

2023 Clay County Agricultural Fair

OPEN POULTRY SHOW RULES

SUPERINTENDENT: Russ Rhodes

Assistant Superintendents:

Entries will be on-line only and can be found at www.claycountyfair.org

Cutoff for entries is March 17, 2023

Fair Office Phone: 904-284-1615

ELIGIBILITY:

Open to anyone who owns poultry and who is interested in poultry may show their poultry. You may not borrow poultry belonging to someone else to show in the Fair. You do not have to be a resident of Clay County to enter.

DIVISIONS:

The Show will have a Youth and Open Division.

Youth Division:

Shall be for exhibitor's aged 4 years to 17 years of age as of dawn on March 30, 2023. Potential exhibitors who are less than 4 years old must wait until achieving the age of 4 before entering their poultry in the show.

Open Division:

Shall be for exhibitors who are not eligible for the Youth Division or who choose to enter this division even if they are eligible for the Youth Division.

ENTRIES:

Definition: An entry is one bird. Two birds constitute two separate entries.

Limitations: Any one exhibitor may enter up to four (4) entries, which means one exhibitor can show up to four (4) fowl. If there becomes a need to reduce the number of entries, you will be contacted by e-mail or phone. Should you be unable to be reached, entries in excess of the reduced limit will be denied entry upon arrival at the Fair. This means you may be required to take some entries back home with you and the possibility exists that you may not find this out until you show up with your birds.

FEE: There is no entry fee for exhibiting poultry.

RISK OF EXHIBITION:

There have been times where a chicken or other individual entry passes away during the Fair. Why this occurs is unknown. Sometimes an entry escapes and proves adept at staying free and on the loose or just disappears. Sometimes someone steals another's bird. Anyone stealing birds will be turned over to the Clay County Sheriff's office for prosecution.

Fortunately, none of these types of events happen often. When these things do happen, the exhibitor is usually notified by phone. Regardless, all entries are exhibited at the risk of the exhibitor. No person or association or other entity can be held responsible for the demise or loss of any entry for any reason.

Entering your birds into the show acknowledges that you accept this risk.

DELIVERY:

All poultry to be exhibited must be delivered to the Poultry & Rabbit barn on the Fairgrounds between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 29, 2023, unless other arrangements have been made with the Superintendent. The time limit is not flexible

LATE DELIVERY OF POULTRY:

State law prohibits the exhibition of poultry that have not been inspected/blood tested by a State Inspector. The Inspector assigned to this show will leave promptly at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 29, 2023. **No untested birds can be brought into the show for any reason after the inspector leaves.** Any exhibitor having difficulty scheduling arrival before the Inspector's stated departure time may make special arrangements to bring their birds on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at a time pre-arranged with the Show Superintendent. Birds brought to the show early are placed in the show at the sole risk of their owner. (Please carefully note the Risk of Exhibition stated above.)

CAGES:

The Superintendent will direct you to place poultry in exhibition cages, which are provided by the Fair Association. Exhibitors may not relocate their birds, nor relocate the birds of other exhibitors, without the direct prior approval and personal participation of the Superintendent or his appointed deputy. No cages are provided for quail and other small sized birds.

EXCEPTION ON CAGE AVAILABILITY:

Exhibition cages for small birds, such as quail and some varieties of doves, are not available. Exhibitors of such birds must provide their own display cages subject to the approval of the Superintendent. The sizes of exhibitor-furnished cages are limited to two (2) feet wide by two (2) feet high by three (3) feet deep.

LOCKS ON CAGES:

No cages may be locked by an exhibitor. If your birds are of such quality that a lock on their cage is warranted, or if an exhibitor feels a need to have their birds locked away, then such birds are to be left home and are not to be exhibited. Any locks discovered will be cut off and the exhibitor required to remove their birds from the Fair. No premiums of any kind will be awarded to any exhibitor who places a lock on a cage.

CAGES FOR DUCKS:

As far as practical, ducks will be exhibited on the ground. Practicality is determined by space available. Smaller sized varieties may be exhibited in standard, off-ground cages on a space available basis. Space is limited. When space available is depleted, additional duck entries will be denied. Should entries be denied because of space availability, denial will be based on a last in, first out basis as determined by the date of the entry application.

