

POULTRY OPEN CLASS, DEPT 105



SUPERINTENDENTS:

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General Rules & Regulations

1. Poultry entries are to be made to the Fair Office no later than August 1.
2. All exhibits will be placed by 9 p.m. Wednesday and are not to be taken out until after 4 p.m. Sunday.
3. Superintendents will not care for or be responsible for birds, which remain after close of Fair.
4. All entries shall be entered by breed.
5. Exhibitors must own poultry they exhibit.
6. Everyone who enters an exhibit in this department must sign up for barn duty.

Poultry Pullorum Testing

Washington has a "Pullorum Clean" status and to maintain this designation all poultry going to shows or fair must either test negative at the show, or come from a flock that has tested negative in the previous 90 days, or come from a flock that has tested negative and is a member of the National Poultry Improvement Plan. Effective in 2008, poultry entering the Palouse Empire Fair may be tested for Pullorum at entry time. Birds testing negative will be leg banded and the owner will receive a certificate of testing.

All birds are subject to veterinary inspection. Birds must be free of parasites and clean upon arrival at the Fairgrounds, or they will not be accepted for exhibit. Exhibitors must attend to their birds daily for feeding, watering, and cage maintenance issues. Feed will be provided by **Four Star Supply**.

Birds shall be a minimum of 4 months old in order to be judged.

Superintendent reserves the right to limit number of entries per exhibitor.

DIV - 1 - Fitting and Showing

Points: Blue 60, Red 40, White 30

All exhibitors are eligible to compete in Fitting and Showing. Interaction between judge, exhibitor, and the animal is judged. The purpose of Poultry Showmanship is to help young people become better acquainted with proper handling.

AWARD

One overall Champion and Reserve Champion rosette will be awarded from the champion ribbon winners in all Open

Divisions 1, 2, 5, 6, & 7

Special Contest

Small Animal Round Robin
Trophy Awarded to Overall Rabbit, Cavy, and Poultry.

1st place \$50

2nd Place \$25

Open to Fitting and Showing Champions in the three animal classes – Rabbits, Poultry, and Cavies only.

Contestants shall compete on all three animals to be judged Round Robin Champion.

The Round Robin contest will be on Saturday; check with superintendents for time and where.

*Note-If there is a tie, each winner will receive the designated prize money

DIV 2 - Chickens

Points: Blue 20, Red 10, White 5

Class:

1. Single Cock
2. Single Cockerel

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A Champion and Reserve Champion male of each breed, any age, will be awarded ribbons.

3. Single Hen
4. Single Pullet

A Champion and Reserve Champion of each breed will be awarded ribbons.

DIV 3 – Educational Displays

Entry Criteria see Department 1-section 7

Class:

1. Individual Poster or Display
Points: Blue 25, Red 20, White 15
2. Group Barn Display
Points: Blue 35, Red 25, White 15

DIV 4 – Judging

Points: Blue 20, Red 10, White 5

Exhibitors are eligible to compete in judging. A judging class will be made up of four birds. Each participant will handle and examine the poultry and place according to the quality and standards, using the Hormel scoring system. All participants will receive a ribbon.

DIV 5 – Waterfowl

Points: Blue 20, Red 10, White 5

Class:

1. Drake
2. Duck
3. Gander
4. Goose

DIV 6 – Pigeons and Doves

Points: Blue 20, Red 10, White 5

Class:

1. Cock
2. Hen

A Champion and Reserve Champion of each sex will be awarded ribbons.

DIV 7 – Guineas

Points: Blue 20, Red 10, White 5

Class:

1. Cock
2. Hen

A Champion and Reserve Champion of each sex will be awarded ribbons.

DIV 8 – Other Fowl

Points: Blue 20, Red 10, White 5

Class:

1. Male
2. Female

DIV 9 – Egg Contest

Points: Blue 20, Red 10, White 5

Each entry shall consist of 1 dozen chicken eggs with natural shell that is not oiled or treated otherwise.

One entry per exhibitor.

Class: Min. Wt. (Oz.)

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| 1. Jumbo | 30 |
| 2. Extra Large | 27 |
| 3. Large | 24 |
| 4. Medium | 21 |
| 5. Small | 18 |
| 6. Peewee | 15 |

Eggs should be weighed prior to fair entry. Special merit award goes to top carton.

DIV 10 – Costume

Points: Blue 20, Red 10, White 5

To be held Friday at 2:00 p.m. Open, 4-H, FFA exhibitors will compete for overall 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Fun Fact! Chickens begin communicating before they are hatched.

Chicken families begin communicating with each other before the babies have even hatched. The mother hen talks to her eggs (often a purring sound), and the chicks begin peeping back to her from inside their unhatched eggs.

