

# 4-H POULTRY

4-H Superintendent: Brittany Dykeman

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

### Monday, June 24

4-6:00 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 28

4:00 PM 4-H/FFA Market Poultry Show – All market chickens and turkeys. Blair Farm, 3060 Bullis Rd., Elma  
NOTE: There will be no market classes at the fair.

### Monday, July 29

8:00 a.m. Trucking of sale chickens and turkeys to HLW Acres

### Tuesday, August 6

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

### Thursday, August 8

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

### Friday, August 9

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 10

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: Rabbit, Chicken, Turkey)

### Monday, August 12

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

NEW BARN

New Auction  
Schedule

Poultry and  
Rabbits

Saturday,  
August 10  
6:00 PM

## POULTRY RULES

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 4-6:00 p.m. - pending birds will be able to be exhibited at the fair per NYS Ag and Markets ruling due to Avian Bird Flu.

- All Market poultry exhibitors must be 9 as of January 1, 2024.
- 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.
- Market classes (15 & 16). Exhibitors may enter only 1 entry in one of the two market classes, not both.
- 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.
- ⌘ **All market birds must have been purchased through the 4-H Poultry Program.** 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.
- Exhibitor's passes will be distributed upon arrival on August 6<sup>th</sup> by the superintendent.
- The Fair will not be responsible for loss, damage, mistake, or accident.
- Feed will be supplied by **Clydes Feed of Hamburg, NY.**
- All birds not picked up on Monday by 10:00 PM will be sold.
- All birds removed from exhibit on Monday, should be isolated from home flock for three weeks or used for market purposes.
- Absolutely no late entries.
- U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid certificate must be presented at check-in. (Does not apply to market poultry) Call 4-H office for additional information.*
- Poultry ribbons are not left on poultry cages but are available at the Poultry Barn at the time birds are released.
- All egg entries must arrive at the Poultry Barn by 10:00 AM on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.
- For complete information, rules and general disqualifications please see the 4-H Livestock Handbook.
- The market poultry auction is limited only to market classes.
- 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 Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Poultry is not released until 8:00pm.

- s) **All poultry** exhibitors must clean manure from under cage tables beginning **at 8:00 pm Monday August 12th**. Failure to do so will prohibit you from participation in the poultry program in 2025.
- t) Animals are to be clean. Dirty birds will not be accepted by the committee in charge.
- u) 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, to be eligible to sell.

#### 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 either 2 broilers or 2 roasters – entry 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. For complete rules of the Market Poultry Program and auction please see the Erie County 4-H Livestock Handbook available from online at [www.cce.cornell.edu/erie](http://www.cce.cornell.edu/erie)
- h. Market classes are open to participants that are 9 as of January 1, 2024.
- i. Members are required to send 2 extra chickens for processing.
- j. 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.
- k. 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

#### Awards:

**Grand Champion Roaster and Broiler– Pen of Two Market Meat Birds**  
**Reserve Grand Champion Roaster and Broiler – Pen of Two Market Meat Birds**  
**Highly Commended Roaster and Broiler– Pen of Two Market Meat Birds**  
**Commended Roaster and Broiler – Pen of Two Market Meat Birds**

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

Erie County Fair Dates: August 7-18, 2024

## NON-SALE MARKET CLASSES – LIVE BIRDS – FOR EXHIBITORS 5 years & older

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

- 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, 2024.
- e. All exhibitors must sign up for class #41,42, 43, 44 or 54.

### Class #

17. Broiler- single entry
18. Roaster-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. For complete rules of the Market Turkey program and auction please see the Erie County 4-H Livestock Handbook available online at [www.cce.cornell.edu/erie](http://www.cce.cornell.edu/erie) - 4-H Youth development, 4-H Livestock
- h. Market classes are open to participants that are 9 as of January 1, 2024.
- i. Members are required to send 1 extra turkey for processing.
- j. 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 1/01/2024.

### 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.**

**Class # 51.** Single Non-Sale Market Turkey – open to exhibitors 5 years of age and over as of 1/01/2024.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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).
54. **Cloverbud Showmanship**- Youth age 5-7 as of January 1, 2024

**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 available online.
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 6<sup>th</sup>. Judging will be done by Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 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 8, 2024 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.

Fair Theme: Carnival Fun

**Exhibitors 13 years old & younger**

1<sup>st</sup> place - \$10.00

2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$8.00

3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$5.00

4<sup>th</sup> place - \$5.00

**Exhibitors 14 years old and older**

1<sup>st</sup> place - \$10.00

2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$8.00

3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$5.00

4<sup>th</sup> place - \$5.00

**Cloverbud Exhibitors**

Rosette Only

For further information call 652-5400, ext. 132