



POULTRY SHOW TIME

Exhibit Entry Time:

Tuesday, July 21 – 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Poultry Weigh-In:

Tuesday, July 21 – 3:00 p.m.

Poultry Show:

Wednesday, July 22 – 10:00 a.m.

Poultry Showmanship:

Immediately following judging

Superintendent - Geni Yeater

4-H/FFA CLASSES COMBINED



FAIR EXHIBIT ENTRY:

1. All entries made in this department are subject to the Arapahoe County Fair General Rules and Livestock Rules. Please carefully read all rules.
2. Exhibit entry is required for all 4-H/FFA Animal exhibits by entry deadline, Monday, June 15, 2026.
3. Late entries will be accepted up until Monday, June 22, 2026 with a late fee of \$25.00 per exhibitor. Late fees can be paid by mailing a check to:
Arapahoe County Extension Office
Attn: Fair Entry
6934 S Lima St, Suite B
Centennial, CO 80112
4. After Sunday, June 22, 2025, absolutely no entries will be accepted.
5. Entry will be done online at [Arapahoecounty.fairentry.com](https://www.arapahoecountyfair.com/entry)



PROJECT EXHIBIT RULES:

1. Poultry numbered leg bands are optional except for each market poultry pen. All declared market poultry for sale at the auction will be banded with an ACF band by the Poultry Superintendents.
2. Exhibitors are limited to:
 - A MAXIMUM of 15 show bird entries for the entire Poultry department, this includes the bird shown in showmanship. The showmanship bird is also judged in a show bird or market bird class.
 - Market Poultry is not included in the show bird count. Market Poultry is limited to two entries per class. See Market Poultry section.
3. Ownership of poultry must be in the name of the exhibitor by May 1, 2026, except for poultry entered in the market poultry classes. Exhibitors must own market birds within 15 days of hatching for chickens, ducks and other fowl and within 30 days of hatching for turkeys.
4. Drenching Poultry for any reason is prohibited unless prescribed and performed by a licensed veterinarian. If a bird is sick, it will not be allowed to be shown and will be removed from the Fairgrounds.
5. Poultry age classifications are as follows:
 - Cockerel or pullet: Under one year
 - Cock or hen: over one year
 - Young trio (one cockerel and two pullets): Under One year
 - Old trio (one cock and two hens): Over one year
6. Exhibitors are required to clean cages and under cages twice a day during the Fair and when exhibits are released at the end of the Fair. That includes the breakdown and cleaning of cages at the end of the Fair. 4-H/FFA members may clean cages at the outdoor wash racks.
7. Failure to water and care for poultry during the show and the Fair by the 4-H/FFA member will be cause for forfeiture of all prizes.
8. Poultry exhibitors must present their Record book covers (Front Page) to the Superintendents on Sunday, July 26 to be signed after the Superintendents have checked you out of your cage and granted your release. See 4-H Livestock And Small Animal Rules for Contest Rules for complete e-record book instructions.

**POULTRY SHOW RULES:**

1. Fair entry time for poultry is 7:00 – 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 21. Late exhibit arrivals are subject to a \$25 late fee at the discretion of the superintendents.
2. Market poultry will be weighed at 3:00 pm., on Tuesday, July 21.
3. All poultry must remain at the Fairgrounds until all other livestock is released on Sunday, July 26 at 5:00 p.m.
4. Exhibitors must furnish their own shavings for cage bedding.
5. All birds will be inspected upon arrival at check-in day. Sick birds or parasite infested birds will be disqualified at the discretion of the Superintendent and/or the veterinarian. All sick birds will be removed from the show immediately.
6. PLEASE DUST YOUR BIRDS FOR LICE PRIOR TO FAIR. To avoid parasites such as lice or mites, every bird should be bathed at home and dusted with lice powder according to product labeling prior to hauling birds to the Fair. Liquid carbaryl should be used as a dip to treat legs for mites. Medication withdrawal periods for market poultry pens must be strictly observed.

