

4-H & FFA POULTRY

4-H Superintendent: Kelly Weaver

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Monday, June 24

4:00PM-6:00 PM Pullorum Testing at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 21 S. Grove Street, East Aurora

July 1, 9, 18, 31

Livestock Interview and Poultry Knowledge Contest – Powerhouse, 39 S. Grove St., East Aurora

Sunday, July 27

4:00 PM 4-H/FFA Market Poultry Show and Poultry Knowledge Contest - All market chickens and turkeys. Blair Farm, 3060 Bullis Rd., Elma

NOTE: There will be no market classes at the fair.

8:00AM

Trucking of sale chickens and turkey to HLW Acres

Tuesday, August 5

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM 4-H Poultry exhibits and posters brought to the Fair – Barn #2

Thursday, August 7

1:00 PM Poultry Dressing Contest – Livestock Arena (Poultry followed by Rabbit)

Friday, August 8

10:00 AM Eggs must be at the judging table.

1:00 PM 4-H/FFA Poultry Judging, followed by 4-H/FFA Poultry Showmanship, 4-H Egg Judging

Saturday, August 9

3:00 PM Poultry & Rabbits Awards – Livestock Arena

5:45 PM Auction Announcements - Showplex

6:00 PM 4-H/FFA Market Auction – Showplex (Sale order: Chicken, Rabbit, Turkey)

Tuesday, August 12

8:00 PM 4-H Poultry Released at release ticket time, All exhibitors are responsible for cleaning cages.

Saturday, August 16

6:00 PM Exhibitor Hot Dog Roast put on by the Erie County Fair Board of Directors – Barn #2

POULTRY RULES – 4-H and FFA

Health Requirements

- All poultry except waterfowl shown at State or County fairs shall have originated from **U.S. pullorum clean flocks** or have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days of the Fair. No Pullorum testing will be done at the Fair. All testing must be done prior to coming to the Fair. Bring copies of Pullorum certificates when cooping in. Exhibitors are responsible for getting their birds Pullorum tested before bringing them to the fair. See NYS Ag & Markets website for testing dates. Pullorum testing for all birds other than market poultry will be held at CCE Erie on Monday, June 24 from 4:00PM-6:00PM - pending birds will be able to be exhibited at the fair per NYS Ag and Markets ruling due to Avian Bird Flu.
- U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid certificate must be presented at check-in. (Does not apply to market poultry) Call 4-H office for additional information.*
- Animal are to be clean. Dirty birds will not be accepted by the committee in charge.

Market Poultry Regulations

- All Market poultry exhibitors must be 9 as of January 1, 2025.
- Exhibitors may enter only 1 entry in the market class.
- All market birds must have been purchased through the 4-H Poultry Program.**
- The market poultry auction is limited only to market classes.
- All market chicken and turkeys must show on Sunday, July 27 to be eligible to sell at the fair on Saturday, August 16, 2025.

Poultry Regulations

- All non-market exhibitors must be 5 years old by January 1 of the current year. See Cloverbud (5-7 year old section for specific rules)
- All birds, except meat and crossbred for production classes, must be a purebred standard variety and owned by exhibitor.
- Committee in charge reserves the right to refuse to accept for exhibit any birds that show evidence of disease, parasites, or lack of maturity and health.

Erie County Fair Dates: August 6-17, 2025

- g) All participants must have participated in a livestock interview in July. The market poultry show will be held on Sunday, July 28 at 4:00 p.m. – location to be determined.
- h) Exhibitor's passes will be distributed upon arrival on August 5th by the superintendent.
- i) The Fair will not be responsible for loss, damage, mistake, or accident.
- j) Feed will be supplied by **Clydes Feed of Hamburg, NY.**
- k) Poultry ribbons are not left on poultry cages but are available at the Poultry Barn at the time birds are released.
- l) All egg entries must arrive at the Poultry Barn by 10:00 AM on Friday, August 8th.
- m) Exhibitors may not put for sale signs on coops until after they are judged. If sold they must remain until 4-H Poultry leaves on Tuesday, August 12th.
- n) **All poultry** exhibitors must clean manure from under cage tables beginning at **8:00 pm Monday August 11th.** Failure to do so will prohibit you from participation in the poultry program in 2026.

