

DIVISION 7: POULTRY

Superintendent: Ann Hahn

ALL ANIMALS ARE REQUIRED TO BE CHECKED BY A VETERINARIAN PRIOR TO UNLOADING

- RULE 1:** All exhibitors are encouraged to sign-up for barn duty. Exhibitors may pick their times. The superintendent will have a sign-up sheet.
- RULE 2:** All birds are required to have leg bands
- RULE 3:** All judging will be according to American Poultry Association (APA) guidelines
- RULE 4:** Chickens hatched prior to January 1st of the current year are cocks and hens.
- RULE 5:** Chicken hatched after January 1st of the current year are cockerels and pullets.
- RULE 6:** All breeding stock must have been the exhibitor's property of exhibitor at least 3 months.
- RULE 7:** Market poultry members may bring a separate bird for showmanship.
- RULE 8:** All exhibits must be entered through superintendent. Market birds are to be entered by 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 16th for weighing.
- RULE 9:** Each exhibitor is expected either set up on July 14th or to fold cages and properly discard debris on Sunday, July 21st.
- RULE 10:** No bird will be shown more than once with exception of the bird used for the showmanship class
- RULE 11:** Trio must consist of 2 females and 1 male of the same breed and age group.
- RULE 12:** Superintendent can combine classes at his or her discretion to facilitate judging.
- RULE 13:** Anyone may enter a bird in open class. Exhibitors may not use the same bird for open class and 4-H exhibits. Exhibitors must fill out a separate entry form for open class and form must clearly state "Open Class Entry".
- RULE 14:** Birds who arrive at the show dirty will be required to be washed before entry. Birds showing signs of disease or parasites will be sent home or will not be eligible for show.

Heritage Breed Conservation Project

This addition to the poultry program is designed to encourage the development of sustainable agriculture. No additional records will need to be included in the record book. Any information that the judge will need to evaluate the project will be presented via a display board and interview at fair. Ribbons will be awarded for the presentation of the board. Buckles will be awarded for the Champion and Reserve Champion Heritage Breed Conservation Project.

1. Heritage Chickens must adhere to all the following:

A. **APA Standard Breed**

Heritage Chicken must be from parent and grandparent stock of breeds recognized by the American Poultry Association (APA) prior to the mid-20th century; whose genetic line can be traced back multiple generations; and with traits that meet the APA Standard of Perfection guidelines for the breed. Heritage Chicken must be produced and sired by an APA Standard breed. Heritage eggs must be laid by an APA Standard breed.

B. **Naturally mating**

Heritage Chicken must be reproduced and genetically maintained through natural mating. Heritage Chickens must be the result of naturally mating pairs of both grandparent and parent stock.

C. **Long, productive outdoor lifespan**

Heritage Chicken must have the genetic ability to live a long, vigorous life and thrive in the rigors of pasture-based, outdoor production systems. Breeding hens should be productive for 5-7 years and roosters for 3-5 years.

D. **Slow growth rate**

Heritage Chicken must have a moderate to slow rate of growth, reaching appropriate market weight for the breed in no less than 16 weeks. This gives the chicken time to develop strong skeletal structure and healthy organs prior to building muscle mass.

E. **Abbreviated Definition:** A Heritage Egg can only be produced by an American Poultry Association

Standard breed. A Heritage Chicken is hatched from a heritage egg sired by an American Poultry Association Standard breed established prior to the mid-20th century, is slow growing, naturally mated with a long productive outdoor life.

2. The 4H member must own the parent birds at the time of hatching.

3. Member must hatch the birds that will be shown at fair.

4. Parent birds do not need to be shown at fair, however they do need to be documented via the display board and contain a hatching record.
5. Hatching records must include:
 - a. Date the eggs are set
 - b. Date the eggs hatch
 - c. Whether they hatched by a hen or incubator.
 - d. If by incubator must include relative information about humidity, turning etc.
 - e. How many eggs are set and how many hatch (hatch rate)
6. The display board should give the judge a good idea of your experience with this class.
7. Regardless if the birds are being entered in the market show or the breeding show, all offspring must be deemed by the judge to be market ready at fair time. The point of this class is to raise APA quality birds that can be sent to market or used as a breeder. Heritage Conservation birds that are deemed not to be market ready at the time of fair will not be eligible for the Heritage Conservation award.
8. The Heritage Conservation birds are either eligible to compete with the regular heritage market class as well as the standard market classes for Champion and Reserve Champion Market.
9. OR the birds are eligible to compete in the Breeding Class show and are eligible for all awards in that show.
10. Please note, if a heritage conservation bird is entered in the market class the bird will go to the auction along with the other market birds regardless of any other awards earned in the Heritage Conservation class.
11. You must decide at the time of registration if your Heritage Conservation Birds will be shown in the Market Class or the Breeding Class. Once registration is complete, the classes cannot be changed.

