

2023-2024 CITRUS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

Youth **Terminal** Pen of Meat Poultry Show Rules & Regulations

1. (A) All Exhibitors must be 8 years of age as of September 1, 2023 to show a Pen of Meat Poultry. Exhibitor must register their animal with the Citrus County Fair Association. All exhibitors must be a Citrus County 4-H or FFA member for the duration of their project. The 4-H Club or FFA Chapter must be recognized by the 4-H office or School to register to show a sale animal.

(B) Entry form and Entry fee of \$30.00 non-refundable must be in the fair office on or before 5:00 pm Friday, December 15, 2023. Your Entry Fee will cover your 6 one day old chicks. No post marked or metered mail will be accepted after this date.

(C) **MANDATORY TO ATTEND ONE EDUCATIONAL MEETING.** The Livestock Committee will present at least two educational meetings during the project period (August through February). REFER TO THE IMPORTANT DATES AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING INFO SHEET. The Exhibitor and a Parent or Legal Guardian WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TOGETHER, at least ONE of these to SHOW and SELL. Exhibitor and Parent or Legal Guardian, must STAY for the meeting AND sign in and sign out to receive credit for attending. If you and your parent or legal guardians are unable to attend one of these meetings, the intended exhibitor should not register an animal to show and sell.
2. The Grand Champion and the Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Meat Poultry, **(3 to a pen)** will be auctioned off. **This is for 4-H & FFA members only.** This is a project for you to raise and sell at the Fair. The Fair will distribute the birds entered in this class. Exhibitors who intend to enter this class must enclose payment for the birds by the registration deadline. **The cost per 6 chicks will be \$30.00 non-refundable.** If paying by check, make check payable to the Citrus County Fair Association or (CCFA).
3. Exhibitors who enter and enclose payment will receive (6) one day old, straight run chicks that the exhibitor is to raise. Exhibitors who order pen of meat chicks will be notified of the date for distribution. Exhibitor must take possession of the chicks by end of business day on date chicks arrive or entry will be eliminated and the money forfeited. At Fair time, the exhibitor is to select the best three (3) birds for exhibition.
4. NO SICK OR DISEASED ANIMALS WILL BE ALLOWED. They will be inspected.
5. This project begins on the registration deadline for Poultry. Preparing for the arrival of chicks is an important part of this project. The project will end on Poultry check-in day. Exhibitor is responsible for submitting a completed record book before Poultry can be checked-in at the Poultry barn.
6. Two separate Buyer Letters (One to a Previous Buyer and One to a New Buyer, Addressed, Stamped, and unsealed with your name and your return address) will be required for sale animal exhibitors, and must be turned in to the Fair Office. Buyer Letter deadline is on the Important Dates and Educational Meeting Info sheet. Only two (2) letters will be accepted at the Fair Office; however, you are encouraged to send out more on your own. All exhibitors must use the current list of previous buyers posted online at citruscountyfair.com you can pick up a list from the Fair office.
7. (A) Refer to the Daily Barn Schedule for the date your animals should be delivered to the Fairgrounds for check-in. Your Poultry **Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting** will be held after check-in is completed. It's the Exhibitor's responsibility to check the Fair's website for updated information. All exhibitors must bring in a labeled waterproof container with enough food to feed their animal for the duration of the fair. **All Livestock exhibitors will be admitted Free during their program through the Livestock Gate. ALL OTHERS MUST PAY GATE PRICE OR SHOW A FAIR MEMBERSHIP CARD. THE MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE IS ON THE IMPORTANT DATES AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING INFO SHEET.**

(B) Pen of Meat Poultry will be accepted at Poultry Check-in with a minimum weight of 4 pounds per bird for 2023 – 2024 Fair. Poultry will be weighed by the livestock committee.

8. Poultry Superintendent may ask the Exhibitor to be present for showing during the showing of the poultry. This will be announced at the Exhibitor Meeting on the day of entry to the Fair.
9. Exhibitors and their parent or guardian will be required to sign a drug certificate which must be turned in at the exhibitors meeting. Their animal must not have been given any medications that are not past the proper withdrawal period of time. Limitation of entries may be enforced by the show superintendent due to limited space.
10. Thank you letters for Buyers, Add-Ons, Skill-a-thon and all Awards must be in the Fair Office before a check will be issued to the Exhibitor. Bring your letters to the Fair Office; deadline is on the Important Dates and Educational Meeting Info sheet. **(No Letters will be taken at Barn Clean-up).** Letters must be stamped, addressed and **unsealed with your name and your return address on the envelope.** All money will be withheld until letters are written. **Should deadline be missed there will be a \$150.00 fine or forfeit your premium monies and Exhibitor will become ineligible to Show/Sale for the following Fair year.** Sponsor address label is on the bottom of all awards and a list of Sponsors Info with addresses is on file in the Fair Office.
11. Silent Auction Pen of Meat Poultry may remain until close of fair; OR THEY MAY BE EXCUSED WITH APPROVAL OF POULTRY SUPERINTENDENT. All Pen of Meat Poultry are sold alive, and it is the responsibility of the exhibitor or buyer to arrange processing. All other Pen of Meat Poultry that are not going up for Silent Auction will be released on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 between 10:00 PM and 11:00 PM. There will be no Thursday pick up. Other arrangements must be made in advance and approved by the show superintendent.
12. **AWARDS & PREMIUMS: RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED 1st - 6th 1st \$10, 2nd \$5.00, 3rd \$4.00, 4th \$3.00, 5th \$2.00, 6th \$1.00**

AWARDS:

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.

13. All exhibitors are encouraged to participate in the optional Poultry Skill-a-thon during Fair Week. The age of skill-a-thon and record books will be determined by the Exhibitor's age, prior to September 1, 2023.
14. Mandatory to attend Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-Up - **REFER TO THE IMPORTANT DATES AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING INFO SHEET. Exhibitor must sign in and sign out to receive credit for attending.** Anyone unable to attend must contact the Livestock Committee Chairman, in writing, prior to Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-up. Failure to attend and participate in Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-up will result in a \$150.00 fine or forfeit their premium monies, to be put into the Dr. Dumas Scholarship fund. If you do not attend Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-up you will not be allowed to Show or Sale in the Pen of Meat Poultry Show the following year.
15. **This is a Terminal Show. No Market Animal may be shown in ANY SHOW after it has been sold in the live auction at the Citrus County Fair. Any exhibitor doing so will become ineligible to participate in the Citrus County Fair next year. If the exhibitor is a graduating senior, a 25% assessment of the sale price will be charged.**
16. Failure to comply with any of the above rules and regulations will subject the exhibitor to disqualification and removal from the project or Fairgrounds.

EXHIBITOR: FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BE SURE TO READ THE LIVESTOCK ADDENDUM, IAFE AND NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS, GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS AND LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE AS THEY PERTAIN TO ALL LIVESTOCK SHOWS.