

# 90TH ANNUAL OZARK EMPIRE FAIR



# POULTRY HANDBOOK



# POULTRY | Entry Deadline: July 1

Superintendent : Erin Snow 417-241-3066

**Junior Show: 1 p.m., Friday, Aug. 7 | Open Show: 9 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 8, Ed and Carol Pinegar Learning Center**

**ARRIVAL:** Junior show birds must be in place by 10 a.m., Friday, Aug. 7 | Open birds must be in place by 8 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 8

**RELEASE:** 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 8

**\*\*Exhibitors responsible for the care and feed of their own birds. No feed will be provided.\*\***

The 2026 Ozark Empire Fair is sanctioned by both the American Bantam Association and The American Poultry Association. The Ozark Empire Fair has accepted the Official Show Rules from the ABA & APA to govern the 2026 Poultry Show. The American Standard of Perfection will be used for judging.

### REGULATIONS - Standard and Bantam

- Coop charge is \$3 per bird. Double coops may be available with an additional \$1.50 fee if indicated on entry.
- ENTRY DEADLINE IS JULY 1. All entries will be submitted through mail in form in 2026 to mitigate entry mistakes.** Print the last two pages of this handbook for entries. **No late entries accepted.**
- Complete all information as requested on entry form using sex-age code and class number.
- Each exhibitor will be sent admission credentials for bringing and picking up entries. Please use Gate 10. An official release slip must accompany entries leaving the grounds. Anyone leaving before release time will forfeit all prize money won and the right to further participation.
- Competition is open to the world. Show officials are free to cut off entries when space is full.
- All birds except waterfowl must be pullorum-typhoid tested as per MO Department of Agriculture regulations. See Livestock Entry Rules.
- Each bird must wear a numbered leg or wing band.
- PRIZE MONEY:** 1st = \$3; 2nd = \$2; 3rd = \$1. Prize money will NOT be paid unless there are at least two entries in the class. An exhibitor may not win more than two monies per class. Prize Money awarded to individual classes only, not group.
- All entries will be judged to fifth place by the latest edition of the **ABA & APA** Standard.

### 10. AGE/SEX DEFINITIONS:

### GROUP CLASSES:

Cock: Male bird more than 1 year old	Old Trio: 1 Cock & 2 Hens
Cockerel: Male bird less than 1 year old	Young Trio: 1 Cockerel & 2 Pullets
Hen: Female bird more than 1 year old	Display: 1 Cock, 1 Hen, 1 Cockerel,
Pullet: Female bird less than 1 year old	1 Pullet & 1 Trio

**\*\* Animals must be exhibited in individual classes to be eligible for group classes.**

- SHOWROOM MANAGEMENT:** Greatest care will be taken of all exhibits, but Ozark Empire Fair will not be responsible for any accident, mistake, loss or damage, regardless of cause. No one except those in charge of show and judge will be allowed to handle birds on exhibition without consent of owner or superintendent.
- A card will be furnished for the variety name and the name of the owner. Card will be opened after judging. No advertising matter will be allowed without permission of the superintendent.

**JUNIOR DIVISION:** Classes are offered for all youth who are 8 years of age as of January 1, but not over 21 years of age as of January 1. Please check Junior on Entry Form. OEF will not be verifying whether exhibitors are members of 4-H or FFA. However, membership is strongly encouraged. Out-of-state entries will be accepted. All entries will NOT be automatically entered into the open show. **Junior exhibitors must enter their birds in both the open and junior classes. Junior classes use the same class numbers as the Open Division, simply add a 'Y' in front of the open class number.**

<u>CLASSES</u>		
<b>Large Fowl</b>	<b>Bantam</b>	<b>Fowl</b>
1 American	7 Game	13 Turkey
2 Asiatic	8 Modern Game	14 Helmeted Guinea
3 English	9 Single Comb Clean Leg	15 Ducks
4 Mediterranean	10 Rose Comb Clean Leg	16 Geese
5 Continental	11 Any Other Comb Clean Leg	Please complete entry form
6 All other standard breeds	12 Feather Leg	using provided class numbers

**CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION IN EACH OPEN BANTAM & STANDARD DIVISION:**  
 \$30 for Champion. Reserve Division: \$20.  
**CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION OVERALL IN OPEN BANTAM & STANDARD SHOW:**  
 Champion: \$100. Reserve Champion: \$50.

### OZARK EMPIRE FAIR AWARDS

**DISPLAY AWARDS:** \$5 for best display in each section provided there are at least two competing displays in that section. Display is seven birds of the same variety entered by one exhibitor. Display must include one cock, one hen, one cockerel and one pullet. The three remaining birds may be any age or sex. All birds in a display must be entered in the show.

Winner will be determined by points won. (1st = 5 pts., 2nd = 4 pts., 3rd = 3 pts., 4th = 2 pts., 5th = 1 pt.) Points will be multiplied by the number of entries in that variety.

