2018 Poultry Information Sheet

Prepared by the 4-H State Fair Poultry Show Committee and the Center for Youth Development

This information sheet gives details on the rules for this year’s Minnesota State Fair 4-H Poultry Show. Although some counties may follow slightly different guidelines, these rules will apply at the state level.

OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Ownership Requirements for All Animal Science Projects are uniform for Beef, Cats/Pets, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Dog, Horse, Lama, Meat Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine: Animals must be owned solely by the 4-Her or the 4-Her’s family. The family includes the 4-Her’s parents/guardians and siblings living together as a family unit. The definition of family includes an extended family where the animal may be owned by grandparents as long as the 4-Her’s parents are actively involved with and working on the farm. Animals owned in partnership with non-family members (as defined above) must be leased and follow guidelines within the lease agreement. Lease agreements must be submitted by May 15 with 4HOnline data. Market animals (with an exception of prospect calves) cannot be leased.

All Animal Ownership Deadlines:
February 15: Market Beef (beef steers, market heifers & dairy steers)
May 15: Breeding beef, dairy, dairy goats, dog, horse, lama, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine. Fryer rabbits (should be 10 days old at show) 4-Her must own the doe of fryer rabbits and doe must be identified by May 15.
June 1: Jr. Meat Does
July 1: Jr. Doe Kid Dairy Goats

Projects in Minnesota may be started at any time during the year. However, if the project is to be shown at a county or state event, certain requirements must be met. Each of the requirements listed pertain specifically to state events. Identification worksheets are available in most species for use by families to gather data needed to complete 4HOnline Identification process. Please keep ID worksheets for records.

- 4-Hers exhibiting leased animals at the State Fair must present a photocopy of the “Minnesota 4-H Animal Science Lease Form” during leg-banding

DETAILS REGARDING APPROPRIATE DRESS CODES FOR ALL STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK SHOWS.
- Official 4-H Show Shirts are required to be worn by all exhibitors. This is for state fair shows only. Species specific show attire information is available at z.umn.edu/showingattire

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPOSITIONS, COUNTY AND STATE FAIRS

ALL SPECIES. All animals will be inspected by the official veterinarian the opening day of the exhibition and daily during the exhibition. The official veterinarian will order the immediate removal to a quarantine facility or removal from the exhibition premises of any animal showing clinical signs of any infectious, contagious or communicable disease, including ringworm and warts.

Any animal showing evidence of any disease, abscesses, or any open contagious lesions will not be allowed to exhibit or show and will be subject to isolation or expulsion depending on the nature and seriousness of the disease, abscess or lesion in question. If illness of any nature is suspected in any animal, said animal is subject to examination by the State Veterinarian and owner or exhibitor of said animal must abide by the decision of this veterinarian. Animals with warts or ringworm may not be shown. A statement from a veterinarian that an animal is being treated for these diseases is not acceptable. Animals known by the exhibitor to have an infectious, communicable disease or to have been exposed to an infectious, communicable disease, or to be from a quarantined flock may not be entered in an exhibition.

IDENTIFICATION.
- All cattle, swine, sheep and goats exhibited at the fair must have official identification (ID) that meets the requirements of both state and federal animal identification rules. The goal of these ID requirements is to uniquely identify animals so they can be traced to their source in a disease outbreak. The type of ID used in each species may vary, but each official ID is unique to that animal within the United States. For pictures of official ear tags and more information about official ID in livestock, visit the Board of Animal Health Official ID page at mn.gov/bah/official-id/.
- There are no state or federal requirements at this time to officially identify camelid species or rabbits.
- Some members of the poultry group will need individual leg bands so they can be identified to their owner at the State Fair.
POULTRY.
Poultry is defined as turkeys, chickens, waterfowl, and game birds raised in captivity. It does not include pigeons and doves.

1. **Identification.** All turkeys, chickens and game birds must be identified by a leg or wing band. Waterfowl and newly hatched baby poultry are exempt.

2. **Certificates or test charts.** All chickens, turkeys, game birds, and hatching eggs from these birds must be accompanied by a certificate or test chart that shows compliance with the following testing/disease requirements:
   - **A. Chickens and game birds.** Must originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is classified under the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) as pullorum-typhoid clean; or be negative to a pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition.
   - **B. Turkeys.** Must originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is classified under the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) as pullorum-typhoid clean, *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* and *Mycoplasma synoviae* tests within 90 days prior to the opening date of exhibition. Testing is available at the Minnesota Poultry Testing Laboratory, Willmar, Minnesota (320-231-5170).
   - **C. Waterfowl and Pigeons.** Exempt from testing requirements, unless in conjunction with a sale, in which case waterfowl must be identified and originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is classified under the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) as pullorum-typhoid clean; or be negative to a pullorum-typhoid test within 30 days prior to the sale.

