock Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. Fee of \$2 per entry must accompany the entry form.
3. Exhibitors will be limited to a total of **10** entries. A pen consists of one male and two females, old or young (i.e. one cock, two hens or one cockerel, two pullets). An individual bird may also be shown in a trio.
4. Cages will be provided for each exhibitor's birds. Show Management will provide litter.
5. Exhibitors are required to supply ample waterers that must be refreshed every three hours at a minimum if the temperatures are over 85 during the show window and must be replaced every 12 hours if the bird is left overnight.
6. Exhibitors must provide their own fans and extension cords. All show supplies must be kept tidy and cords running across the floor must be secured with tape.
7. Due to the increasing number of substitutions, exhibitors are requested to submit substitutions in writing by Monday, August 5 to the superintendent at [jmmenke@iastate.edu](mailto:jmmenke@iastate.edu). This allows the show program and cage cards to be revised and allows for a more accurate show.
8. Each 4-H member will be responsible for his or her birds and must be present when they are judged. (See substitute showman rule in 4-H Livestock Exhibits Rules.)
9. All breeding birds should be entered as cock, hen, cockerel or pullet with these terms defined as: Cock - male chicken 1 year or older; Hen - female chicken 1 year or older; Cockerel - male chicken less than 1 year old; Pullet - female chicken less than 1 year old.
10. All entries will be made by providing class, breed and variety information. Example: Class - American, Breed - Plymouth Rock, Variety - Barred. This information is listed in the corresponding class numbers on the next few pages.
11. ALL BREED ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN STANDARD OF PERFECTION AND MUST BE LISTED IN THE AMERICAN STANDARD OF PERFECTION OR BANTAM STANDARD. No crossbred entries will be allowed in the breed classes.
12. Entries in the meat and egg classes may be any commercial meat or egg type bird. Production practices generally accepted by the commercial poultry industry are acceptable.
13. All birds must comply with health requirements available online at [www.iowastatefair.org](http://www.iowastatefair.org).
14. A negative PT test will be required within 90 days of the show. Proof of testing must be presented to the check-in desk before the birds are unloaded. PT testing will not be allowed on the grounds.
15. There will be a Poultry Showmanship Class. No entry is required in this division. Showmanship will be judged while exhibiting in the various classes and announced towards the end of the show. Showmanship belt buckles will be awarded per division, if exhibitor(s) has not received a belt buckle previously. Consult the exhibitor letter for specific contest procedures.
16. PREMIUMS AND RIBBONS - Each entry will receive a ribbon (purple, blue, red or white) in each class. Monetary premiums will be paid to the top three entries in each class. Premiums paid will be \$5, 4, 3.

**BREEDING BIRDS**  
(No crossbred entries allowed.)

**CLASS**

**AMERICAN**

- one cock
- one hen
- one cockerel
- one pullet
- one pen

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- one cock
- one hen
- one cockerel
- one pullet
- one pen