LARGE BIRD EXHIBITS:

Large bird exhibits such as geese, turkeys, peacocks, and pheasants, will be exhibited on the ground. Space is limited. When space available is depleted, additional large bird entries will be denied. Should entries be denied because of space availability, denial will be based on a last in, first out basis as determined by the date of the entry application.

LARGE CHICKENS:

Individual chickens too large to share a cage comfortably with another bird will be exhibited singly, meaning they will receive solitary confinement. Exhibitors shall indicate on their entry forms which of their birds (entries), if any, are large enough for a cage of their own. Certain breeds may be placed in ground cages on a "space-available" basis. As much as possible, poultry varieties that have elongated tail feathers are placed on the ground, but this is done only on a space available basis and will not always be the case.

REJECTION OF ENTRY:

The Superintendent reserves the right to refuse entry of any fowl which appears sick, diseased, infested with lice or mites, or which is not of credible show quality. If any bird looks like it is coming down with something during the Fair, the exhibitor will be called and be required to remove the bird from the Fair. No premiums are awarded to birds that are required to be removed for cause.

FORMER FIGHTING CHICKENS:

Chickens formerly raised for fighting in the US and other countries and their off-spring are not welcome at the Fair and may not be exhibited. Derivative varieties from Old English Game Standard chickens are most often identified as this type of bird. If an exhibitor has this type of bird, and it requires a visual separation from other birds, leave them home.

HEALTH:

A veterinarian will be present to blood test poultry not accompanied with either a State-issued card documenting recent required testing or, for younger birds, a certificate of purchase indicating the birds came from a pullorum-typhoid clean hatchery. There is no charge for the test. Birds which test positive for the disease may not be exhibited.

MEAN BIRDS:

Some birds are just not psychologically suited for exhibition and as such become mean during the fair. Some just show up mean. Mean birds are not acceptable for exhibition no matter how pretty they appear. Birds that become mean during the Fair must be removed from the Fair by its owner upon direction from the Show Superintendent. Awards and premiums may be withheld from mean birds.

SIGNS:

The Superintendent will provide individual entry exhibit signs. No other exhibit signs will be displayed unless approved by the Superintendent.

SALE or TRADE:

Sale or trade of poultry during the Fair is prohibited. At the close of the Fair on the last Sunday, but not before, 5:00 PM, exhibitors may sell or trade their birds. No 'For Sale' signs may be exhibited at any time.

CLASSES:

Each of the two exhibit divisions will have 8 classes. These 8 different classes are listed as follows:

1. Commercial Male or Female: Leghorns, Sex-links, Rhode Island Reds and similar breeds used primarily in meat and egg production.
2. Pure bred Male or Female, Standard: Standard sized birds of exhibition breeds.
3. Pure bred Male or Female, Bantam: Bantam sized birds of exhibition breeds.
4. Turkey: Turkeys, all breeds and all sizes.
5. Waterfowl: Ducks and Geese
6. Game bird: Doves and Quail
7. Miscellaneous: Pheasants, Peafowl, Guineas, etc.
8. Pigeon: All entries will be judged in an All Variety Open Show. Scrub Pigeons that are primarily Soilers of Park Statues are encouraged to stay at their park and not come in for exhibition.

MIXED BREEDS:

Even though some individual mixed-breed birds are strikingly colored, the show does not encourage the exhibition of mixed breed birds, except recognized sex-linked varieties. The APA's Standard of Perfection and the NPOA's Book of Standards do recognize certain varieties of mixed breed poultry and pigeons. Mixed breed entries, excepting certain recognized sex-linked varieties, will receive a white ribbon regardless of how glowingly their owner describes their beauty.

JUDGING:

The Modified Danish System of judging will govern this show. Judging for poultry shall be based on the American Poultry Association's "Standard of Perfection". For Pigeons, judging will be based on the National Pigeon Association's "Book of Standards". The decision of the Judge will be final. Judging is tentatively scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM, Saturday April 1, 2023. Judging of the Pigeon Class will be around 7:00 PM, Saturday April 1, 2023. Time of judging may be changed without prior notice should circumstances require. Exhibitors may not accompany the Judge during judging.