1. **Poultry from outside Minnesota.**
   - **A.** Must meet the test requirements above plus the Minnesota import requirements. See mn.gov/bah/imports.html or call the Minnesota Poultry Testing Laboratory (MPTL) at 320-231-5170.
   - **B.** Import permit. An Annual Import Permit can be obtained by completing an application and submitting to your official state agency for endorsement or a Single Move Import Permit can be obtained by completing a Single Move Request Form or by calling the MPTL at 320-231-5170.
   - **C.** Certificates. All hatching eggs, poultry and ratites must be accompanied by a certificate that indicates how the Specific Disease Requirements have been met (examples include a CVI, NPIP Form VS 9-3, NPIP Form VS 9-2 or an official test record that demonstrates compliance with the specific disease requirements).
   - **D.** Specific Disease Requirements. All hatching eggs, poultry and ratites must originate from an NPIP approved hatchery or breeding flock that is classified as U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean; or be individually identified with a leg or wing band and be negative to a pullorum-typhoid test conducted within 30 days prior to importation. All turkey hatching eggs, poults and turkeys must also originate from an NPIP hatchery or breeding flock that is classified as U.S. *Mycoplasma Gallisepticum* Clean and U.S. *Mycoplasma Synoviae* Clean; or be individually identified with a leg or wing band and be negative to a *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* and a *Mycoplasma synoviae* test within 30 days prior to importation.

### HATCH DATES
- All exhibited birds (except pigeons) must be of this year’s hatch. Dove - Breeding pigeon Information
- **SUGGESTED** hatch dates are:
  - Breeding Poultry and Waterfowl
  - Egg Production Chickens (will be in two separate lots, white egg layers & brown egg layers). Hybrid recommended
  - Market Chickens
  - You may need two hatches of market chickens to accommodate an early county fair and (a late August) State Fair.
  - Domestic Turkey & Market Waterfowl
  - Pigeons - Breeding pairs must have previous year’s seamless band or older on
  - Dove - Breeding pair must have previous year’s seamless band or older on
  - Guinea – Pearl, White, or Lavender

### IDENTIFICATION DETAILS
- All birds (except pigeons and doves) will be leg banded with a State Fair provided numbered leg band when they arrive at the State Fair.
- Pigeon Bands: Pigeons must be identified by permanent seamless legbands # by May 15. Must be entered in 4HOnline

### WEIGHT GUIDELINES
- To avoid over-finished market chickens, it is recommended that they be as near 8-10 weeks of age at show time as possible. 6 pounds and under fryer/broiler. 6 to 10 pounds roaster. Class will be split. Over 10 pounds will receive white ribbon.
- Market ducks, geese, guineas and turkeys should be well filled out in the breast and leg.

### IDENTIFICATION DETAILS, FORMS & DEADLINES
- Refer to your county ID letter and online at: www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID
- If you own your Poultry, there is not an identification form that needs to be submitted to your county extension offices.
- 4-Hers exhibiting leased animals must complete the “Minnesota 4-H Animal Science Lease Form”, upload it online or submit it to your county extension office, by May 15.

### DATES OF STATE FAIR 4-H LIVESTOCK ENCAMPMENT & SHOW TIMES
- 4-H Livestock Encampment ~ Wednesday, August 22 – Sunday, August 26
Show Day & Time ~ Thursday – 1:00 p.m. Exhibitor meeting & Speak Up For Animal Health 12:30 PM
Exhibitors must check in at the Poultry Office upon arrival to pick up leg bands. Please refer to the Poultry section of the State Fair 4-H Premium Book for more details. 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday.

PUREBRED ANIMALS
All birds exhibited in breeding classes must be purebred and will be judged according to the American Poultry Association (APA) Standard of Perfection. All pigeons will be judged according to the NPA’s Pigeon Standard book. All doves will be judged by the Book of Pigeon Standards.

STATE FAIR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS
All chicken, guinea, and turkey exhibitors must have a “Statement of Origin” indicating their bird is from a Pullorum-Typhoid free flock within 12 months prior to entry day.
If you do not have a “Statement of Origin”, you must provide a Minnesota State Board of Animal Health Certificate stating that your bird tested negative at the Pullorum-Typhoid test.
The “Statement of Origin” or negative Pullorum-Typhoid test certificate must be attached to the county computer generated 4-H State Fair Species Verification Report (poultry).
No health certificates are required for waterfowl, pigeons or doves.

