

# XG - Youth Laying Hen Show

## September 13, 2025

**Superintendent:** Scott Rackley

**Assistant Superintendent:** Travis Love

**Entry Deadline:** March 28, 2025

**Participation Fee:** \$15.00

**Pullet Pick-up:** May 3, 2025, 12:00pm (noon) to 1:00pm in Heritage Circle

**Check-in:** September 13, Saturday 7:30am – 9:00am

**Location:** Gate 7, Entrance B (far back corner gate) – Farm Adventure Tent

**Judging:** September 13, Saturday 12:00pm

**Release:** after the conclusion of show

### GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Competition is open to all North Carolina youth residents under the age of 19 as of August 31, 2025.
2. Entries are limited to the first 40 exhibitors registered online.
3. Each exhibitor is required to show a Pen of 3, other birds received during pick-up are to remain at the exhibitor's farm/place for their personal use. If the exhibitor doesn't show any birds, the fair must be notified as to why the no-show. This could affect the exhibitor from being able to show in future shows. Only the chickens shown in the Youth Laying Hen Show will be available for premiums.
4. Exhibitor must have raised the chickens from chicks and from the same hatch as all other exhibitors. Fair will set up arrangements with a supplier to ensure same hatch is provided to registered exhibitors.
5. Any use of antibiotic and/or growth hormone drugs are strictly prohibited. Any evidence of the use of these drugs will lead to the disqualification of the exhibitor and the exhibitor may be banned from competing in future shows. The show superintendent, judge, NCD&CS veterinary staff, or fairgrounds administrative staff reserve the right to test the birds being shown for banned substances.
6. Exhibitors will be allowed to take chickens home at the conclusion of the show.
7. General Rules and Regulations, Judging, and Health Regulations for poultry show will apply. ([www.wncagcenter.org](http://www.wncagcenter.org))

### SHOW DAY AND JUDGING

1. All individuals (whether an FFA/4-H club member or individual) will participate in the individual competition.
2. Class breaks will be determined by exhibitor age according to the overall participation response. Fair will try to limit these classes to 10 exhibitors per class.
3. On judging day all exhibitors must check-in with their top 3 laying hens. Once checked in each exhibitor will be assigned a cage for their pen of 3 to be placed in. It's the exhibitor's responsibility to maintain the cleanliness of the cages until judging time.
4. Judging of birds will be based on uniformity, body conformation, health characteristics, and other aspects of the bird quality at the judge's discretion. During judging NO exhibitor is allowed to talk to the judge except when being asked by the judge. Exhibitors may watch but must save all questions until all judging is done. After the competition, exhibitors may ask the judge for clarification on decisions and areas of future improvements. Arguing the decision of the competition with the judge is not allowed and may lead to disqualification of the exhibitor from the competition. Interfering with judging will be grounds for disqualification. These rules may apply to anyone acting on behalf of the exhibitor.

#### 4-H AND FFA CLUBS

1. FFA and 4-H groups are encouraged to participate. Each group member will need to register using their individual name and list the club/school's name. A minimum of 5 club members must participate in order to be eligible for club awards.
2. Clubs not knowing their members name at the February deadline must register their club and pay for the number of members participating. At the time of April pick-up, a club information sheet listing the names of the participating members along with the corresponding W-9 form must be submitted. There will be NO substitutions after the registration has been completed. The student name must be on the registration and the student named must be present to have the birds judged for the competition.
3. An exhibitor may not have more than one group of birds in the competition (i.e... cannot have a set of birds as an individual and another set of birds as a FFA/4-H member). All individuals (whether an FFA/4-H club member or individual) will participate in the individual competition. FFA/4-H club group awards will be based on individual scores. If an individual is participating as a FFA/4-H club group member, the organization must be listed at the time of registration. A current W-9 must be submitted to reflect the organizations Tax I.D. number.
4. Club awards will only be awarded if three or more club register by the entry deadline in their respective category.

\* If more than 50 entry forms are submitted prior to the deadline, groups may be asked to limit the number of entries within their club in order to fairly distribute the birds.

#### CLASS

XG001 PeeWee Layers - 5 years old and younger (will compete for PeeWee Championships within this class) (Trophy)

XG002 Trio Set of Layers - 6 to 19 years old

#### PREMIUMS:

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$15    2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$13    3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$11    4<sup>th</sup> Place \$9    5<sup>th</sup> Place \$8    6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Place \$6

Grand Champion Trio (Banner) (Sponsored)

Reserve Grand Champion Trio (Banner) (Sponsored)

Grand Champion PeeWee Trio (Trophy) (Sponsored)

Reserve Champion PeeWee Trio (Trophy) (Sponsored)

#### FFA CLUB AWARDS:

Top FFA Club (Banner)(Sponsored)

Runner Up FFA Club (Banner)(Sponsored)

2nd Runner Up FFA Club (Banner)(Sponsored)

(FFA Club and 4-H Awards are based off points received during individual judging)

#### 4-H AWARDS:

Top 4-H Club (Banner)(Sponsored)

Runner Up 4-H Club (Banner)(Sponsored)

2nd Runner Up 4-H Club (Banner)(Sponsored)

