



POULTRY EXHIBITORS

The HPAI outbreak is devastating and is directly impacting a number of youth that have been raising poultry to show at this year's King County Fair. Even though the live poultry exhibits are now banned from the fair, youth are still encouraged to show up and participate in all activities as planned. The Fair & Livestock Show committee have worked hard behind the scenes to still provide opportunities for the youth that still will commit their time at the Fair. Premium points will still be available to be earned, however a level of commitment is still required. To be eligible for premium points the following must still be completed:

- 1) Submit photo to Kevin Wright - wrightkc@wsu.edu
- 2) Pen set up and decorated on Wednesday, July 13
- 3) Attend Barn Meetings each morning
- 4) Fitting and showing on previously indicated dates and times (schedule posted on-line). Interview judging is an opportunity for the youth to demonstrate their knowledge of the breed.
- 5) Interact with public and educate about Avian Flu during scheduled times with Poultry Leader
- 6) Break down pen on Sunday, July 17th

Whereas we recognize this is not the most ideal situation, there is an educational opportunity for the youth to provide to the public about how this presents an impact for farmers, food supply, and what backyard bird owners should know.

For those youth that were raising poultry for the Livestock Market. In addition to the above requirements, there will be a time during the auction where the auctioneer will ask the buyers to show their support for the youth that raised poultry. Only those youth that are present during the auction will be eligible for the funds that will be evenly distributed among the poultry. The more youth that show up will provide a visual impact of how this virus impacted so many youth.

Please note, great detail and conversations have been happening to continue to support the youth raising poultry. Youth need to still "show up and participate" in order to receive the points.

Sincerely,
Rene' Popke
Fair Manager