

Youth Market Birds

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

Entries due August 28

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Judge: TBA

2009 Official Schedule

Check-in:	Friday, Oct. 2, 6:00 p.m. & Sat. Oct. 3, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Weigh-in:	Saturday, Oct. 3, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Judging:	Saturday, Oct. 3, Noon
Release:	Saturday, Oct. 3, 3:00p.m.

All birds must be picked up before 8:00 p.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** tested for Pullorum if they originated from an NPIP approved hatchery **AND** have not been co-mingled with any other birds. For these birds, each exhibitor **must** show NPIP hatchery papers at check-in. If the birds have been housed on a farm with other poultry or co-mingled with birds of unknown pullorum status then a pullorum typhoid test must be completed prior to exhibition. This testing can be conducted by any certified pullorum test agent approved by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS). A list of Pullorum testers can be obtained from VDACS by calling at 540-209-9120. All efforts should be made to coordinate testing among groups of exhibitors living near one another.

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 (VDACS), and the testing will be arranged and conducted free of charge to the exhibitor. The testing will occur during the period September 19-October 2, 2009, 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. Pullorum test bands placed at the time of pullorum testing will be used as official identification. If no identification is present on the birds at the time of testing, VDACS personnel will place bands at the time of testing. To coordinate testing please contact your closest VDACS Office of Veterinary Services listed below no later than August 7, 2009 to schedule testing. Efforts should be made to coordinate a single testing date of several farms in your area. Many project leaders will coordinate this date, and therefore, check with your leader prior to scheduling with VDACS.

Harrisonburg Office (including Northern Virginia)..... 540-209-9120
Lynchburg Office (including Southeastern Virginia)... 434-947-6731
Wytheville Office (including Southwestern Virginia)... 276-228-5501

Birds Originating from outside Virginia:

All poultry entered in the State Fair of Virginia and/or sale birds, originating from outside of Virginia, must comply with all requirements for importation of birds into Virginia. This includes both pullorum and AI testing. All birds entering (up to a total of 30) must be tested for Avian Influenza and found to be negative, no more than 10 days before entering the State. Frequently, testing is available through the Department of Agriculture for the state of origin. Samples for testing (Serum or tracheal swabs) should be collected by an accredited veterinarian, Department of Agriculture staff, or a state approved Avian Influenza tester 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 prior to entry into the state (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 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Saturday, October 3. 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 28. 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 be 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 21st**.
- C. Each chicken **must** weigh between **3lbs. 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 26th** .
- 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

Skillathon: **POULTRY SKILLATHON**

The Skillathon consists of a series of stations where youth are tested on their knowledge and abilities related to poultry. Participation is required in order for contestants to be eligible for the scholarship competition.

Preparing for the contest:

The topics for this year's Skillathon are **poultry nutrition and feeding**.

Juniors (9-11 yrs): Digestive tract parts identification, feed classification and identification

Intermediates (12-13 yrs): Digestive tract function and feed tag analysis (in addition to the required knowledge for the juniors).

Seniors (14-18 yrs): Evaluating feed efficiency and evaluating and analyzing feedstuffs (in addition to the required knowledge for the juniors and intermediates).

- The contest will be available to participants once weigh-in has been completed for the Youth Market Poultry Contest.
- Numbered stations will be set up on tables. These stations are comprised of questions that may require identification of parts/feedstuffs/equipment, calculations, matching, etc.
- Contestants will be given a blank answer form on which their final answers should be written legibly.
- There will be 8-10 stations, and contestants will have 6-10 minutes to complete the task at each station.

Examples of stations:

Animal Science – Talking Like a Poultry Producer

Situation: Somehow your glossary of poultry terms has been mixed up.

Task: Match the term with the definition.

Supplies: One set of notecards with the terms and another set with the definitions.

Directions: Let the team members match the terms with the correct definition.

Animal Science – Identifying Feed Ingredients

Situation: Your local feed store manager has dropped off some feed ingredients for your project group use.

Task: Identify the ingredients and divide them into nutrient categories of energy, protein, vitamins, minerals and water.

Supplies: Packet of nine to 12 feed ingredients, chips with ingredient names and human food names, and paper plates with the words protein, energy, water, vitamins, and minerals written on them.

Directions: Let members match the chips to the ingredients. Then have them put all chips on the plate specifying its nutrient category. Ask questions and discuss.

Showmanship: POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

Participation in the Showmanship contest is required to be eligible for the scholarship competition.

Preparing for the contest:

Poultry showmanship begins long before the competition. Time and effort spent on properly caring for the birds and training them for show will be reflected on the day of the competition.

- Chickens or turkeys may be shown. (Please contact Amy Parsons, parson04@vt.edu if you are interested in receiving birds.)
- Exhibitors must show their own chicken/turkey and the chicken/turkey must be entered in the youth market poultry show. If an exhibitor has entered both chickens and turkeys, they must select which will be used for the showmanship contest on their market poultry registration.
- Select good quality birds that are healthy and free from defects, lice or mites.
- Clean the birds before the contest. Keep their pen clean and wash their feet.
- Practice at home by handling and playing with your birds. This will enable them to be calmer during the contest.
- It is the responsibility of the showman or parent, or both, to inform the show organizers if the showman has any special needs (i.e., hearing or physical disability, etc.)