4-H Specific Rules – FFA participants please refer to FFA General Rules

All exhibitors selling a market poultry project in the auction, are required to complete the following:

- a) Attend at least 2 Marketing Workshops (held January-March)
- b) Attend 2 Erie County 4-H meetings, one being species specific
- c) Complete a public presentation prior to May 2025
- d) Participate in a livestock interview in July 2025
- e) Youth exhibiting sale Market Poultry must be 9 as of January 1, 2025

All exhibitors showing exhibitor poultry projects are required to complete the following:

- a) attend 2 Erie County 4-H meetings, one being species specific
- b) complete a public presentation prior to May 2025
- c) participate in a livestock interview in July 2025
- d) Youth exhibiting must be 5 as of January 1, 2025

Awards:

Classes 1 – 30

Blue - \$3.00 Red - \$2.00 White - \$1.00

Special Awards:

Best Standard Breed	Best Dozen White Eggs
Best Bantam	Best Dozen Brown Eggs
Champion Trio	Best Meat Bird
Champion Hen	Best Waterfowl
Champion Cock	Best of Show
Champion Pullet	Champion Cockerel
Champion Turkey	Champion Goose
Champion Egg Production Bird	Champion Specialty Bird

LARGE FOWL & BANTAM POULTRY CLASSES

Only birds listed in the American Standard of Perfection will be accepted in these classes. This includes large fowl and bantams. All birds in these classes will be judged according to the American Standard of Perfection.

		Cock	Hen	Cockerel	Pullet	Old Trio	Young Trio
Large Fowl	Class #	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bantam	Class #	7	8	9	10	11	12

PRODUCTION CLASSES

EGG PRODUCTION CLASSES

Section C

Females for egg production may either be purebred varieties or crossbred stock. These birds will be judged on health, vigor and egg production characteristics. No Bantams may be entered in this class.

	Hen	Pullet
Class #	13	14

MARKET CLASSES – LIVE BIRDS – FOR EXHIBITORS 9 & older

- a. Limit of 1 market class per member.
- b. An entry consists of 2 birds – category will be determined on show day based on poultry weight.
- c. All entries in the market classes will be sold as a pen of 2 at the market poultry auction.
- d. Birds must be purchased through the E.C. 4-H Program. Poultry must be brought to judging in wash baskets that will be used to contain the animal for judging.
- e. Birds will be judged on health, vigor and market quality.
- f. Feed and medication guidelines must be strictly followed for antibiotic withholding periods.
- g. Market classes are open to participants that are 9 as of January 1, 2025.
- h. Members are required to send 2 extra chickens for processing.
- i. All market poultry exhibitors must participate in class 41, 42, 43 or 44.
All exhibitors selling market animal in the auction are required to attend at least 2 Marketing Workshops (held January-March) and at least 2 Erie County 4-H meetings, one being species specific, along with participating in Public Presentations prior to May, and a livestock interview in July, to be eligible to sell.
- j. Market poultry will be divided into a Roaster or Broiler category depending on weight the day of the show.

Class

15. Pen of Two Meat Birds: 7 weeks

**** Remember all participants must do showmanship****

Awards:

Grand Champion Meat Chicken – Pen of Two Market Meat Birds

Reserve Grand Champion Meat Chicken – Pen of Two Market Meat Birds

Highly Commended Meat Chicken – Pen of Two Market Meat Birds

Commended Roaster Meat Chicken – Pen of Two Market Meat Birds

NEW FOR 2024 – Projects in this category will be shown with the sale market birds on Sunday, July 28 at 4:00 p.m.

Reminder – Projects in this category will be shown on Sunday, July 27, 2025 with the Market Sale Birds.

- a. Entry to consist of 1 broiler or 1 roaster.
- b. Entries will not be sold.
- c. Birds will be judged on health, vigor, and market quality.
- d. This division is open to members that are 5 as of January 1, 2025.
- e. All exhibitors must sign up for class #41,42, 43, 44 or 54.

Class

17. Meat Chicken – Single Entry

MARKET TURKEYS

Market Turkey Classes

- a. Limit of 1 market class per member.
- b. An entry consists of 1 turkey.
- c. All entries in the market class will be sold as 1 market entry in the poultry auction.
- d. Birds must have been purchased through the Erie County 4-H Program
- e. Birds will be judged on health, vigor, and market quality.
- f. Feed and medication guidelines must be strictly followed for antibiotic withholding periods.
- g. Market classes are open to participants that are 9 as of January 1, 2025.
- h. Members are required to send 1 extra turkey for processing.
- i. All exhibitors selling a market animal in the auction are required to attend at least 2 Marketing Workshops (held January-March) and at least 2 Erie County 4-H meetings, one being species specific, along with participating in Public Presentations prior to May, and a livestock interview in July, to be eligible to sell.

Class # 50. Single Market Turkey – to be sold at auction, open to exhibitors 9 years of age and over as of 1/01/2025.

Non-Sale Turkey class

NEW FOR 2024 – Projects in this category will be shown with the sale market birds on Sunday, July 28 at 4:00 p.m.

Reminder – Projects in this category will be shown on Sunday, July 27, 2025 with the Market Sale Birds.