STATE FAIR PRESENTATION, TEST AND INTERVIEW
Age Divisions: Intermediate = grades 6-8, Senior = grades 9-10, Advanced = grades 11 & up
All Poultry Exhibitors will attend a presentation, take a test and participate in a one-on-one interview. Test questions will be taken from the presentation and poultry curriculum including all domestic fowl, health, management, careers and current industry issues.
To qualify for any awards above and beyond a blue ribbon, exhibitors must participate in the presentation, test and interviews.
Presentation and quiz will be held on campus beginning on Wednesday. It is to your advantage to do this on Wednesday but if you can’t, be sure to do it at 8:00 a.m. Thursday.
Poultry One-On-One Interviews will be 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Thursday morning. Check in at the poultry office.

STATE FAIR SHOWMANSHIP
Age Divisions: Intermediate = grades 6-8 & Senior = grades 9-10, Advanced = grades 11 & up
Exhibitors are judged on personal appearance, appearance of the bird, handling of the bird and attention to the judge during the poultry show and receive a callback card.
Exhibitors must bring one of their own birds for showmanship.
The Champions receive a plaque. The Reserve Champion Advanced, Senior and Intermediate (ALL) receive plaques.

STATE FAIR HERDSMANNERSHIP
Animals must be maintained and look presentable to the public from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. daily.
Shavings will be available during designated times of the morning and afternoon.
(Check at the Poultry Office for times.)
Bring your own feed.
Locks may be used on cages, small locks preferred.
See the 4-H State Fair Premium Book for details.

POSTER CONTEST
Any 4-Her enrolled in the Poultry Project may enter a poster. (You do not have to be exhibiting a bird at State Fair to enter.)
Age Divisions: Grades K-2 ~ Grades 3-5 ~ Grades 6-8 ~ Grade 9+
Poster size is 14” wide by 22” high. Vertical layout is best for promotional poster.
Posters must be labeled on the back with the 4-Hers name, grade completed, and county.
Categories: (1) Promoting 4-H Poultry Project such as; ideas to promote and encourage youth to join 4-H and the Poultry Project and (2) Educational 4-H Poultry Poster such as; ways to encourage learning of more poultry areas like: breeds – eggs- marketing – production- nutrition.
One poster will be chosen as next year’s cover for the 4-H State Fair Poultry Show Catalog. (Must be a flat design that can be reproduced on a copy machine. Trade-marked characters or themes cannot be considered). Simple designs work best.
One poster will be chosen as next year’s 4-H Poultry t-shirt design. (Must be a flat design that can be reproduced. Trade-marked characters or themes cannot be considered)

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Because of techniques and mechanics of transferring designs to shirts and/or programs, Champion posters are not always considered for these promotional items.

POULTRY JUDGING CONTEST
AGAIN IN 2018 – PRE-ENTER ON FAIR REGISTRATION! SEE STATE FAIR PREMIUM BOOK.

- **7:00 p.m.** on Friday
- Open to any 4-Her. (You do not have to be exhibiting a bird at State Fair to enter.)
- Divisions: Junior: Under 14 years of age by January 1 of current year & Senior: Over 14 years of age by January 1 of current year. Classes will include laying hens, eggs, ready-to-cook chicken, and oral reasons.
- Top 5 scoring contestants will represent Minnesota at the National 4-H Poultry Judging Contest (Louisville, KY in Nov).
- Any 4-Her who has participated in the National Contest cannot compete again at the State Level.

CHICKEN BBQ CONTEST – SATURDAY, 8 AM SENIORS - 11 AM JUNIORS
AGAIN IN 2018 - PRE-ENTER ON FAIR REGISTRATION!

- See the 4-H State Fair Premium Book for complete details and rules. Contestants will be allowed 2½ hours to prepare four chicken halves and will be scored for barbecue skills and sensory evaluation. A table top, chicken, BBQ grills, charcoal, & lighter fluid will be provided. Participants need to supply cooking materials (including sauce) & additional equipment. **MUST have a 5X7 or larger recipe card to turn in for judging.**
- Top Seniors (Over 14 years of age by January 1 of current year) will have the option to represent Minnesota at the National 4-H Poultry & Egg Conference, in the chicken or turkey BBQ or Egg Preparation Demonstration in Louisville KY in November.

POULTRY PRINCE & PRINCESS SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

- Watch for more details on the contest to be posted on the website: [http://z.umn.edu/4hpoultryprinceprincess](http://z.umn.edu/4hpoultryprinceprincess).