Showmanship procedure:

1. Contestants are divided into classes based on their experience in poultry showmanship and their age, or a combination of these factors. See Youth Market Poultry Show guide for age classes. Participants should leave their birds in the show cages until their class is called. When their class is called they should report to the show ring.

2. Even before the showmanship competition begins, participants and their bird pens will be evaluated on proper management techniques (i.e., did the participant supply food and water for the birds, have the birds been cleaned, are they in good health, etc.).
3. Once call to the show ring the judge will position the participants behind the showmanship table. The judge will first ask the showmen to hold their birds off the table in the proper manner and then examine their birds. As each step of the evaluation is completed, the showman should glance up and look at the judge. The judge may acknowledge with a nod of the head, but it may not be possible for the judge to acknowledge every step for each showman.
5. The judge will ask the showman to pose the birds on the table, to individually pass their birds to the judge for evaluation, and to place their birds in a designated cage and then take them out.
6. The judge will ask questions that test the showman's knowledge of standard bred birds and the care and production of the same. The level of difficulty will vary with age and experience of the showmen.

During a poultry showmanship event, participants are scored on:

1. Personal appearance5 points
2. Carrying their birds 5 points
A chicken's breast should be supported on the same hand that was used to remove the bird from its cage. The head and neck of the bird may be tucked between the arm and body of the showman or against the showman's body and above the arm on which it is carried. The showman's other hand should always be kept on top of the birds back.
3. Posing their bird: The bird is placed on the table so the judge has a good view of the profile (side) of the bird. The bird should be posed as appropriate for its breed..... 15 points
4. Quality and condition of their bird: The birds should be trained and washed..... 5 points
5. Examining/evaluation of their bird..... 15 points
The showman will be asked to demonstrate the procedures used in examining a bird. When instructed by the judge to start, they will silently examine their own bird.
6. Handling their bird in and out of a cage: The bird is carried to the cage and placed inside. When instructed by the judge, the bird is then removed from the cage..... 15 points
7. Poise/knowledge..... 20 points
8. Their level of knowledge on: the standard breeds of poultry and the care and production of poultry..... 20 points
9. Holding their bird:
Birds should be held to give the judge a profile (side view) of the body. The bird should be supported on the palm of the showman's hand. The bird should be alert with its head raised, its tail fluffed and its wings tucked in the normal position.

2009 Poster Contest (Promotion Class) for Youth Market Poultry

Purpose: An educational activity to help youth learn about the Virginia poultry industry.

Theme: Hatching Ideas... Youth should incorporate information about embryology and the hatchery aspect of Virginia's poultry industry into their posters.

General Rules:

1. Posters will be placed in divisions based on the contestant's age:
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
2. Contestants must register for the poster contest on their Youth Market Poultry Show entry form through the State Fair of Virginia office in order to be eligible.
3. Only one entry per contestant and each entry must be the original work of only that contestant. Duplications will not be accepted.
4. Entry must be vertical, not horizontal, in orientation.
5. Posters should be a standard **28 inches x 22 inches** in size. Art work must be the above dimensions and either designed on poster board with the above mentioned dimensions. Do not mat, frame or laminate artwork.
6. All media are accepted. Note: Chalk, charcoal and pastel entries should be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing. Professional illustrations, photos or copyrighted material may **not** be used, and computer generated art may **not** be submitted.
7. Three-dimensional entries will not be accepted. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way.
8. The poster will be judged for the idea presented more than artistic ability. First, second and third place posters in each division will receive points towards the scholarship program.
9. Posters should be submitted at weigh-in for the Youth Market Poultry Show.

Guidelines:

1. A poster should give a message that matches/relates to the contest theme with the use of words and pictures.
2. A poster should catch your eye, be easy to read and get the message across.
3. When creating your poster:
 - a. Plan your idea: Practice on a separate sheet of paper, make several and choose the best. Keep images and pictures simple. Make sure to fill the space you have available.
 - b. Lettering: Make letters large and easy to read (i.e., bold and thick). Remember they are a part of your total design.
 - c. Keep the rules for poster size and orientation in mind when creating your poster.
 - d. REMEMBER: You may not use computerized art work, e.g. stickers or clip art, or copy any drawings or characters from copy-right material, e.g. Colonel Sanders, Big Bird, Ronald McDonald, etc.

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	\$300.00	2 nd	\$200.00	3 rd	\$100.00
<i>Intermediate</i>	1 st	\$350.00	2 nd	\$250.00	3 rd	\$150.00
<i>Senior</i>	1 st	\$400.00	2 nd	\$300.00	3 rd	\$200.00

Ranking of exhibitors will be based on the following:

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

Division 200

	<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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