Class # 51. Single Non-Sale Market Turkey – open to exhibitors 5 years of age and over as of 1/01/2025.

DUCKS, PHEASANT & TURKEYS

DUCKS

All ducks are shown Single (Duck or Drake). Any Standard Breed (no crossbreeds).

	Young Male	Young Female	Old Male	Old Female
Class #	19	20	21	22

PHEASANT

All pheasants are shown Single. Any Standard Breed (no crossbreeds).

	Young Male	Young Female	Old Male	Old Female
Class #	23	24	25	26

TURKEYS

Any Standard Breed (no crossbreeds).

	Young Hen	Young Tom	Old Hen	Old Tom
Class #	27	28	29	30

OTHER- Specialty Birds- Guinea Fowl, Geese, Pigeon, Quail and Peacock

Any Standard Breed (no crossbreeds).

	Young Female	Young Male	Old Female	Old Male
Class #	50	51	52	53

EGGS

Awards: Blue \$3.00 Red \$2.00 White \$1.00

Eggs will be disqualified for the following reasons:

1. Blood or meat spots
2. Showing signs of incubation
3. Individual eggs in dozen out of class
4. Dirty shells

	Extra Large 27-30 oz. Per dozen	Large 24-27 oz. Per dozen	Medium 21-24 oz. Per dozen	Pullet 18-21 oz. Per dozen	Bantam 15-18 oz. Per dozen
Class # - Dozen White	31	32	33	34	35
Class # - Other Colored Dozen	36	37	38	39	40

Eggs must be brought directly to the contest on Friday, August 8th, 2025 by 10:00 AM. Cartons must be clearly labeled with the entrant's name and phone number. It is suggested for exhibitors to use paper cartons to exhibit eggs.

NOTE: All eggs entered will be used, after judging, at the 4-H Cafe unless exhibitors indicate they do not want them used.

POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

Poultry Showmanship Contest - Participants will be judged on knowledge of poultry breeds, variety, anatomy, and handling of the live birds. Mandatory for all Market Poultry Exhibitors (chicken).

Awards:

Blue \$3.00 Red \$2.00 White \$1.00

Class #

- 41. Advanced** - Six (6) or more years of poultry exhibiting experience.
- 42. Intermediate** - Three (3) - Five (5) years of poultry exhibiting experience.
- 43. Novice** - Two (2) years or less of poultry exhibiting experience.
- 44. Market Poultry Showmanship**- Mandatory for all Market Poultry Exhibitors (chicken and turkey).

CLOVERBUD CLASSES

CLOVERBUDS (5-7 years old) are eligible for showmanship and non-market classes, are not eligible to compete in any champion classes and may show up to 4 entries (provided birds are in different classes)

Class #54: **Cloverbud Showmanship** – Youth age 5-7 as of January 1, 2025

Class #55: **Cloverbud Poultry Entry** may exhibit up to 4 different animals

OTHER POULTRY COMPETITIONS

Awards for classes # 45 – 47

Blue \$3.00 Red \$2.00 White \$1.00

Class #

45. **Poultry Knowledge Contest** - Participants will be evaluated on their knowledge of poultry. Contest will consist of a written test, identification of equipment used in raising poultry, feeds and poultry terminology. Any Erie County 4-H member may enter this contest. Contest will be conducted at the Market Poultry Show, non-sale exhibitors will take the knowledge contest on or before that day.
46. **Poultry or Pheasant Information Poster** - A 22" x 28" poster illustrating any phase of the 4-H Poultry/4-H Pheasant Project, (i.e.: Breeds, Health, Diseases, Nutrition, Parts of Body, Housing, Feather types and lacing, etc.) Posters must be submitted on Tuesday, August 5th. Judging will be done by Friday, August 8th and award posted in the Poultry/Rabbit Barn.
47. **Poultry Judging Contest** – Participants will judge a class of five birds all of the same breed and place them in order.

CLASS #48

The Erie County Fair Poultry Dressing Contest

Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 1:00 PM

Judging to take place in the Livestock Arena

Contestants should dress their bird in a costume that is non-harmful to the bird.

Contestants are encouraged to dress in accordance with the bird's costume.

Market participants will be allowed to use a fellow members animal from the poultry show at the fair if they wish to participate.

Theme: Sights, Sounds, Tastes and Feels of the Fair

Exhibitors 13 years old & younger

1st place - \$10.00

2nd place - \$8.00

3rd place - \$5.00

4th place - \$5.00

Exhibitors 14 years old and older

1st place - \$10.00

2nd place - \$8.00

3rd place - \$5.00

4th place - \$5.00

Cloverbud Exhibitors

Rosette Only

For further information call 652-5400, ext. 132