**JUDGING:**

1. The Superintendents of the poultry show reserve the right to add, change or delete classes of poultry based on numbers and breeds entered.
2. If there are five or more birds in the same breed, they may be judged as a separate group at the discretion of the judge.
3. Open judging is practiced at the Arapahoe County Fair 4-H/FFA Poultry Show, meaning exhibitors and spectators are welcome to attend the judging session. However, no one may interfere with procedures or handle birds in any cage during the judging process unless directed to do so by the judge or superintendents.
4. Birds entered as singles will not be allowed to compete in trio or pair classes.
5. Pairs or trios may not be split to be judged as singles. The market poultry (pen of three) may not be split for individual entries.
6. The Grand Champion exhibit will be determined from the champions of each category. The judge will consider these entries on their quality and conformity to breed standards. The decision of the judge is final.
7. The Reserve Champion in the same class as the Grand Champion may be brought into the competition for Reserve Grand Champion at the discretion of the judge.

**AWARDS:**

1. When a class contains only one entry, the judge will award prizes based on the merit of an individual bird. Not every bird qualifies for a blue ribbon.
2. Birds with substantial defects may be disqualified or given reduced placings at the discretion of the judge.
3. A special premium will be given to the best conditioned bird.
4. Poultry premiums will be awarded as follows:

• 1st	\$5.00	Blue
• 2nd	\$4.00	Red
• 3rd	\$3.00	White
• 4th		Pink



DIVISION: POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP (REQUIRED)

- CLASS 719: Senior (ages 14-18)
CLASS 720: Intermediate (ages 11-13)
CLASS 721: Junior (ages 8-10)



1. Poultry Showmanship is mandatory for all 4-H/FFA members showing Poultry at the Arapahoe County Fair.
2. The purpose of 4-H/FFA Poultry showmanship is to teach members courtesy, good grooming, poise, confidence and a better knowledge of poultry and how to fit and handle their birds. The classes will be judged by a personal interview.
3. All 4-H/FFA poultry exhibitors are required to enter showmanship on their Fair entry form. Poultry Showmanship will be held in the east wing show arena.
4. Each exhibitor will select and show one of their own birds, which will also be judged in a poultry class. The judge may ask each exhibitor to show one or more birds owned by other exhibitors as assigned by the judge.
5. The judge will evaluate showmanship based on the following:
 - Appearance and condition of bird
 - Showing of bird
 - Appearance, courtesy, and knowledge of exhibitor
6. The Poultry showmanship contest will be divided into three divisions:
 - Junior division Ages 8-10, as of Dec. 31, 2025
 - Intermediate division Ages 11-13, as of Dec. 31, 2025
 - Senior division Ages 14-18, as of Dec. 31, 2025
7. Show attire must include a western/dress shirt, pants, and closed-toed shoes. Hats of any type may not be worn.
8. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion winners of junior, intermediate, and senior showmanship are eligible for the Round Robin Showmanship contest to be held on Saturday, July 25, at 8:00 a.m. See 4-H Livestock And Small Animal Rules for Contest Rules

**DIVISION – MARKET POULTRY**

CLASS 722: Market Chickens Trio

CLASS 723: Market Ducks Pair

CLASS 724: Market Goose Pair

CLASS 725: Market Turkey Pair

(Final classes/Lots assigned at weigh-in)