Section #1: Chicken Breeding

| | American | Asiatic | English | Mediterranean | Continental | All Other Standards |
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| Young Trio | #1 | #7 | #13 | #19 | #25 | #31 |
| Old Trio | #2 | #8 | #14 | #20 | #26 | #32 |
| Hens | #3 | #9 | #15 | #21 | #27 | #33 |
| Pullet | #4 | #10 | #16 | #22 | #28 | #34 |
| Cock | #5 | #11 | #17 | #23 | #29 | #35 |
| Cockerels | #6 | #12 | #18 | #24 | #30 | #36 |

| | Single Comb Clean Leg & Game Bantams | Rose Comb Clean Leg and All Other Comb Clean Leg Bantams | Feather Leg Bantam |
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| Young Trio | #37 | #43 | #49 |
| Old Trio | #38 | #44 | #50 |
| Hens | #39 | #45 | #51 |
| Pullet | #40 | #46 | #52 |
| Cock | #41 | #47 | #53 |
| Cockerels | #42 | #48 | #54 |

Section #2: Production Layers

CLASS #1: 3 Hens (record book judged with hens)

- a. Birds must be at least 16 weeks old at the time of show
- b. Birds will be shown as a pen of three (3) females
- c. Birds will be judged on health, vigor, uniformity in type, weight and production. A copy of egg production record is required.

Section #3: Market Class

MAXIMUM OF TWO (2) ENTRIES PER MARKET CLASS

All birds must fit the following criteria to sell:

CLASS #1: Chickens-Fryers (one pen of three) 5-8 weeks old weigh between 4-6 lbs. (Try to make sure there is no more than ½ lbs. difference in weight between your three (3) birds).

CLASS #2: Chickens- Broilers (one pen of three) 5-10 weeks old and weigh between 6 to 10 lbs. (Try to make sure there is no more than ½ lbs. difference in weight between your three (3) birds).

CLASS #3: Turkey- (1 bird) 16 to 24 weeks old and weigh 16 lbs. minimum on Toms and 14 lbs. minimum for hens with a maximum weigh of 30 lbs.

CLASS #4: Ducks- (one of two) 7 to 10 weeks old and weight between 5 to 8 lbs. each.

CLASS #5: Geese- (1 bird) 10 to 20 weeks old and weigh a minimum of 9 lbs.

Heritage Breed- Must be an APA recognized breed. Weights shall fall within 20% of the APA standard. Maximum ages:

CLASS #6: Heritage Chickens 1 year (pen of 3 must consist of all female, all male, or 1 male and 2 female)

CLASS #7: Heritage Geese 1 year

CLASS #8: Heritage Turkeys 2 years

CLASS #9: Heritage Ducks 9 months

****NOTE: Order Information to meet weight requirements by fair. Below are the dates you want to receive your birds. Place your order mid-January to ensure that your birds will be delivered at the appropriate time.**

Fryers: May 23- June 13

Broilers: May 9- June 13

Turkeys: January 31- March 28

Ducks: May 9- May 30

Geese: February 28- May 9

Each market class will have a champion and reserve champion with a grand and reserve champion being chosen from the champion and reserve champion of each class.

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Section #4: Ducks Breeding

A maximum of 6 birds (three (3) breeds) per exhibitor

CLASS #1: Pair Same Breed

CLASS #2: Duck (hen)

CLASS #3: Drake (cock)

Section #5: Geese Breeding

A maximum of 6 birds (three (3) breeds) per exhibitor

CLASS #1: Pair Same Breed

CLASS #2: Duck (hen)

CLASS #3: Drake (cock)

Section #6: Turkey's Breeding

A maximum of 4 birds (three (3) breeds) per exhibitor

CLASS #1: Pair Same Breed

- CLASS #2:** Duck (hen)
- CLASS #3:** Drake (cock)

Section #7: Showmanship

- CLASS #1:** Junior Showmanship (8-10)
- CLASS #2:** Intermediate Showmanship (11-13)
- CLASS #3:** Senior Showmanship (14-18)
- CLASS #4:** Novice Showmanship (1st year)

Section #8: Game Birds (Exotic Poultry) Breeding

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| Quail | #1 Hen | #6 Cock |
| Peacock | #2 Hen | #7 Cock |
| Guinea | #3 Hen | #8 Cock |
| Pheasant | #4 Hen | #9 Cock |
| Swan | #5 Hen | #10 Cock |

- Grand Champion Standard Poultry
- Grand Champion Bantam Poultry
- Grand Champion Large Poultry
- Grand Champion Market Bird
- Grand Champion Game Bird
- Best of Show

- Reserve Grand Champion Standard Poultry
- Reserve Grand Champion Bantam Poultry
- Reserve Grand Champion Large Poultry
- Reserve Grand Champion Market Poultry
- Reserve Grand Champion Game Poultry
- Reserve of Show