

POULTRY Department 7

Check-In:

Wednesday, 1 - 8 p.m., Pavilion 2 - Southwest corner

****No animals allowed in the Pavilion prior to Check-in, unless prior approval from department chair or a superintendent****

Market Class Weigh-In:

Wednesday, 4 - 8 p.m., Pavilion 2 - Southwest corner

Judging:

Thursday, 8 a.m., Pavilion 2 - Showring C, Conference Judging

Department Chair: Mitchell Schleicher - (608) 577-6566

Superintendents: David & Laura Johnson, Terry Lund, Ken Rankin, Mary Schenk, Kaylyn Schleicher, and Betty & Greg Wolff

Junior Leader: Carol & Denise Rankin

Eligible 4-H Project Areas: Animal Sciences - Poultry

****NEW THIS YEAR****

*All exhibitors **MUST** enter Showmanship in the species they exhibit at the DCF. Exhibitors who are not entered in showmanship will automatically be entered prior to the Fair. If an exhibitor does not wish to participate in showmanship, they can scratch on-site at the Fair.*

Regulations:

1. Youth planning to show OR sell a small animal at the Dane County Fair MUST attend at least one educational meeting pertaining to the species of animal they intend to show or sell. Youth intending to sell an animal MUST attend a Small Animal Market Sale Meeting. They will then fill out an Educational Card to show they attended these meetings.
 - a) If an exhibitor plans to sell their animal at the Small Animal Market Sale, they MUST attend a qualifying meeting specifically targeted to those participating in the sale. This meeting is also considered an educational meeting.
2. **All poultry exhibitors (breeding and market) must meet YQCA requirements. Youth must complete a training program each year by either attending an in-person session or completing an online course.** Visit <https://www.danecountyfair.com/p/youth-exhibitors/education-requirements--opportunities/small-animal-departments> for more information. Exhibitors must also attend one additional poultry educational qualifying meeting. A copy of the poultry education requirement form must be on file with the Extension Office by **June 15. Youth must upload YQCA and Education Requirement Forms online. No mailed forms will be accepted.** Exhibitors who have not met these requirements will be ineligible to exhibit poultry projects at the Fair.
3. All exhibitors must read and adhere to the Youth Animal Exhibitor Code of Practice as stated on page 12.
4. Exhibitors with birds in the Small Animal Market Sale will be required to sign a form stating proper withdrawal times have been observed for any drug used, to be turned in at check-in. (Poultry - **7 days withdrawal**).
5. Up to 20 Lots may be entered per exhibitor, excluding Showmanship.
6. All show coats shall be white and are to be free of patches, names and any sponsors.
7. All entries must be owned or managed by the exhibitor by May 15 of the exhibit year. Exhibitors may show two managerial animals as long as the form is filled out and on file at the Extension Office by May 15 of the exhibit year. Exhibitors showing managerial animals may not own or show any other Poultry.
8. Entries must have a numbered leg band. Record number on online entry form.

9. Exhibitors are responsible for daily feed and care of entries. In addition, exhibitors are responsible for bringing their own bedding, such as wood shavings. Exhibitors not providing adequate food and water or neglecting to perform housekeeping duties may forfeit their premiums for said birds.
10. **All exhibitors** are responsible for the general housekeeping and clean-up in their area. Exhibitors must clean-up after their animals and regularly dispose of waste in an appropriate manner. Exhibitors must completely clean out their spaces at release time. Example: cages, clean off boards, fold cages and stack on pile. **Please provide your own tools and equipment for clean-up.** Department superintendents will explain proper procedure for the department.
11. All exhibitors are encouraged to enter Poultry Showmanship.
12. For the poultry health rules and regulations see Animal Health Regulations at the front of the book.
13. Market birds (chicks, poults, ducklings, goslings) must be hatched by exhibitor or purchased at less than 2 weeks of age and be raised on the exhibitor's premises. This requirement will be strictly enforced.
14. Market birds must be washed prior to check-in and if necessary, spot washed prior to judging and the sale. Failure to have presentable market birds on sale day may cause ineligibility.
15. See further sale requirements under Small Animal Market Sale.

Premiums:	Blue	Red	White	Pink
Class A	\$3	\$2.50	\$2	\$1.50
Classes B - H	\$2	\$1.75	\$1.50	\$1.25

Terms:

- Cock:** Hatched before January 1 of exhibit year.
Cockerel: Hatched on or after January 1 of exhibit year.
Hen: Hatched before January 1 of exhibit year.
Pullet: Hatched on or after January 1 of exhibit year.
Young: Hatched after January 1 of current year
Old: Hatched before January 1 of current year
Breed: A group of birds of similar shape and size.
Variety: Various plumage colors and comb types within a breed.

