

DIVISION G - POULTRY

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The fitting and preparation of all animals for exhibit is the responsibility of the Exhibitor. Exhibitors may receive guidance only from immediate family members, Maryland 4-H/FFA Members and appointed UME Volunteers/FFA Advisors.

Division Rules & Regulations:

1. Exhibitors and their exhibits must comply with the "General State Fair Rules & Regulations", "General 4-H and FFA Rules & Regulations", "Animal Rules & Regulations", the "Maryland 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics", the "Health Regulations for Livestock Exhibited in Maryland", these "Division Rules & Regulations" and the applicable "Section Rules & Regulations".

Pre-entry is required. **YOU MUST USE THE INTERNET ENTRY SYSTEM FOUND AT www.marylandstatefair.com** Internet entries are due July 31st. Exhibitors without internet access should contact their County Extension Educator for assistance. All release forms are to be completed via the online entry system at time of registration. Reminder you must have completed your Quality Assurance to be able to exhibit your animals. Check with your county to make sure you are up to date with this requirement.

Eggs will be received in 4-H/FFA Home Arts Building from 2pm – 8pm, Wednesday, August 23. All other Poultry exhibits will be received in the South West Corner - Cow Palace on Thursday, August 24, 2017 from 3 pm until 8 pm. The 4-H Poultry show will begin at 10 am on Friday, August 25, 2017. Exhibits will be released at the end of the show. Please refer to the Schedule of Events for more information.

- a. Substitutions will be allowed for same breed, variety, sex and age when birds are received.
 - b. Exhibitors are responsible for obtaining a "Classes of Poultry" List from their 4-H Extension Educator to assist in properly filling out the entry form. The Maryland Extension Publication 400, also available from a 4-H Extension Educator, lists the addresses for the American Poultry Association (APA) and American Bantam Association (ABA) to obtain their "Standards of Perfection".
 - c. Exhibitors are limited to entering a total of 15 birds in this division. Exhibitors may enter more than 1 bird per class. Each bird must be entered on a separate line on the entry form. Remember health papers must be presented at entry.
 - d. Crossbred large fowl should be entered under the heavyweight or lightweight egg production classifications only.
 - e. Any bird showing signs of disease will be refused entry. The decision of the Superintendent and/or a MD Department of Agriculture Veterinarian is final.
3. **Ownership:** All birds must have been owned by the Exhibitor and kept on the Exhibitor's premises on or before June 1 of the current year.
 4. **Judging:**
 - a. Market Poultry and Egg Production Fowl will be judged according to the criteria in the National 4-H Poultry & Egg Judging Manual.
 - b. Purebred Large Fowl will be judged by the APA's "Standards of Perfection".
 - c. Bantam Purebreds will be judged by the ABA's "Standards of Perfection".
 5. Birth dates of birds are as follows:
 - a. Cocks/Hens and Old Drakes/Ducks must be hatched prior Jan 1 of the current year.
 - b. Cockerels/Pullets and Young Drakes/Ducks must be hatched after Jan 1 of the current year.
 6. **All cages must be cleaned by Exhibitor and shown to the Superintendent prior to release. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of premiums.**
 7. Only birds entered in the show may be brought onto the fairgrounds. **The selling of birds on the fairgrounds is NOT PERMITTED.**
 8. **Awards:** Rosettes will be awarded for Section Champions in which a minimum of 25 birds must be shown. Trophies will be awarded to the Champion and Reserve Champion in the following: Market Type, Egg Production, Large Purebred, Bantam and Bantam Duck.

MARKET POULTRY (Section 1)

Section Rules & Regulations:

1. The Champion Market Poultry MUST be sold at the Livestock Sale. Reserve Champion Market Poultry will be eligible to be sold in the Livestock Sale. An exhibitor may not sell both Champion and Reserve Champion Market Poultry in the same year. Refer to State Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale rules for additional information.

