

Open Poultry

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Entry Forms due August 15

The Poultry Department of the State Fair of Virginia is a classified competition. Its objectives are education and entertainment of State Fair visitors and to support improvement in breeding and the greater production of exhibition birds.

2009 Official Schedule	
Check-in:	Wednesday Sept. 23, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Thursday, Sept. 24, 8 a.m.
All Poultry in Place:	Thursday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.
Judging:	Saturday, September 26, 10 a.m.
Release:	Sunday, Sept. 27, 8 p.m.

Open Poultry Department Rules:

State Fair General Rules, Livestock Rules and the Show Ring Code of Ethics apply to this department. By making an entry, you agree to read and abide by these rules. **PLEASE PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO HEALTH REQUIREMENTS REGARDING INFECTIOUS LARYNGOTRACHEITIS (ILT), PULLORUM/TYPHOID, AND AVIAN INFLUENZA.**

- Entries will be limited by 250 (open) bird cooping capacity.** Exhibitors must be the owners and/or breeders of the birds they exhibit. No exhibitor, family or firm may enter more than 2 birds in any class (2 cock, 2 hen, 2 cockerel and 2 pullets.) *Competition is open to Virginia exhibitors first. If capacity is not reached, competition will be open to out-of-state exhibitors.*
- Mail all entries to RuthAnn Searls, Open Poultry, P. O. Box 193, Montpelier, VA 23192.** Use the Poultry Department entry form. Entries must be postmarked by August 15. Entry forms must be accompanied by a check or money order made payable to the State Fair of Virginia for the full amount of the entry fee. The following entry fee will govern:

Large Fowl, Ducks, Geese, Turkeys, Guineas and Bantams **\$2.00 per class**
- All Poultry entered in the State Fair of Virginia and/or sale birds must have originated from NPIP certified U.S. Pullorum /typhoid clean flocks OR have had a negative Pullorum/Typhoid test within 90 days of the exhibition.**
- Chickens must have been vaccinated for Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT) by the eyedrop method using a modified-live, tissue culture-origin vaccine within the preceding 5 months but no less than 2 weeks prior to the exhibition.** 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 on the grounds. All birds must be individually identified.**
- Avian Influenza: 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 on the grounds. All birds must be individually identified by numbered leg bands, and leg band numbers must be listed on entry form.

7. Classes will be provided for Cock, Hen, Cockerel, or Pullet. Definition of Cock and Hen: chicken 12 months or older. Cockerel and Pullet: under 12 months old.
8. All birds are entered at the risk of the owner. The State Fair of Virginia will not be responsible for loss by fire, or other risk, but will exercise due vigilance. Sick stock will not be allowed to remain in the show room. Sick stock will be removed by the owner, if present, or by the Superintendent if the owner is not present. Superintendent must be notified if a bird is removed by owner.
9. The APA and ABA Standards of Perfection will be the guideline for judging and awards.
10. Exhibitors will be allowed to put their name or poultry farm name on coops containing their own birds *after* judging is complete. There cannot be any "For Sale" signs on coops. Only exhibitors that have birds entered in the show will be allowed to sell.
11. The State Fair will furnish all feed, water and coops for birds in show, but not for sale birds.
12. **All changes to entries must be made by Sept. 18, 2008.**

All APA and ABA recognized breeds are eligible for competition.

<u>Awards</u>				
Awards will be paid on Cock, Hen, Cockerel and Pullet.				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Large Poultry, Ducks, Geese, Guineas & Bantams	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Banners will be awarded for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of Show.				

Large Fowl Specials— \$5.00

Champion - American Class
 Reserve Champion - American Class
 Champion - Mediterranean Class
 Reserve Champion - Mediterranean Class
 Champion - Asiatic Class
 Reserve Champion - Asiatic Class
 Champion - English Class
 Reserve Champion - English Class
 Champion - Continental Class
 Reserve Champion - Continental Class
 Champion - All Other Classes
 Reserve Champion - All Other Classes

Bantam Specials— \$5.00

Champion - Modern Game Class
 Reserve Champion - Modern Game Class
 Champion - Old English Class
 Reserve Champion - Old English Class
 Champion - S.C. Clean Leg Class
 Reserve Champion - S.C. Clean Leg Class
 Champion - R.C. Clean Leg Class
 Reserve Champion - R.C. Clean Leg Class
 Champion - AOC Clean Leg Class
 Reserve Champion - AOC Clean Leg Class
 Champion - Feather Leg Class
 Reserve Champion - Feather Leg Class

Duck Specials— \$5.00

Champion - Bantam Duck Class
 Reserve Champion - Bantam Duck Class
 Champion - Light Duck Class
 Reserve Champion - Light Duck Class
 Champion - Medium Duck Class
 Reserve Champion - Medium Duck Class
 Champion - Heavy Duck Class
 Reserve Champion - Heavy Duck Class

Geese Specials— \$5.00

Champion - Light Goose Class
 Reserve Champion - Light Goose Class
 Champion - Medium Goose Class
 Reserve Champion - Medium Goose Class
 Champion - Heavy Goose Class
 Reserve Champion - Heavy Goose Class

Turkey Specials— \$5.00

Champion - Turkey Class
 Reserve Champion - Turkey Class

Guinea Specials— \$5.00

Champion - Guinea Class
 Reserve Champion - Guinea Class

The State Fair Poultry Department will host an A.P.A. Club Meet.