**BEST OF BREED:** \$10 for Best of Breed in all breeds with 20 or more birds shown. Reserve Best of Breed: \$5.

**BEST OF VARIETY:** \$10 for Best of Variety in all varieties with 10 or more birds shown. Reserve Best of Variety: \$5

**ABA & APA AWARDS:** Only paid members in good standing of the ABA or APA are eligible for club awards. Fair premiums will not be based on ABA/APA membership.

**Junior Showmanship competition on Friday, August 7.**  
 Showmanship entry will be at the check in table when you arrive at the fair.  
 Age Divisions are as follows:  
 Junior: Ages 8-11      Intermediate: Ages 12-15      Senior: Ages 16-21

**ADDITIONAL JUNIOR PREMIUMS:**  
 Class Champion & Res.: \$5.00 | \$2.50  
 Champion Large Fowl & Bantam: \$5.00  
 Show Champion: \$10.00  
 Reserve Show Champion: \$5.00  
*Sponsored by: OEF in memory of Steve Mueller*

Official Show Sponsors:  
 Stephen & Georgianna Tuuri  
 Cackle Hatchery

# OEF POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

Contestants for the Ozark Empire Fair Poultry Exhibit Junior Showmanship competition will be judged in the following categories:

## I. Appearance of Showman

- A. Neatness
  - 1. Neatly dressed
  - 2. Well groomed
  - 3. Clean
- B. Actions
  - 1. Natural
  - 2. Graceful
  - 3. Confident
  - 4. Polite

## II. Quality and Condition of Bird

- A. Pleasing appearance
- B. Good, smooth plumage
- C. Breed and variety characteristics
- D. Free from diseases and parasites
- E. Gentle and not flighty

## III. Examination and Handling of Bird

- A. Carrying and holding
- B. Head
- C. Wings
- D. Under color
- E. Width of body
- F. Breast
- G. Depth of abdomen
- H. Pubic bones
- I. Feet and legs
- J. Overall

## IV. Knowledge of Poultry

## V. Placing Bird in Coop

## VI. Showing Bird in Coop

## VII. Removal of Bird from Coop

**ENTRY DEADLINE: July 1st**

**Enter Online at:**

**[www.ozarkempirefair.com](http://www.ozarkempirefair.com)**

Please use Separate Entry Form for Each Species

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3001 N. Grant, Springfield, MO 65803

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\_\_\_ JUNIOR & OPEN    \_\_\_ OPEN ONLY

Poultry, individual bird        \_\_\_ @ \$3.00    \$ \_\_\_  
Double Coop Fee (In addition to entry) \_\_\_ @ \$1.50    \$ \_\_\_

### TICKETS - Pre-Order your tickets and parking passes!

**\*\*Orders made at time of entry will be mailed before the fair.\*\***  
**\*\*On site sales will close at noon on Friday, July 31.\*\***

**Each livestock exhibitor will be given, at no charge, an admission ticket for everyday you are exhibiting animals on the grounds.**

Adult Single Admission Tickets    \_\_\_ @ \$ 7.00    \$ \_\_\_  
Child Single Admission Tickets    \_\_\_ @ \$ 3.00    \$ \_\_\_  
1-Day Parking Pass (vehicle only)    \_\_\_ @ \$4.00    \$ \_\_\_  
3-Day Parking Pass (vehicle only)    \_\_\_ @ \$12.00    \$ \_\_\_  
6-Day Parking Pass (vehicle only)    \_\_\_ @ \$24.00    \$ \_\_\_  
10-Day Parking Pass (vehicle only)    \_\_\_ @ \$36.00    \$ \_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**One Exhibitor ONLY per entry blank.**

Exhibitor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
(if under 21)

County \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number (Federal ID) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Entry will not be accepted without this number.**

**No Entries Accepted Unless All Information is Complete,  
Accompanied by Proper Fees and Signed Below.**

**Please accept the following entries subject to rules and classifications governing exhibits as published in your Exhibitor Handbook of the current year. I hereby release the Ozark Empire Fair from any liability from loss, damage or injury to person, livestock or other property, while said property is on Fairgrounds. I have read all livestock entry rules and agree to abide by them as published.**

Exhibitor Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
**Entry will not be accepted without signature.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### JUNIOR EXHIBITORS

T-shirt: Adult: \_S \_M \_L \_XL \_XXL or Child: \_M \_L

**Extra t-shirts may be purchased for \$15/shirt Child Medium—Adult Large. Adult XL and up become \$20/shirt**

### CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

\_\_\_ MasterCard    \_\_\_ Visa    Exp. Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ 3.5% service fee

Number \_\_\_\_\_

3 or 4 Digit Security Code from Back of Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Signature Name \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL CHARGED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

For Office Use Only

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit # \_\_\_\_\_

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Entered by \_\_\_\_\_

**List  
Animals  
On  
Back**

