

POULTRY

PA Department of Agriculture has banned live bird shows except for Market Birds.

DEPARTMENT 8 OPEN CLASS POULTRY-EGGS

DEPARTMENT 102-4-H & FFA IMPROVISED POULTRY SHOW, POSTER & MARKET PENS

ENTRY FEE - \$3.00 per entry

Exhibitors are limited to two entries in any one class -Limit of 30 birds per exhibitor.

NO ENTRY FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT REQUIRED HEALTH CERTIFICATES

Poultry Health Forms are located under the Forms Tab online

HEALTH RULES FOR POULTRY AND BIRDS

Requirements:

1. Changes for exhibition of poultry and poultry products in 2024 if the Department has determined that there are currently no active HPAI control areas or surveillance zones in place in Pennsylvania, and at the Department's discretion:
 - (a) The 2024 *Animal Health Requirements and Recommendations for Animal Exhibition, Including Commercial Exhibition*, will reference the April 16, 2022 General Quarantine Order; Cancellation of Exhibition of Poultry and Their Hatching Eggs Due to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza or its successor Order; which may allow for limited exhibition of poultry and poultry products at venues that receive funding pursuant to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act referenced above, if the Department has determined that there are currently no active HPAI control areas or surveillance zones in place in Pennsylvania.
 - (b) If the Department has determined that there are currently no active HPAI control areas or surveillance zones in place in Pennsylvania, the exhibition of market poultry which will be moved directly to slaughter, unfertilized eggs, and ornamental feathers may be allowed, at the Department's discretion. The Department will provide notification to fair managers if any active HPAI control areas or surveillance zones are in place in Pennsylvania at the beginning of the 2024 fair season and will provide updates throughout the season as necessary. The placement of a HPAI control area or surveillance zone in Pennsylvania will result in the immediate reinstatement of the prohibition of exhibition for all poultry and all poultry products.
2. No poultry exhibitions regardless of their funding, association, or venue may occur within a 10 km control area of a premises infected with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (see Subchapter A. General Information Section, Paragraphs 2, 3, and 4). Poultry exhibitions may occur at venues or locations that are not within a current control area and do not receive funding pursuant to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act 3 P.S. § 1501 et seq. so long as the following requirements are met. Current Control area proximity may be checked at the Department's *Control Zone Address*

Checker on the PADLS website by clicking on the following link: [Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza \(arcgis.com\)](https://padeptag.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=a9066a3d68a443a08043766cb84bf4ae) or by typing directly in the search bar:

<https://padeptag.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=a9066a3d68a443a08043766cb84bf4ae>.

3. **General Requirements for Poultry and Poultry Products:** Pennsylvania Poultry and Poultry Products shall meet all applicable regulations and requirements, including those set forth in Subchapter D. (relating to Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Regulation and Quarantine Order Requirements), Section A (relating to animals for exhibition) and Section H. (relating to Poultry, Birds, Water and Game Fowl and their Hatching Eggs), and all testing and other requirements related to pullorum/typhoid.

. **Requirements for Exhibition of Unfertilized Poultry Eggs:**

- (a) Eggs shall be washed and sanitized in a 100-200 ppm chlorine solution or other disinfectant that is approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which is effective in destroying influenza virus, and dried before being placed in a carton.
- (b) Eggs shall be packaged in a new cardboard or Styrofoam carton or in a plastic carton which was cleaned, disinfected, and dried, for entry into an event.
- (c) An Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) shall accompany the eggs. If a CVI is used, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also accompany the eggs.
- (d) The eggs shall originate from a flock which had a negative AI test (see testing requirements for poultry in Subsection 7 of this Section 13 below) within **14** days prior to the opening date of the exhibition.
- (e) The eggs shall be accompanied by the most recent test report (copy acceptable).
- (f) If any eggs hatch at the exhibition, the hatchlings shall be removed immediately and returned to the farm of origin.