1. An exhibitor may enter two market poultry pens per each Market Poultry class.
2. All market poultry will be judged on market condition and quality the day of the show.
3. To sell a Poultry meat pen, it must be determined by the judge that the birds are ready for market on the day of the show. Birds not in market condition (based on age or other quality standards) will not be eligible to sell at the Auction.
4. Final Market Classes will be determined at weigh-in.
5. Exhibitor may bring 1 extra bird per pen entry as an alternate to complete the Market pen. The alternate bird will be vet checked and the extra bird must be taken home by the end of Load-In Day.
6. Each bird in the Market Pen must have a numbered leg band. Alternatively, color coded leg bands can be used to identify each bird separately.
7. Market Chickens: The ideal pen will be the same breed or variety, and the same sex. They may be purebred or crossbred chickens. Mixed pens are not eligible to sell; they must either be a pen of Broilers or Roasters.
 - Market Broiler Pen (3) Chickens: Each bird must weigh between 4.5 lbs. up to 6.5 lbs. Ideal weight is 6 lbs. per bird live weight at weigh-in. They cannot be over 8 weeks of age, making their hatch date on or after May 28, 2026.
 - Market Roaster Pen (3) Chickens: Each bird must weigh over 6.5 lbs. Ideal weight is 8 lbs. per bird live weight at weigh-in. They cannot be over 20 weeks of age, making their hatch date on or after March 5, 2026.
8. Market Turkeys: One (1) pen will consist of 2 birds (pair). They may be of any breed, variety, or hybrid. They must be a minimum weight of 13 lbs. per bird live weight at weigh-in and a maximum weight of 35 lbs. each. They must be a minimum of 16 weeks of age and no more than 20 weeks, making their hatch date between March 5, 2026 to April 2, 2026.
 - Turkeys over 35 lbs. each are ineligible to show in Market Division. Any turkey weighing over 35 lbs. upon weigh-in may be entered into the Show/Breed Division 77P and the corresponding class for that breed.
9. Market Ducks: One (1) pen will consist of 2 birds (pair). They may be of any breed, variety, or hybrid. They must be a minimum weight of 8 lbs. per bird live weight at weigh-in and a maximum weight of 12 lbs. each. They must be a minimum of 7 weeks of age, and a maximum of 10 weeks of age. Making their hatch date between May 14, 2026 to June 4, 2026.
10. Market Geese: One (1) pen will consist of 2 birds (pair). They may be of any breed, variety, or hybrid. They must be a minimum weight of 10 lbs. per bird live weight at weigh-in and a maximum of 20 lbs. each. They must be a minimum of 9 weeks of age, and a maximum of 20 weeks of age. Making their hatch date between March 5, 2026 and May 21, 2026.
11. Market poultry will be weighed Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.
12. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market poultry pens must be sold at the Arapahoe County Youth Livestock Auction, 5:00 p.m., Saturday, July 25, 2026.
13. After all market animals are sold at the auction, they must be given food and water to last them through the night. Birds must also remain in cages until auction load out is complete.



DIVISION - LARGE CHICKENS

AMERICAN CHICKENS

- CLASS 740: pullet
- CLASS 741: hen
- CLASS 742: cockerel
- CLASS 743: cock
- CLASS 744: young trio
- CLASS 745: old trio

ASIATIC CHICKENS

- CLASS 746: pullet
- CLASS 747: hen
- CLASS 748: cockerel
- CLASS 749: cock
- CLASS 750: young trio
- CLASS 751: old trio

ENGLISH CHICKENS

- CLASS 752: pullet
- CLASS 753: hen
- CLASS 754: cockerel
- CLASS 755: cock
- CLASS 756: young trio
- CLASS 757: old trio

MEDITERRANEAN CHICKENS

- CLASS 758: pullet
- CLASS 759: hen
- CLASS 760: cockerel
- CLASS 761: cock
- CLASS 762: young trio
- CLASS 763: old trio

CONTINENTAL CHICKENS

- CLASS 764: pullet
- CLASS 765: hen
- CLASS 766: cockerel
- CLASS 767: cock
- CLASS 768: young trio
- CLASS 769: old trio

ALL OTHER CHICKEN STANDARD BREEDS

- CLASS 770: pullet
- CLASS 771: hen
- CLASS 772: cockerel
- CLASS 773: cock
- CLASS 774: young trio
- CLASS 775: old trio



Chickens will be shown by the following standard categories:

- 77C - American Division – Plymouth Rock, Wyandottes, Javas, Rhode Island Red, Dominiques, Buckeye, Chantecler, Rhode Island White, Jersey Giant, Lamona, New Hampshire, Holland, Delaware
- 77D - Asiatic Division – Brahma, Cochin, Langshan
- 77E - English Division – Dorking, RedCap, Cornish, Orpington, Sussex, Australorp
- 77F - Mediterranean Division – Leghorn, Minorca, Spanish, Andalusian, Ancona, Sicilian Buttercup, Catalana
- 77G - Continental Division – Hamburg, Campine, Lakenvelder, Polish, Houdan, Faverolle, Crevecoeur, La Fleche, Maran, Barnevelder, Welsummer
- 77H - All Other Standard Breeds Division – Games, Modern-Old English, Malay, Sumatra, Aseel, Shamo, Yokohama, Phoenix, Cubalaya, Sultan, Frizzle, Naked Neck (Turken), Araucana, Ameraucana, Oriental

Classes will be divided as follows. Please specify breed, variety, etc. for each class when entering poultry on the Fair Entry website.



