

LEAVENWORTH COUNTY FAIR 2026

4-H / FFA POULTRY

Superintendent: Diane Larson

Exhibit Check In: Tuesday, July 28th, 8am – 12pm; Poultry Barn

Exhibit Judging: Wednesday, July 29th; 10am; Poultry Barn

4-H members in the Poultry project may exhibit birds raised and cared for by the member to showcase their project. The primary purpose of the poultry exhibit is to provide a positive learning experience for youth in the poultry project, evaluating against industry standards. 4-H members learn to care for, select and prepare their poultry project for exhibit. An exhibit does not measure or illustrate all that a 4-H member has achieved but is an example of the accomplishments for a particular project within the 4-H program year.

Rules

1. Read General Rules. Violation of any of the following rules may result in disqualification. All decisions will be made by a county agent and their decision is final.
2. Exhibits are to be entered on designated day per the 4-H Fair Schedule.
3. All poultry must be owned by May 1 to be eligible for entry in the fair. The only exception would be for entries in Class Meat-type Chickens.
4. All poultry must be tested free of pullorum-typhoid. Kansas has now moved to testing every 5 years. On Leavenworth County's year to test, you bird must be tested during a county test day prior to county fair. On testing years, exhibitors may present an official VS9-2 form signed by an official testing agent showing the entries have had a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to county fair. This requirement can be waived or adjusted by the Kansas Department of Agriculture only. All birds who are not born in-state must be tested free of pullorum-typhoid before they are allowed to show at the Leavenworth County Fair.
5. The superintendent has the right to deny check-in of any birds that exhibit signs of poor health. **All birds will be checked for health including parasites before they are allowed in the barn.**
6. Breed Classes will be judged by the latest "American Standard of Perfection".
7. Meat-Type Chickens, Pen of 3, must **be the approved strain for the county and of the same sex to be judged on meat production qualities only. Birds must be obtained through the approved vendor by June 15 – specific cost and pick-up details provided through the county poultry project meetings.**
8. Meat-Type Turkey, Pen of 1, must be the approved strain for the county to be judged on meat production qualities only. **Birds must be obtained through the approved vendor – specific cost and pick-up details provided through the county poultry project meetings.**
9. **Only the top two meat pens of chickens and the top two meat turkeys will be sold at the auction. They must receive a red or blue ribbon to qualify. Each chicken in the meat pen must weigh at least 5 pounds. Each turkey must weigh at least 16 pounds.**
10. Exhibitors may have only 3 entries per class.
11. It is required that all poultry be banded to insure proper identification.
12. Animals used in showmanship must be entered in a class and owned by exhibitor.
13. Cage assignments are the responsibility of the poultry superintendent.

14. Exhibitors are responsible for supplying their own bedding, feed, feed bowls and water bowls.
15. Exhibitors are responsible for their animal's care. Cages must be cleaned daily. Water must be available at all time to the animal.
16. The Superintendent and/or an Extension Agent has the right to move a bird to the appropriate class.
17. Exhibitors will take at least 1 barn watch shift.

Definitions

Young bird = under 1 year
 Pullet = female under 1 year
 Hen = female over 1 year

Old bird = over 1 year
 Cockerel = male under 1 year
 Cock = male over 1 year

CLASSES

3201: Standard Breeds; Large Fowl; One young bird of either sex

3202: Standard Breeds; Large Fowl; One old bird of either sex

3203: Standard Breeds; Bantams; One young bird of either sex

3204: Standard Breeds; Bantams; One old bird of either sex

3205: Production Pullets; Pen of 3 - Standard bred, Crossbred or Strain cross pullets to be judged on egg production qualities.

3206: Production Hens; Pen of 3 - Standard bred, Crossbred or Strain cross hens to be judged on egg production qualities.

3207: Dual purpose pullets; Pen of 3 - Such as Rhode Island Reds, New Hampshire, Plymouth Rocks, etc.

3208: Dual purpose hens; Pen of 3 - Such as Rhode Island Reds, New Hampshire, Plymouth Rocks, etc.

3209: Turkeys - All breeds: One bird of either sex. Such as Heritage or Production.

3210: Ducks, Call or Bantam, all breeds; one bird of either sex - Bantam and Standard.

3211: Ducks; all breeds; one bird of either sex

3212: Geese, all breeds; One bird of either sex - Light, Medium, Heavy or Production.

Meat-Type Chickens; Pen of 3 – meat strain of birds of the same sex to be judged on meat production qualities only.

Meat-Type Turkey; pen of 1- meat strain of turkey to be judged on meat production qualities only

Other Poultry - One bird of one breed not listed. Exhibitors may have any number of entries in this class, but each entry must be of a different species.

Pigeons, all breeds; one bird of either sex

