

## DEPARTMENT 8 – POULTRY AND EGGS

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**POULTRY HEALTH REQUIREMENTS – SEE FRONT OF BOOK**

**Entry Deadline: June 15th, of the current fair year. No Exceptions!**

**ENTRY FEE:** \$2.00 per animal

**Rules: (In addition to the General Rules) –All exhibitors must use the NEW health form provided in the book.**

1. Entries will be limited to 20 birds per family or farm.
2. The entire entry and Health certificate form must be fully and correctly completed. Failure to do so will cause entry form to be returned to exhibitor. No fees will be returned under these conditions
3. For each bird entered Breed and Variety **MUST BE** listed on entry form.
4. Only properly entered specimens and those listed in the fair book will be accepted.
5. All efforts will be made to coop singularly but the superintendent reserves the right to place in one coop, more than one bird of the same variety if owned by the same exhibitor.
6. The “American Standard of Perfection” of the American Poultry Assn. and the “Bantam Standard” of the American Bantam Assn. will be governing poultry.
7. A bird can compete for only one prize, except as provided for in special awards.
8. A judge shall not officiate in a class where he has an entry. Collusion between a judge and an exhibitor will exclude from competition and awards all entries of the offending exhibitor. Exhibitor’s protest relative to such exclusion must be in writing
9. Entered specimens must be the property of the exhibitor and have been hatched from a disease free flock. All poultry must be separately cooped and clearly marked as to sex and class.
10. During the fair week all birds will be examined each day. Birds showing signs of disease will be segregated and properly cared for or returned to the owner at the owner’s expense.
11. No substitutions will be permitted after the closing date unless of the same breed, variety and sex.
12. Birds will only be handled by the judge or an authorized fair official.
13. In the absence of a protest, the decision of the judge will be final.
14. All correctly completed and signed entry forms and health forms must be received by June 15 of current year.
15. Unless rescinded by Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, all poultry must be blood tested within 30 days before the opening of the fair.
16. ONLY MARKET BIRDS shown by Youth 18 years of age and under on January 1, of the current fair year, will be sold in the Youth Market Sale.
17. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion market birds must be sold at the Market Sale. Other Market Birds are allowed to be sold at the market sale.
18. Although not currently required, Poultry Showmanship is offered for all youth. Please see Section S for Classes.

**Premiums: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$4.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$3.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$2.00, 4<sup>th</sup> - \$1.50**

### Section A – BANTAMS

All breeds and varieties of Bantams will be accepted as officially listed in the Bantam Standard and Supplements.

**SPECIFY ON ENTRY:** Breed, Variety and Sex

- (1) Cock (2) Hen (3) Cockerel (4) Pullet

## Section B – POULTRY

**SPECIFY ON ENTRY:** Breed, Variety and Sex

- (1) Cock (2) Hen (3) Cockerel (4) Pullet

## Section C – DUCKS

**SPECIFY ON ENTRY:** Breed, Variety and Sex

- (1) Old Drake (2) Old Duck (3) Young Drake (4) Young Duck

## Section D – GEESE

**SPECIFY ON ENTRY:** Breed, Variety and Sex

- (1) Old Gander (2) Old Goose (3) Young Gander (4) Young Goose

## Section E – TURKEYS

**SPECIFY ON ENTRY:** Breed, Variety and Sex

- (1) Old Tom (2) Old Hen (3) Young Tom (4) Young Hen

## Section F – EGGS

**ENTRY FEE:** \$2.00 per item

An exhibitor may make entries in only one of the following classes:

1. **Farmer:** open to egg producers having less than 3,000 laying birds
2. **Carton:** Commercial Producer  
Farmers may enter only 2 entries per class:
  - A. One dozen brown eggs
  - B. One dozen white eggs
  - C. One dozen colored eggs other than brown, please specify on entry form
  - D. Bantam

Exhibitors scoring 95 points or more according to the official scorecard will be awarded a purple ribbon as a “*Superior Quality Award*”. Only one ribbon will be awarded per exhibitor. The Judges have the right to break two eggs for examination.

<b>SCORING</b>		
<b>EXTERIOR QUALITY:</b>	Size (total weight)	16 points
	Uniformity of color	12 points
	Uniformity of shape	12 points
	Shell Texture	12 points
	Condition	12 points
<b>INTERIOR QUALITY:</b>		36 points
	<b>Total</b>	100 points

**SIZE:** (Total weight of exhibit) A perfect score will be given to the dozen eggs weighing between 24 and 27 ounces. If the average weight is within one ounce, either above 27 ounces or below 24 ounces, cut 8 points; or if more than one ounce either above or below, cut 16 points.

**UNIFORMITY OF COLOR:** All eggs in the entry should be the same shade of color. If white, all eggs should be chalk white, and free from creamy or tinted coloring. If brown, all eggs should be uniformly the

same shade of color. A reduction of ¼ to ½ point per egg may be made according to the actual shade of each egg, and how well it conforms to uniformity of shade with other eggs in the dozen.

**UNIFORMITY OF SHAPE:** Each egg should conform as nearly as possible in shape. Extremes should be avoided. A reduction of ¼ to ½ points for each egg off in shape or ridged.

**SHELL TEXTURE:** The shell should be strong and of uniform thickness. Reductions of ¼ to ½ point per egg for shells that are rough, ridged, or wrinkled and for shells that are porous, mottled or blind check. A reduction of ½ to 1 point for each egg that is cracked or leaking.

**CONDITION:** The eggs should be clean and carry a natural bloom. Reductions of ½ to 1 point for each dirty or stained egg, or egg with shiny or glassy surface.

**INTERIOR QUALITY:**

GRADE AA	3 points per egg
GRADE A	3 points per egg
GRADE B including double yolk	2 ¼ points per egg
Inedible egg including blood spot or meat spot	**DISQUALIFIED**

**DISQUALIFICATIONS:**

- A. Total weight less than 20 oz. Or more than 27 oz. per dozen
- B. Eggs showing signs of incubation or germ development
- C. Inedible eggs

**Section H – GUINEAS**

**SPECIFY ON ENTRY:** Breed, Variety and Sex

(1) Cock (2) Hen (3) Cockerel (4) Pullet

**Section S – SHOWMANSHIP**

**CLASSES:**

- 1. 7 Years and under
- 2. 8-11 Years
- 3. 12-15 Years
- 4. 16-18 Years

**MARKET POULTRY ENTRIES SEE MARKET DEPARTMENT 11**