DIVISION - BANTAM CHICKENS

GAME BANTAMS

CLASS 784: pullet
CLASS 785: hen
CLASS 786: cockerel
CLASS 787: cock
CLASS 788: young trio
CLASS 789: old trio

SINGLE COMB, CLEAN LEGGED BANTAM

CLASS 790: pullet
CLASS 791: hen
CLASS 792: cockerel
CLASS 793: cock
CLASS 794: young trio
CLASS 795: old trio

ROSE COMB, CLEAN LEGGED BANTAM

CLASS 796: pullet
CLASS 797: hen
CLASS 798: cockerel
CLASS 799: cock
CLASS 800: young trio
CLASS 801: old trio

OTHER COMB, CLEAN LEGGED BANTAM

CLASS 802: pullet
CLASS 803: hen
CLASS 804: cockerel
CLASS 805: cock
CLASS 806: young trio
CLASS 807: old trio

FEATHER LEGGED BANTAM

CLASS 808: pullet
CLASS 809: hen
CLASS 810: cockerel
CLASS 811: cock
CLASS 812: young trio
CLASS 813: old trio



Bantams will be shown by the following standard categories:

- 77K - Game Bantams - Modern, Old English, American
- 77L - Single Comb, Clean Legged – Anconas, Andalusians, Australorps, Campines, Catalanas, Delawares, Dorkings, Frizzles, Hollands, Japanese, Javas, Jersey Giants, Lakenvelders, Lamonas, Leghorns, Minorcas, Naked Necks, New Hampshires, Orpingtons, Phoenix, Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, Rhode Island Whites, Spanish, Sussex, Dutch, Nankin, Serama
- 77M - Rose Comb, Clean Legged – Anconas, Belgian Bearded d’Anvers, Dominiques, Dorkings, Leghorns, Hamburgs, Minonca, Redcaps, Rosecombs, Sebrights, Wyandottes
- 77N - All Other Combs, Clean Legged – Ameraucana, Araucanas, Buckeyes, Chanteclers, Cornish, Crevecoeurs, Cubulayas, Houdans, La Fleche, Malays, Polish, Shamos, Sicilian Buttercups, Sumatras, Yokohamas, Ko Shamo
- 77O - All Other Combs, Feather Legged – Booted, Brahamas, Cochins, Faverolles, Frizzles, Langshans, Sultans, Silkies, Belgian Bearded d’Uccles

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**DIVISION - PRODUCTION
WHITE EGG**

CLASS 776: pullet
CLASS 777: hen



**DIVISION - PRODUCTION
BROWN/COLORED EGG**

CLASS 780: pullet
CLASS 781: hen



DIVISION - BREEDING TURKEYS

CLASS 814: young tom
CLASS 815: young hen
CLASS 816: old tom
CLASS 817: old hen
CLASS 818: young pair
CLASS 819: old pair



1. Young tom or pullet: Under one year
2. Old tom or hen: One year and older
3. Young Pair: one tom and one hen of approximate equal age: Under one year
4. Old Pair: one tom and one hen of approximate equal age One year and older



**DIVISION - WATERFOWL
(Ducks & Geese)**

CLASS 826: Young Duck
CLASS 827: Young drake
CLASS 828: Old Duck
CLASS 829: Old drake
CLASS 830: Young pair Ducks
CLASS 831: Old pair Ducks
CLASS 832: Young Goose
CLASS 833: Young gander
CLASS 834: Old Goose
CLASS 835: Old gander
CLASS 836: Young pair Geese
CLASS 837: Old pair Geese



- (Specify breed on pen card)
1. Young male or female: Under one year
 2. Young Pair: one male and female of approximate equal age, under one year
 3. Old male or female: One year and older
 4. Old Pair: One male and female of approximate equal age One year and older



DIVISION - GUINEA FOWL

CLASS 838: Young female
CLASS 839: Young male
CLASS 840: Old female
CLASS 841: Old male
CLASS 842: Young pair
CLASS 843: Old pair



1. Young male or female: Under one year
2. Young Pair: one male and female of approximate equal age, under one year
3. Old male or female: One year and older
4. Old Pair: One male and female of approximate equal age, one year and older



DIVISION - GAME BIRDS

CLASS 845: Pheasant
CLASS 846: Dove
CLASS 847: Quail
CLASS 848: Partridge
CLASS 849: Chucker
CLASS 850: Grouse
CLASS 851: Any Other



1. Game birds will be shown as listed.



PREMIER MARKET POULTRY EXHIBITOR AWARD

CLASS 844: Premier Poultry Exhibitor



1. See 4-H Livestock And Small Animal Rules for Contest Rules