4. **Requirements for Exhibition of Market Poultry:**

- (a) All Pennsylvania poultry entering an exhibition must bear an official Department issued leg band. Ratites must be identified with a neck band or an electronic implant device (the exhibitor must supply a reader).
- (b) Poultry may be exhibited only if they **will be moved immediately after judging directly from the fair/show grounds to a facility for slaughter.** All poultry exhibited in Pennsylvania at Department sponsored or funded exhibitions shall move as all-in and all-out directly to a Department or USDA licensed slaughter facility following the animal exhibition and may not be diverted to premises other than a recognized slaughter establishment.
- (c) Arrival, exhibition, and departure of the poultry shall occur within a 72 hour window. The 72 hours begin when the first poultry arrive on the show grounds, whether unloaded or not, and ends when the last poultry physically leave the premises in a vehicle.
- (d) Waterfowl for exhibit shall be kept separate and apart from other poultry in a biosecure manner.

(e) *An Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) shall accompany the poultry. If a CVI is used, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also accompany the poultry.*

(f) All poultry on the show grounds shall be monitored for signs of illness, and any signs of illness shall be reported to the Department immediately (717-772-2852).

(g) All poultry on the show grounds shall be displayed behind barriers such as ropes to prevent public access to the poultry, with signage to prevent the public from crossing the barrier.

(h) Conveyances shall be cleaned and disinfected before loading to transport poultry to the show, and after returning to the premises of origin.

5. Avian Influenza Testing and Verification:

(a) All samples shall be collected by a Certified Poultry Technician or a Category II Accredited Veterinarian and shall be tested in a National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory.

(b) All poultry for exhibition shall originate from a flock in which a random, representative sample of a minimum of 30 birds, 3 weeks of age or older, were tested for avian influenza within the **14** days prior to opening date of the exhibition.

(c) For waterfowl, cloacal swab samples shall be collected for testing. Swabs from geese and ducks may not be combined in the same tube for testing.

(d) For chickens, turkeys, game birds, and ratites, blood samples (AGID testing) or tracheal or oropharyngeal swab samples (PCR testing) are acceptable samples. Samples from more than one species may not be combined in the same tube for testing.

(e) The poultry shall be accompanied by the most recent test report (copy acceptable). Test results shall be negative.

(f) If there are fewer than 30 birds in the flock, test all birds of age.

(g) Untested birds shall not be comingled with or added to the tested flock after negative samples have been collected and before the show.

(h) Sample collectors and testers must maintain records of animal identification, testing records, and any other records required by the Domestic Animal Law and any order issued by the Department for a minimum of two years and must make records available to the Department upon request.

(i) National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) protocols for sample collection, including the number of swabs/tubes of viral transport media, and testing shall be followed. All samples must be tested at a NAHLN laboratory.

DEPARTMENT 8 OPEN CLASS POULTRY-SECTION I – EGGS

- Eggs will be judged and exhibited in the Home and Dairy Department in the Family Living Building.
- Please check the animal health guidelines for the sanitation of the eggs for display.

SECTION F - Turkeys	\$7.00	\$5.50	\$4.00	\$3.00
SECTION G-PIGEONS (4H & FFA ONLY)	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
Supreme Fowl	Rosette			
Reserve Supreme Fowl	Rosette			

DEPT. 102 4-H & FFA POULTRY-SECTION F- MARKET TURKEY

Market Turkey will arrive Thursday August 22, 2024, 10 am-noon at the Poultry Building
All market poultry will be slaughtered at a USDA designated facility at the end of the fair.

Westmoreland County 4-H & FFA Market Turkey Pen Information

- The Market Turkey Project is open to any 4-H or FFA member of Westmoreland County. All Market Turkey Project exhibitors must follow all General Rules and Regulations established by the Westmoreland County Jr. Livestock Committee.
- Turkeys must be under the exhibitor's ownership by **May 1 of this year** and ownership must be verified by the club leader. Market Turkey Pen shall consist of 1 bird either a hen or tom and be identified with an official leg band.
- Recommended age for the turkey is between 16 and 22 weeks and weigh in upon arrival at the grounds August 22, 10 am-noon. Turkeys need to weigh 15-30 pounds.
- Turkeys must be blood tested a month prior to the fair and follow the health rules for poultry and follow the health guidelines set by the Westmoreland Fair and Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.
- All Market Turkey Pens meeting the guidelines will be sold through the Jr Livestock Sale. **ALL** market turkey birds will be slaughter at the conclusion of the fair. This is a terminal show as per PDA guidelines.