DELIVERY OF AWARDS:

Exhibitors may pick up their premiums and awards on Saturday evening, April 8, 2023, from the Show Superintendent from 6:30 PM until 9:00 PM, or the following morning between 8:00AM and 10:00AM. **Unclaimed premiums will be returned to the Fair, and the exhibitor for whom such was intended shall forfeit all right and claim to it.** No premiums or awards will be mailed or delivered. The Fair Office will not be able to deliver any premium to any tardy exhibitor for any reason.

AWARDS:

Ribbons: Blue, Red and White Ribbons will be awarded to individual entries.

Premiums: Money will be awarded for the Ribbons as follows:

BLUE- \$5.00

RED- \$3.00

WHITE- \$1.00

Rosettes: Will be awarded in the Youth and Open Division as follows:

- Best Commercial Male
- Best Commercial Female
- Best Pure Bred Male, Standard
- Best Pure Bred Female, Standard
- Best Pure Bred Male, Bantam
- Best Pure Bred Female, Bantam
- Best Waterfowl
- Best Turkey
- Best Game bird
- Best Miscellaneous
- Reserve Champion Pigeon, Open
- Reserve Champion Pigeon, Youth

Trophies: Four (4) Trophies will be awarded, two for poultry and two for pigeons, as follows:

- Best in Show- Youth Division
- Best in Show - Open Division
- Champion Pigeon - Youth Division
- Champion Pigeon - Open Division

Awards Disclaimer: If no entry in any division is of sufficient quality to earn a rosette or trophy, even if it is the only entry in that class, no rosette or trophy will be awarded.

CARE:

Exhibitors shall exhibit their own birds and will do so at their own risk. Feed, water, and cages (except cages for pigeons, etc., as noted above) will be provided by the Fair for entries. An attendant will be present daily during the evening hours to answer questions and to provide minimal care for the entries. Late night feedings are discouraged. (late night means after 8:00 PM). Each person placing birds in this exhibit: **MUST SIGN UP AND PARTICIPATE IN WATERING AT LEAST ONE TIME DURING THE FAIR.** As a minimum, each exhibitor must provide water for their birds and ten (10) other birds each time the exhibitor comes to the fair. If your bird is mean, you must both feed and water it at your peril for the entire time it stays on exhibit at the Fair and until it is removed from the exhibit.

EXHIBITOR ENTRY ON TO FAIRGROUNDS:

Exhibitors will be given tickets by the Poultry Superintendent which will allow them entry into the fair up to two (2) times so they may check on their birds. NO PERSON WITHOUT A TICKET MAY ACCOMPANY AN EXHIBITOR THROUGH ANY GATE.

REMOVAL:

No birds can be removed without approval from the Superintendent or appointed assistant. Birds can only be removed from 9:00 PM to 12:00 Midnight on Saturday, April 8, 2023, or on Sunday morning, April 9, 2023, from 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM. No vehicles will be allowed past the gate or allowed to stand in front of the gate on Saturday night's pick-up. Any birds picked up prior to these times will forfeit all awards unless special arrangement is made with the Superintendent.

DELAYED REMOVAL:

Birds that have not been picked up by 10:30 AM on Monday, April 10, 2023, will be sent to the home of another exhibitor. The exhibitor who owns that bird will be informed as to the location of their bird, provided they can be reached. It is their responsibility to go and fetch their bird. If they fail to collect their bird before the week is out, (meaning before Sunday, April 16, 2023) the ownership of the bird transfers to that of the temporary keeper and the bird can be sold by its temporary keeper or be kept. All proceeds from a sale remain with the temporary keeper as compensation for care given to the bird during the week of April 10 to 16, 2023.

EXHIBITOR VEHICLES ON FAIRGROUNDS:

Vehicles belonging to Poultry Exhibitors which are needed in the delivery of exhibited poultry will be allowed entry during Wednesday afternoon, March 29, 2023, **provided no conflict with deliveries for the adjacent Swine Exhibits is encountered.** Vehicles are not allowed on the fairgrounds while the fair is open to the public.