

DEPARTMENT 8

POULTRY - PIGEONS - EGGS

HEALTH RULES FOR POULTRY AND BIRDS

Pennsylvania Bureau of Animal Industry regulations require that fair or show secretaries submit an AAI-34 (Entry Report Form for Fair and Show Secretaries) listing all expected poultry entrants no less than ten days before the show.

Regulations also require that the Bureau of Animal Industry must be notified of planned bird shows (pigeon, canary, parakeet, etc.) at least 30 days prior to the show date. The fair secretary should submit an AAI-48 (Bird Show Notification Form) giving the date and location of the show.

- * Flock owners must endorse official certification that all poultry and birds for exhibit originate from flocks free of evidence of contagious diseases.
- ** Pennsylvania chickens must be from home flocks vaccinated for laryngotracheitis (LT) no more than 1 year, and no less than 30 days, before opening date. LT VENT BRUSH VACCINE MUST NEVER BE USED.

Use vaccine for intranasal (in) or intraocular (io) administration only.

Since all birds returned from the show are potential sources of infection to other birds, they should be isolated immediately after their return, separate and apart from all other birds. This isolation should be maintained indefinitely, if possible, or at least until it has been established that the birds are not carriers of disease-producing agents as may be determined by exposure of a few susceptible birds to direct contact with them.

NOTE: Questions on testing of poultry should be directed to Department of Agriculture, Poultry Health Division, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Entries will be accepted until such time as the caging capacity is reached.
2. Only properly entered specimens and specimens listed under the conditions of the fair's premium book will be accepted.
3. Efforts will be made to cage singly. Right is reserved to place in one cage more than one bird of the same variety if owned by the same exhibitor.
4. The "American Standard of Perfection" of the American Poultry Association, and the "Bantam Standard" of the American Bantam Association will govern poultry judging.
5. A bird can compete for only one prize, except as provided for in special awards.
6. A judge shall not officiate in a class where he has an entry. Collusion between a judge and exhibitor will exclude from competition and awards all entries of the offending exhibitor. Exhibitor's protest relative to such exclusion must be in writing.
7. Birds will be fed, watered, and cared for by competent employees who will be on duty twenty-four hours a day. It is suggested owners check birds daily.
8. Entered specimens must be bona fide property of exhibitor, and have been hatched in Pennsylvania. All poultry must be separately caged and clearly marked as to sex and class.
9. During the continuance of the show, all birds will be examined carefully each day. Birds showing signs of disease will be segregated and properly cared for or returned to the owner at his expense.
10. Substitutions will be permitted before closing date of the entries. No substitutions will be permitted after closing date of entries unless of the same breed, variety, and sex.
11. Birds will be handled only by the judge or authorized fair official.
12. Premiums will be awarded only on animals or birds exhibited in their proper classes.
13. In the absence of a protest, which must be in writing, the decision of the judges will be final.
14. Premiums will be paid only on awards indicated by the judges' records.
15. Entries will be accepted and premiums paid only on breeds, varieties, and colors listed under the conditions noted in the fair's premium book.
16. The management reserves the right to reduce the number of entries from one party if the caging facilities are exhausted.
17. Many fairs are paying showmen to bring showbirds into their fairs. The Fair Program recognizes this as a nice place to see these birds; however, we reimburse only an open competition.
18. Entries may be made in all classes if they are listed in the official standards for chickens and bantams, even though they may not be included in the following:

GENERAL CLASSIFICATIONS

Premiums are as follows and apply to the respective classifications hereafter listed:

Bantams - cock, hen, cockerel, and pullet
Chicken - cock, hen, cockerel, and pullet
Ducks - old drake, old duck, young drake and young duck
Geese - old gander, old goose, young gander, and young goose
Guineas -
Pea Fowl - pair
Pheasants - pair
Turkeys - old tom, old hen, young tom, young hen
Baby Chicks and Poults

** Example only for prize money*

Bantams	*\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1
Chickens and Guineas	*\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2
Ducks	*\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2
Geese	*\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2
Pea Fowl and Pheasants	*\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1
Turkeys	*\$7	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Baby Chicks and Poults					

DIVISION A - BANTAMS

DIVISION B - CHICKENS

DIVISION C - DUCKS

DIVISION D - GEESE

DIVISION E - GUINEAS

DIVISION F - PEA FOWL

DIVISION G - PHEASANTS

DIVISION H - TURKEYS

Breeds recognized by the American Bantam Association and the American Poultry Association will be eligible for entry in the above divisions.