Class 101. Market Turkey: Tom or Hen (1 bird)1st/\$15, 2nd/\$13, 3rd/\$11, 4th/\$10

Champion Market Turkey **Rosette**

Reserve Champion Market Turkey **Rosette**

Westmoreland County 4-H & FFA Market Chicken Pen Information

- The Market Chicken and open to any 4-H or FFA member of Westmoreland County. All Market Chicken project exhibitors must follow all General Rules and Regulations established by the Westmoreland County Jr. Livestock Committee.
- All Market Chickens must be in exhibitor's ownership by July 15 and verified by the club leader. Each bird will be individually identified with official leg bands.
- All Market Chicken Pens will be weighed at the fairgrounds upon arrival Thursday August 22, 10 am-noon at designated location and time. They may not arrive before that time. Each chicken must weigh at least 5lbs. but not more than 12 lbs. A pen will consist of 3 birds. Exhibitors may only weigh 3 birds. If any one of the three are disqualified or death of one of the birds, the entire pen is disqualified. Birds omitted from the contest will be sent to the fair's designated meat processor. All birds will be slaughtered as per PDA requirements.

- **All meat pens that meet requirements will be sold through the Junior Livestock Sale.**
- If one or more chickens in a pen die before the sale the pen is automatically disqualified from the sale.
- Birds will be judged using the Broiler Score Sheet

DEPARTMENT 102- 4-H &FFA POULTRY-SECTION H -MARKET
CHICKEN PEN

*Pen Entry Fee \$3 per pen (Three birds per pen.) --- Maximum 2 pens per exhibitor
Class 1--Roaster Pen (6-12 pounds per bird) 1st/\$15, 2nd/\$13, 3rd/\$11, 4th/\$10
Class 2--Fryer Pen (3-6 pounds per bird)

DEPARTMENT 102-4-H &FFA POULTRY -SECTION I
4-H & FFA POULTRY VIRTUAL SHOWMANSHIP

THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES WILL BE OUR “IMPROVISED NO-LIVE POULTRY SHOW” IN THE EVENT THE BAN ON LIVE EXHIBITIONS IS STILL IN PLACE:

Due to the Pa Dept. of Agriculture banning all live bird exhibitions. the Westmoreland Fair will be permitting youth exhibitors to participate in an improvised “no live poultry show” in Open Class and in 4-H & FFA classes except for Market Chicken and Turkey Pens. All prospective premiums and awards will be awarded as usual.

Please use poultry entry form as usual, using appropriate department, section, and class number. Each exhibitor will be assigned a time slot to participate by the superintendent. Showmanship is required of 4-H & FFA Poultry Exhibitors.

The following is required of all Showmanship entries:

1. 4-H and FFA members must participate in the youth poultry showmanship provided fowl have been carried and shown as a project and is owned by the exhibitor. This includes the Market Pen Exhibitors.
2. A time slot will be assigned to a member to virtually participate once entries have been received and the exhibitors must have access to a smart phone or tablet.
3. The poultry showmanship contest will be judged based on the guidelines set forth by the *American Poultry Association* based on appearance of the bird, appearance/attitude of the show person, the ability of the member to show the animal and their knowledge of their bird.

CLASS . 1st/\$8, 2nd/\$6, 3rd/\$4, 4th/\$3, 5th/\$2

1. Ages 8-9 yrs
2. Ages 10-11 yrs.
3. Ages 12-14 yrs.
4. Ages 15 yrs. and over
5. Champion and Reserve Champion Showman -**Rosettes**

DEPARTMENT 102-SECTION J-4-H & FFA POULTRY POSTER

Entry is open to 4-H & FFA Members. (Use **INSIDE EXHIBIT ENTRY FORM** for poster entry)

1. To consist of a 14" X 22" poster showing one of the following: incubation, brooding, diseases, embryology or egg/chicken anatomy. Posters will be displayed in the 4-H Youth Building.
2. Entries must arrive on Thursday 4-8 PM during inside exhibit intake.

CLASS

1st/\$5, 2nd/\$4, 3rd/\$3, 4th/\$2, 5th/\$1

1. Ages 8-12 yrs.

Ages 13-18 yrs.