CLASS A. Showmanship

- 1) Senior - Grades 9+
- 2) Intermediate - Grades 6-8
- 3) Junior - Grades 3-5

CLASS B. Chickens Large Birds

Cockl	Pullet	Cock	Hen	
1)	2)	3)	4)	Any American breed/variety
5)	6)	7)	8)	Any Mediterranean breed/variety
9)	10)	11)	12)	Any Asiatic breed/variety
13)	14)	15)	16)	Any English breed/variety
17)	18)	19)	20)	Any Continental breed/variety
21)	22)	23)	24)	Any other breed/variety
25)	26)	27)	28)	Any Crossbred-meat (red earlobed)
29)	30)	31)	32)	Any Crossbred-egg (white earlobed)

CLASS C. Bantam Small Birds

(Varieties as recognized by Standard of Perfection only)

Cockl	Pullet	Cock	Hen	
1)	2)	3)	4)	Single comb, clean legged variety
5)	6)	7)	8)	Any rose comb, clean legged variety
9)	10)	11)	12)	Any feather legged variety
13)	14)	15)	16)	Any game bantam breed variety
17)	18)	19)	20)	Any other comb, clean legged

CLASS D. Ducks

Young Duck	Old Duck	Young Drake	Old Drake	
1)	2)	3)	4)	Light Weight
5)	6)	7)	8)	Medium Weight
9)	10)	11)	12)	Heavy Weight
13)	14)	15)	16)	Bantam

CLASS E. Geese

Young Goose	Old Goose	Young Gander	Old Gander	
1)	2)	3)	4)	Light Weight
5)	6)	7)	8)	Medium Weight
9)	10)	11)	12)	Heavy Weight

CLASS F. Turkeys (Current year hatch)

<u>Tom</u>	<u>Hen</u>	
1)	2)	Broad Whites
3)	4)	Bronze
5)	6)	Any other standard variety of turkey
7)	8)	Any standard variety mature turkey

CLASS G. Market Birds

(Current year hatch, raised by exhibitor and eligible to be sold in the sale. Exhibitor must be present during judging to participate in the sale. Showmanship is mandatory.)

- 1) Broilers (two birds, same sex, 2.5-5 lbs)
- 2) Roasters (two birds, same sex, 5-10 lbs not over 10 lbs)
- 3) Duckling - Duck (minimum weight 6 lbs)
- 4) Duckling - Drake (minimum weight 7 lbs)
- 5) Turkey - Hen (minimum weight 14 lbs not over 26 lbs)
- 6) Turkey - Tom (minimum weight 23 lbs not over 36 lbs)
- 7) Goose (minimum weight 10 lbs)
- 8) Gander (minimum weight 11 lbs)

CLASS H. Pigeons

(Young bird classes date hatched January 1 or after)

Young Cock	Young Pullet	Old Cock	Old Hen	
1)	2)	3)	4)	Commercial breeds
5)	6)	7)	8)	Fancy breeds
9)	10)	11)	12)	Performing breeds

Special Awards and Sponsorships:

Miller & Sons Supermarket - All ribbons. Trophy to Champion of the following. Rosette to Reserve Champion of each class grouping.

Class A: Champion Junior, Intermediate, Senior Showmanship

Class B: Champion Standard

Class C: Champion Bantam

Class D: Champion Duck

Class E: Champion Goose

Class F: Champion Turkey

Class G: Champion & Reserve Champion Market Bird

Class H: Champion Pigeon

Merit Award - Awarded to an exhibitor on basis of bird care, cleanliness, knowledge, courtesy, and sportsmanship

Rosette - Awarded to "Best of Show" exhibited in Department 7

10th Annual Rooster Crowing Contest

Saturday, July 22 at 12 p.m.

Pavilion 2 - Showring C

This fun event is sure to provide a friendly, entertaining contest for exhibitors, their friends, family and fair attendees.

What you need to know:

1. Open to Poultry exhibitors who entered a rooster in a breed or showmanship class at the 2023 Dane County Fair. Contact one of the Poultry Department Chairs at the fair to enter the contest.
2. You must be entered in the Rooster Crowing Contest by 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 22. No entries will be accepted after 9 a.m.
3. Each exhibitor may enter one rooster. Only one rooster per cage is acceptable.
4. One to two judges (non-participating exhibitors or parents) will be assigned to each cage to count crows.
5. Over the time span of 20 consecutive minutes, the crows of each rooster will be counted. A declared "go time" will be given to start counting crows. The rooster with the most crows during that time will be the winner.
6. Participants may not touch animals to make them crow.
7. Cruelty to the animals will NOT be tolerated and will result in automatic disqualification from the contest.
8. Prizes will be awarded to the top crowing rooster and the top three participants.