

Youth Poultry: Show Birds

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Entry Forms due August 15

Judge: Mr. Frank Harris, Beaverdam, VA

2009 Official Schedule

Birds in place for judging:	Saturday, Sept. 26, Noon
Judging Youth Show Birds:	Saturday, Sept. 26, following Open Poultry judging
Release Youth Poultry:	Sunday, Sept. 27, 8:00 p.m.

Youth Poultry Department Rules:

1. All State Fair General Rules, Livestock Rules, Open Poultry Rules and the Show Ring Code of Ethics apply to this department. When special rules of the Youth Poultry Department conflict, the Youth Department rules will prevail. By submitting an entry form, you agree to read and abide by these and all State Fair rules that apply.
2. **PLEASE REFER TO THE OPEN POULTRY RULES FOR HEALTH REGULATIONS REGARDING INFECTIOUS LARYNGOTRACHEITIS (ILT), PULLORUM/TYPHOID AND AVIAN INFLUENZA.**
3. Only bona fide Virginia 4-H and FFA members enrolled in poultry projects are eligible to compete in the Youth Poultry Show. Exhibitors must be at least 9 years of age by September 30 of the current year and must not have had their 19th birthday before January 1 of current year. Entry forms must be signed by the exhibitor's 4-H or FFA instructor and county extension agent, verifying both the age of the exhibitor and that the exhibits meet show requirements.
4. There is no fee to participate. Entries may be made by mailing entry form to:
RuthAnn Searls – Youth Poultry, P. O. Box 193, Montpelier, VA 23192
5. All birds should be leg banded with individually numbered bands before arrival at the show, and leg band numbers must be listed on entry forms.
6. All birds must have been hatched or purchased by the exhibitor prior to June 1, of the current year; or fed and cared for under supervision of their vocational agriculture teacher or county extension agent from day old until judging.
7. Definitions of Terms: "Cock" and "Hen" are chickens 12 months old or older. "Cockerel" and "Pullet" are chickens under 12 months old.
8. All youth must be present for judging of their birds. If showing market birds, accommodations will be made with check-in and judging times. **There will be no parents in aisles until after the judging is completed.** Poultry will be judged by A.P.A. or A.B.A standards.
9. After birds have been cooped in, they are not to be handled by anyone other than the owner, the Judge or the Superintendent.
10. Birds in the Purebred classes must stay at the Fair until 8 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 27 or awards will be withheld. No vehicles will be allowed on the grounds until after 8 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 27.

4-H and FFA exhibitors use same A.P.A. classes and awards as Open Poultry show.

Please refer to the Open Poultry Competition Guide for Rules, Classes and Awards.