CLASSES

- G1 Market Bird Broilers - Pen of 2 male birds (each less than 7 weeks old – Born on or after July 12, 2017)
G2 Market Bird Roasters - 1 cockerel 7-10lbs (10-16 weeks old – Born between May 10 - June 21, 2017)
G3 Market Bird Capons (1 bird)

BREED POULTRY/EGG PRODUCTION (Section 2-495)

ALL MEAT TYPE, EGG PRODUCTION AND ALL BREEDS AND VARIETIES OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN POULTRY ASSOCIATION, INC., WILL SHOW IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

- G4 Cock
G5 Hen
G6 Cockerel
G7 Pullet

EGGS (Section 600)

Section Rules & Regulations:

1. All eggs must be exhibited in egg cartons. Exhibitors may enter 1 entry per class.
2. Eggs must be checked in on Wednesday, August 23, 2:00pm – 8:00pm

CLASSES

Junior	Inter.	Senior	Class Description	Junior	Inter.	Senior	Class Description
G1118	G2118	G3118	One doz. – white, extra large, in carton	G1122	G2122	G3122	One doz. – brown – large – in carton
G1119	G2119	G3119	One doz. – white, large, in carton	G1123	G2123	G3123	One doz. - brown - med. - in carton
G1120	G2120	G3120	One doz. – white, med., in carton	G1124	G2124	G3124	One doz. – colored, in carton
G1121	G2121	G3121	One doz. – brown, extra large, in carton	G1125	G2125	G3125	One doz. – pastels, in carton

Rosettes and Trophies will be awarded as follows:

G201 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Champion Market Type- Rosette & Trophy
 G202 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Res Champ Market Type – Rosette & Trophy
 G203 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Champion Egg Production - Rosette & Trophy
 G204 Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Res Champ Egg Production - Rosette & Trophy
 G205 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Champ Large Purebred - Rosette & Trophy
 G206 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Res Champ Large Purebred – Rosette/ Trophy
 G207 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Champ Bantam - Rosette & Trophy
 G208 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Res Champ Bantam - Rosette & Trophy
 G209 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Champion Bantam Duck- Rosette & Trophy
 G210 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Res Champ Bantam Duck - Rosette & Trophy

G211 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Champion Standard Duck- Rosette & Trophy
 G212 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Res Champ Standard Duck - Rosette & Trophy
 G213 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Champion Guinea- Rosette & Trophy
 G214 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Res Champ Guinea - Rosette & Trophy
 G215 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Champion Market Bird - Rosette & Trophy
 G216 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Res Champ Market Bird - Rosette & Trophy
 G1126 Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Champion & Reserve Champion Jr. Eggs – Rosette
 G2126 Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Champion & Reserve Champion Int. Eggs – Rosette
 G3126 Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Champion & Reserve Champion Sr. Eggs – Rosette

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS (Section 950)

Section Rules & Regulations

- 4-H'ers are invited to plan an educational exhibit to be on display during the State Fair in the 4-H/Home Arts Building. 4-H'ers will bring their exhibits to the show ring in the SW Corner of the Cow Palace on Friday, August 25, 2017 from 8am to 10am . Following the show the exhibits will be moved to the 4-H/Home Arts Building where they will be displayed for the remainder of the fair. Exhibits can be picked up from 8pm to 10pm on Monday, September 4th or from 9am to 7pm on Tuesday, September 5th. The exhibit may be an informational poster or other educational display. Youth and adults working together is encouraged. Contact the Superintendent for more info. Each Exhibitor may enter 2 exhibits.
- 4-H Members carrying a Poultry, Rabbit or Cavy project in the current year are eligible to participate. A \$5 Participation Premium will be paid.

CLASS

G100 Poultry Educational Exhibit

PREMIUM SCHEDULE	Classes	1st Place	2nd – 20th Place
	All Poultry Classes except G100 & G200	\$6	\$4
	Egg Classes	\$7	\$5
	G100 Educational Exhibit	\$5 participation	
	Note: Premiums will not be paid on the following classes: Cross Breed.		