**BANTAMS - FEATHER LEGGED**

- one cock
- one hen
- one cockerel
- one pullet
- one pen

**BREEDER DUCKS - BANTAM**

- old drake
- old duck
- young drake
- young duck
- one pen

**ASIATIC**

- one cock
- one hen
- one cockerel
- one pullet
- one pen

**BANTAMS - MODERN GAME**

- one cock
- one hen
- one cockerel
- one pullet
- one pen

**BANTAMS - ANY OTHER COMB  
CLEAN LEGGED**

- one cock
- one hen
- one cockerel
- one pullet
- one pen

**BREEDER GEESE - HEAVY**

- old gander
- old goose
- young gander
- young goose
- one pen

**MEDITERRANEAN**

- one cock
- one hen
- one cockerel
- one pullet
- one pen

**BANTAMS - OLD ENGLISH GAME**

- one cock
- one hen
- one cockerel
- one pullet
- one pen

**BREEDER DUCKS - HEAVY**

- old drake
- old duck
- young drake
- young duck
- one pen

**BREEDER GEESE - MEDIUM**

- old gander
- old goose
- young gander
- young goose
- one pen

**ENGLISH**

- one cock
- one hen
- one cockerel
- one pullet
- one pen

**BANTAMS - SINGLE COMB  
CLEAN LEGGED**

- one cock
- one hen
- one cockerel
- one pullet
- one pen

**BREEDER DUCKS - MEDIUM**

- old drake
- old duck
- young drake
- young duck
- one pen

**BREEDER GEESE - LIGHT**

- old gander
- old goose
- young gander
- young goose
- one pen

**CONTINENTAL**

- one cock
- one hen
- one cockerel
- one pullet
- one pen

**BANTAMS - ROSE COMB CLEAN  
LEGGED**

- one cock
- one hen
- one cockerel
- one pullet
- one pen

**BREEDER DUCKS - LIGHT**

- old drake
- old duck
- young drake
- young duck
- one pen

**BREEDER TURKEY**

- old tom
- old hen
- young tom
- young hen
- one pen

**PIGEONS**

**CLASS**

- Fancy
- Flier
- Utility

**COMMERCIAL BIRDS**

**CLASS**

- Broilers - Two birds per pen either sex under 12 lbs. total weight. (These birds may not be shown in the Special Market Broiler Division.)
- Roasters - Two birds per pen either sex over 12 lbs. total weight.
- Market Ducks - Two birds per pen either sex over 8 weeks of age.
- Market Geese - Two birds per pen either sex over 12 weeks of age.
- Market Turkey - Two birds of either sex over 15 weeks of age for hens, and 16 weeks of age for toms.

**EGG PRODUCTION CLASSES  
RULES**

1. Birds shown in the Production Classes must be at least 16 weeks old at the time of the show.
2. Birds will be shown as a pen of three females, light breed type.
3. Birds will be judged on health, vigor, uniformity in type, weight and production.
4. Exhibitors may make one entry in each Egg Production class - white laying variety and brown laying variety.

**CLASS**

- White Egg Layer
- Brown Egg Layer

**MARKET BROILER - SPECIAL DIVISION  
RULES**

1. Birds will be shipped from the hatchery contracted by the Iowa State Fair directly to the 4-H'ers on June 25.
2. All applications for this division must be filed with the Iowa State Fair through FairEntry by **May 1**. Payment must be postmarked on or before May 1.
3. Participation will be limited to the first 100 youth. **All market broiler chicks will be identified with numbered wingbands for 4-H project identification purposes.**
4. Exhibitors must purchase 50 birds at a cost of \$93.50.
5. Broiler entries are limited to one entry per exhibitor. Each pen of five birds must weigh a minimum of 20 pounds. Wide variation in weight of individual

birds will cause the pen to be sifted.

6. Each exhibit must be healthy and clean or they will be sifted upon arrival.
7. Litter and cages will be furnished by the Show.
8. Exhibitors may bring one extra bird to be weighed in, but only five will be shown.
9. All exhibitors must present their own birds to the judge.

**CLASS**

- Broilers Special Division

**POULTRY PROJECT PRESENTATIONS**

Educational presentations must be a minimum of five minutes and no longer than eight minutes in length. Exhibitor must exhibit 4-H poultry at the Iowa State Fair to be eligible. Advance entry is required, but no registration fee will be charged. Ribbons will be awarded in this division. Each exhibit will receive purple, blue, red or white award group.

**4-H POULTRY SPECIALS**

Plaques will be awarded in classes that have historically over ten entries and have been sponsored.

Plaques and sponsors are listed below.

Champion Turkey -- **Thatcher Farms**, Creston IA

Reserve Champion Turkey -- **Thatcher Farms**, Creston IA

Champion Water Fowl -- **Westhoff Poultry**, Le Mars IA [added 6/26/24](#)

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Champion Pigeon -- **Des Moines Feed & Nature Center**, Des Moines IA

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Champion Large Fowl American -- **Murray McMurray Hatchery**, Webster City IA

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Champion Large Fowl English -- **Murray McMurray Hatchery**, Webster City IA

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Champion Large Fowl Asiatic -- **Murray McMurray Hatchery**, Webster City IA

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Champion Large Fowl Mediterranean -- **Murray McMurray Hatchery**, Webster City IA

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Champion Large Fowl Continental -- **Murray McMurray Hatchery**, Webster City IA

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Champion Large Fowl Other -- **Murray McMurray Hatchery**, Webster City IA

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Champion Modern or Old English -- **Westhoff Poultry**, Le Mars IA [added 6/26/24](#)

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Champion Bantam Clean Legged Single Comb -- **Westhoff Poultry**, Le Mars IA [added 6/26/24](#)

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Champion Bantam Clean Legged Rose Comb -- TBD

Reserve Champion Bantam Clean Legged Rose Comb -- TBD

Champion Bantam Clean Legged All Other Comb -- TBD

Reserve Champion Bantam Clean Legged All Other Comb -- TBD

Champion Bantam Feather Legged -- TBD

Reserve Champion Bantam Feather Legged -- TBD

Top Educational Poultry Presentation -- **North Central Poultry Association and Iowa Egg Council in memory of Jody Pals**, Urbandale IA

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Grand Champion Commercial -- **Rock Hill Genetics**, Bancroft IA

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Grand Champion Large Fowl -- **Thatcher Farms**, Creston IA

Reserve Grand Champion Large Fowl -- TBD