



## DIVISION VII: POULTRY

Superintendent: Amy Lane

Please see Rule # 23 Unethical Practices, under MESA COUNTY 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE section.

**Note: A record book is required for this project even if you do not compete at the fair. Market and Breeding animals must have separate record books. Record Books must be completed and turned into the Extension Office by September 10, 5:00 p.m.**

1. Breeding and market are two separate projects requiring two separate record books and different birds
2. All birds are required to have leg bands.
3. All judging will be according to American Poultry Association (APA) guidelines.
4. The total number of breeding chickens shall not exceed 15, total number of breeding geese shall not exceed six, total number of breeding turkeys shall not exceed four, total number of breeding ducks shall not exceed six, total number of exotic poultry shall not exceed 4, and exhibitors may also enter one set of market birds per class. (Ex. – if an exhibitor participates in all divisions, the total number of birds he/she could bring to fair is 45 (15 breeding chickens, 6 breeding geese, 6 breeding ducks, 4 breeding turkeys, 3 market fryers, 3 market broilers, 1 market turkey, 1 pair market ducks, 1 market goose, 4 exotic birds).
5. Total number of birds cannot exceed fifteen (15)
6. An exhibitor may only enter one (1) market pen in each market class.
7. An exhibitor may bring up to three (3) sets of eggs. Each set must be from a different breed of poultry. A set of eggs consists of 6 eggs. Eggs will be judged for internal and external quality. Eggs from this competition and eggs layed at the fair cannot be taken home and will be displayed and then destroyed.
8. Chickens hatched prior to January 1 of the current year are cocks and hens.
9. Chickens hatched after January 1 of the current year are cockerels and pullets.
10. NO MIX BREEDS except in market and production classes.
11. All breeding stock must have been property of exhibitor at least 3 months.
12. Market Poultry members may bring a separate bird for showmanship.
13. All exhibits must be entered through superintendent. Market birds are to be entered by 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> for weighing.
14. Each exhibitor is expected to fold cages and properly discard debris on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.
15. No bird will be shown more than once with exception of the bird used for the showmanship class.
16. Trio must consist of 2 female and 1 male of the same breed and age group.
17. Exotic poultry/fowl are permitted (ex. – pigeons, guinea fowl, peafowl, etc.) Exhibitors may provide their own cages and may not exceed four birds.
18. Superintendent can combine classes at his or her discretion to facilitate judging.

## CHICKEN BREEDING

American	Asiatic	English	Mediterranean	All Other Standard/ Continentals
Young Trio 10	16	22	28	34
Old Trio 11	17	23	29	35
Hens 12	18	24	30	36
Pullet 13	19	25	31	37
Cock 14	20	26	32	38
Cockerels 15	21	27	33	39

Single Comb Clean Leg & Game Bantams	Rose Comb Clean Leg and All Other Comb Clean Leg Bantams	Feather Leg Bantam
Young Trio 40	46	52
Old Trio 41	47	53
Hens 42	48	54
Pullet 43	49	55
Cock 44	50	56
Cockerels 45	51	57

## PRODUCTION LAYERS

- CLASS
58. 3 Pullets                      59. 3 Hens (record book judged with hens)

## EGGS

60. 6 Eggs

## MARKET CLASS

All birds must fit the following criteria to sell:

CLASS:

61. Chickens – Fryers (one pen of three) 5 to 8 weeks old and weigh between 4 to 6 lbs. (Try to make sure there is no more than ½ lb difference in weight between your three birds).
62. Chickens – Broilers (one pen of three) 5 to 10 weeks old and weigh between 6 to 9 lbs. (Try to make sure there is no more than ½ lb difference in weight between your three birds).
63. Turkey – (1 bird) 16 to 24 weeks old and weigh 16 lbs minimum on Toms and 14 lbs. minimum on hens. There is no maximum weight set.
64. Ducks-- (one of two) 7 to 10 weeks old and weight between 5 to 8 lbs. each
65. Geese – (1 bird) 10 to 13 weeks old and weigh a minimum of 9 lbs.

**\*\*NOTE: Order Information to meet weight requirements by fair.**

**Turkeys - Order them at the end of January and schedule delivery for first part of March.**

**Fryers - Order them by the middle of May and schedule delivery for the first part of June.**

**Broilers - Order them by the end of April and schedule delivery for the last part of May.**

## **LARGE POULTRY BREEDING**

### **- DUCKS BREEDING**

A maximum of 6 birds (three breeds) per exhibitor.

#### **CLASS**

66. Pair Same Breed                      67. Duck                                      68. Drake

### **- GEESE BREEDING**

A maximum of 6 birds (three breeds) per exhibitor.

#### **CLASS**

69. Pair Same Breed                      70. Goose                                      71. Gander

### **- TURKEYS BREEDING-**

A maximum of 4 bird (two breeds) per exhibitor.

#### **CLASS**

72. Pair Same Breed                      73. Hen    74. Tom

### **-SHOWMANSHIP-**

CLASS 75. Poultry Junior Showman (8-10 yr.)

CLASS 76. Poultry Intermediate Showman (11-13 yr.)

CLASS 77. Poultry Senior Showman (14-18 yr.)

CLASS 78. Poultry Novice (1<sup>st</sup> year)

#### **Best of Show**

Grand Champion Standard Poultry

Reserve Grand Champion Standard Poultry

Grand Champion Bantam Poultry

Reserve Grand Champion Bantam Poultry

Grand Champion Large Poultry

Reserve Grand Champion Large Poultry

Grand Champion Market Bird

Reserve Grand Champion Market Bird

Grand Champion Production Bird

Reserve Grand Champion Production Bird