

Youth Market Birds

http://www.apsc.vt.edu/extension/poultryprograms/4H/4hpoultry/Poultry_events.htm

Entries due August 15

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Judge: Megan Lighty, VPI&SU

2008 Official Schedule

Weigh-in:	Saturday, Sept. 27, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Judging:	Saturday, Sept. 27, Noon
Release:	Saturday, Sept. 27, 3:00p.m.

Youth Market Bird Rules

All State Fair General Rules, Livestock Rules, Youth Poultry Rules and Show Ring Code of Ethics apply to this department. By submitting an entry form, you agree to read and abide by these and all State Fair rules that apply.

1. Number of entries: A youth exhibitor may only enter 2 pens per class if they meet the weight requirements (see "Record Books" below).
2. Market poultry disease surveillance:
Pullorum:
Market poultry **need not** be vaccinated for Pullorum, but **must** show NPIP hatchery papers at check-in. NPIP hatcheries must also be Avian Influenza free.
Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT):
Chickens should be vaccinated for Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT) by the eye drop method using a modified-live, tissue culture-origin vaccine at 2 weeks-of-age. Vaccine name, serial number and expiration date should be recorded and made available to State Fair officials or VDACS personnel upon request.
Avian Influenza:
All poultry entered in the State Fair of Virginia and/or sale birds, originating from within the State, must be tested for Avian Influenza and found to be negative no more than 14 days prior to the exhibition. Samples for testing (serum or tracheal swabs) will be collected by an employee of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the testing will be arranged and conducted free of charge to the exhibitor. The testing will occur during the period September 12-25, 2008, and the exact schedule will be coordinated by VDACS with the exhibitors once entries have been finalized. Individuals lacking official documentation of avian influenza testing will not be permitted to exhibit their birds. All birds must be individually identified.
All poultry entered in the State Fair of Virginia and/or sale birds, originating from outside of Virginia, must be tested for Avian Influenza and found to be negative, no more than 10 days before entering the State. Samples for testing (Serum or tracheal swabs) should be collected by an accredited veterinarian and evaluated by either AGID, ELISA, Directigen or PCR methods in a laboratory approved by the State of origin. A permit for shipment of poultry into the State of Virginia shall be obtained from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS, 540-434-3897) and presented along with the birds. The test results for Avian Influenza and the permit number should be recorded on a health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian in the State of origin. The certificate shall be presented to the representative of the State Veterinarian on site. Individuals lacking any of the above will not be permitted to exhibit their birds. All birds must be individually identified.
3. All youth must submit a 4-H poultry yearly plan and record book (# 408-042) to be eligible to compete. These books will be judged and top books rewarded (see "Record Books" below).
4. All youth exhibiting meat pens must be present at check in and after judging unless they have a written

excuse approved by the superintendent at least 24 hours prior to the show. In which case, another participant can exhibit his/her pens.

5. There is no fee to participate. Three (3) exhibitor/livestock tickets will be issued per exhibitor.
6. All meat pen birds must be weighed in between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Saturday, September 27. Judging of the meat pen classes will begin at noon.
7. Handling of birds by anyone (other than the exhibitor) after they are in cages is strictly **prohibited**, except with the permission of the superintendents of the show.
8. Entries in meat class may be any type meat poultry. These birds may be beak trimmed, dubbed or subjected to commercially accepted practices prior to the show.
9. Entries will be limited to 50 pens each of turkeys and chickens.
10. Entries must be postmarked on or before August 15. Enter on-line at www.statefairva.org, under 'State Fair' and then 'Competitions' or mail entry form to (make checks payable to State Fair of Virginia):
Amy Parsons, Youth Poultry, Virginia Tech, Dept. of Animal & Poultry Science,
2180 Litton-Reaves Hall, Blacksburg, VA 24061-0306
11. There must a minimum of 25 entries per division for premiums or scholarships to be awarded.

Division 200: Market Chicken Pens

- A. Exhibitors can check-in four (4) birds for each pen of three (3) entered. (i.e. 4 birds will be weighed in and you (exhibitor) must choose 3 to show).
- B. All chickens must be owned/received by the exhibitor on **August 18th**.
- C. Each chicken **must** weigh between 3 lbs. and 8 lbs. at check-in.
- D. Class determination will be made after weigh-in.
- E. Each exhibitor can show a maximum of two chicken pens as long as the average weight per bird/pen is at least **one** pound different.

Division 201: Market Turkey Pens

- A. All turkey pens must consist of two (2) birds.
- B. All turkeys must be owned/ received by the exhibitor on **June 23rd**.
- C. Each turkey must weigh between 14 lbs. and 30 lbs. at check-in.
- D. Class determination will be made after weigh-in.
- E. Each exhibitor can show a maximum of two turkey pens as long as the average weight per bird/pen is at least **four** pounds different.

Record Books will be judged after the fair. Completion by participant (not by parents) is required for this part of the project. Books will be judged by age group and points go towards scholarship competition. Record Books can be obtained from your local extension office or by logging on to the following web site: <http://www.ext.vt.edu/resources/4h/4hpubs/anscience.html> and then clicking on Poultry.

<u>Awards</u>					
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5
Grand Champion Chicken Pen					\$100
Reserve Grand Champion Chicken Pen					\$75
Class Winners Chicken Pen					\$25
Grand Champion Turkey Pen					\$100
Reserve Grand Champion Turkey Pen					\$75
Class Winners Turkey Pen					\$25

State Fair of Virginia Scholarship Program – Market Birds

The Scholarship Program is open to all Virginia 4-H and FFA exhibitors in their related livestock project area.

Each category will be split into three age groups:
Juniors: 12 and younger as of Sept 30th of the current year
Intermediates: 13-15 as of Sept. 30th of the current year
Seniors: 16-19 as of Sept. 30th of the current year

Six Scholarships (by age group):

<i>Junior</i>	1 st	\$200.00			
<i>Intermediate</i>	1 st	\$300.00	2 nd	\$250.00	
<i>Senior</i>	1 st	\$600.00	2 nd	\$500.00	3 rd \$400.00

Ranking of exhibitors will be based on the following:

- 30% - Showmanship
- 25% - Live class placing (in an individual class with one animal – no herd classes)
- 20% - Skillathon
- 15% - Herdsman/Promotion
- 10% - Record Book

**Exhibitors must participate in ALL of the above criteria to be eligible for a scholarship.*

YOUTH MARKET BIRD CLASSES

*Class determination to be made after weigh-in.

<u>Division 200</u>	<u>Class</u>	
Market Chicken Pens	1	Light
Market Chicken Pens	2	Medium
Market Chicken Pens	3	Heavy
Market Chicken Pens	4	Extra Heavy

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