DIVISION I - BABY CHICKS AND POULTS

Any Breed or Color

1. Open to pullorum clean chicks and poults from Pennsylvania producers. Varieties and crosses should be properly identified for appropriate consideration when judged.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. An entry shall consist of 25 chicks. No extra chicks will be allowed in the exhibit. Turkey poults can be entered in the miscellaneous sub-classes. An entry shall consist of 25 poults.
2. Open to Pennsylvania producers of baby chicks. An exhibitor can show one to four entries in the various sub-classes.
3. Chicks should be about 24 hours old and should not be fed or watered before being judged. Judges have the right to open for examination any entry showing evidence of having been fed. If examination shows evidence of feeding, the entry will be eliminated from competition.
4. Chicks shall not be sexed. Where sexes can be determined by color or other characteristics, approximately 50 percent shall be of each sex color except in cross-breeds, hybrids, incross-breeds, etc.
5. Chicks and poults are to be judged on basis of weight, brightness and color of eyes, navel conditions (clear), color of shanks (yellow), and color of beak.

NOTE: If there is not more than one exhibitor or more than three entries in one sub-class, those entries shall be entered in Subclass 1, Miscellaneous, of the respective class.

NOTE: Any commercial breed of poultry as listed in this book is reimbursable for premiums.

DIVISION J - EGGS

1. An exhibitor may make entries in only one of the following cases:
1 - Farmers 2 - Carton
2. Exhibits scoring 95 points or more according to the official scoreboard will be awarded a purple ribbon as a "Superior Quality Award." Only one ribbon will be awarded per exhibitor. The judges have the right to break two eggs for examination.

SCORING

Exterior Quality:	
Size (Total Weight)	16 points
Uniformity of Color	12 points
Uniformity of Shape	12 points
Shell Texture	12 points
Condition	12 points
Interior Quality	36 points

Total: 100 points

SIZE:

Total weight of exhibit) A perfect score will be given to the dozen of eggs weighing between 24 and 27 ounces. If the average weight is within one ounce either above 27 ounces or below 24 ounces, cut 8 points. If more than one ounce either above or below, cut 16 points.

UNIFORMITY OF COLOR:

All eggs in the entry should be the same shade of color. If white, all eggs should be chalk white, and free from creamy or tinted coloring. If brown, all eggs should be uniformly the same shade of color. A cut of 1/4 to 1/2 point per egg may be made according to the actual shade of each egg, and how well it conforms to uniformity of shade with the other eggs in the dozen.

UNIFORMITY OF SHAPE:

Each egg to conform as nearly as possible in shape. Extremes should be avoided. Cut 1/4 to 1/2 point for each egg in shape or ridged.

SHELL TEXTURE:

The shell should be strong and of uniform thickness. Cut 1/4 to 1/2 point per egg for shells that are rough, ridged, or wrinkled and for shells that are porous, mottled, or blind check. Cut one point for each egg that is cracked or a leaker.

CONDITION:

The eggs should be clean and carry a natural bloom. Cut 1/2 to 1 point for each dirty or stained egg, or egg with shiny or glassy surface.

INTERIOR QUALITY	PERFECT SCORE PER EGG	CUT PER EGG
Grade AA	3	
Grade A		0
Grade B including double yolked eggs		3/4
C Quality		1-1/2
Inedible eggs-including large blood or meat spots		Disqualify Entry

Disqualifications

Any of the following defects disqualified the entry:

- a. Total weight less than 20 ounces or more than 27 ounces per dozen.
- b. Eggs showing signs of incubation or germ development.
- c. Inedible eggs.

Farmers

1. Open to egg producers having less than 3,000 laying birds.

Class

- 1 One dozen brown eggs
- 2 One dozen white eggs

Cartons

1. Open to all egg producers. Consists of one dozen eggs in a standard carton packed by the egg producer.

Class

- 1 One dozen brown eggs
- 2 One dozen white eggs

NOTE: Guinea, chicken, duck, turkey, and bantam eggs--same premiums per dozen as above.

DIVISION K - PIGEONS

1. No specimen is to be handled by anyone except the owner, the judges, or members of the fair management unless permission is granted by the owner.
2. Young specimens shall not be considered eligible for competition unless they have reached two-thirds development.
3. A pair must consist of cock and hen for first prize money.
4. Exhibitors' names and markings shall not be placed on the display cages prior to judging. After awards are made, advertising suitable to the management may be placed on cages.
5. It is very important that each bird is banded with some type of band. Any bird not showing some type of band will not be judged, and will automatically be ineligible for any award.
6. All young birds must be banded with a seamless recognized band of the current year.

SPECIAL NOTICE: When caging in your birds, be sure to MARK BAND NUMBERS ON CAGE TAG FOR EACH BIRD.

7. Any contingency that may arise and is not covered by these rules will be adjusted by the Superintendent whose action will be final.

Class

- 1 Pair--cock and hen
- 2 Best bird, each color, old and young

A - Birmingham Roller
B - Carneau
C - Flying Homers
D - Homer
E - Hungarian
F - King
G - Modenas
H - Mondaines
J - Pouter
K - Runt (Giant)
L - Tumbler
M - Other