

2024-2025 CITRUS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
Youth Commercial Pen of Layer Poultry Show Rules

1. All Exhibitors must be 8 years of age as of September 1, 2024 to show a Pen of Layer Poultry. Exhibitors 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. The online registration form is located on the Citrus County Fair website - <https://www.citruscountyfair.com>
2. Entry form and Entry fee of \$40.00 non-refundable must be in the fair office on or before 5:00 pm Friday, September 6, 2024. Your Entry Fee will cover your 6 one day old chicks. No post marked or metered mail will be accepted after this date. Only pullets purchased from the Citrus County Fair are eligible for the show and silent auction.
3. **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. Exhibitors and Parent or Legal Guardian, must STAY for the meeting AND sign in and sign out to receive credit for attending. If you, your parent(s) or legal guardians are unable to attend one of these meetings, the intended exhibitor should not register an animal to show and sell.
4. Exhibitors who enter and submit payment will receive (6) one day old, female chicks that the exhibitor is to raise. Exhibitors 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.
5. The exhibitor will select three (3) pullets to enter as their Pen of Layers to the Fair. Poultry must be brought to the Fair in a ventilated container. A State Poultry Inspector will be present to test birds, and a visual inspection will be conducted to check for external parasites. Birds must stay in their container until inspection is complete. NO SICK OR DISEASED ANIMALS WILL BE ALLOWED ENTRY. See calendar for day/time of entry.
6. 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. The exhibitor is responsible for submitting a completed record book before Poultry can be checked-in at the Poultry barn.
7. No signs or unauthorized cards are to be placed on the cages except at the direction of the poultry committee.
8. All eggs laid during the fair will become the property of the Citrus County Fair and will be displayed and judged for egg production quality.
9. All exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their birds during the fair.
10. 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.**
11. Exhibitors and their parent(s) or guardian will be required to sign a drug certificate which must be turned in at the exhibitor meeting. Their animal(s) must not have been given any medications that are not past the proper withdrawal period. Additionally, limitation of entries may be enforced by the show superintendent due to limited space.

JUDGING

1. The American System of judging will be used. The decision of the judge will be final, with no appeal considered.
2. Any exhibitor or parent who interferes with the judging will cause the exhibit to be promptly excluded from the show, silent auction, and awards/premium monies will be withheld.
3. The Poultry Superintendent may ask the Exhibitor to be present for showing of the poultry. This will be announced at the Exhibitor Meeting on the day of entry to the Fair.
4. All animals must be present in the coop to be evaluated by the judge to receive premiums.
5. RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED 1st - 6th place, premium of 1st \$10, 2nd \$5, 3rd \$4, 4th \$3, 5th \$2, 6th \$1.
6. Awards include the ***Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.***

SILENT AUCTION

1. Two separate Buyer Letters (One Previous Buyer and One New Buyer, Addressed, Stamped, and unsealed with your name and your return address) will be required for sale animal exhibitors, and must be turned into 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.
2. Thank you letters to 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; the 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 the 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.
3. Silent Auction Pen of Layer Poultry may remain until the close of fair; OR THEY MAY BE EXCUSED WITH APPROVAL OF POULTRY SUPERINTENDENT. All Pen of Layer Poultry that are not participating in the Silent Auction will be released on Wednesday, March 26th, 2025 between 10:00 pm and 11:00 pm. Pick-up arrangements must be made in advance and approved by the show superintendent. The silent auction will be held in the Poultry Barn.
4. 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, 2024.
5. Mandatory to attend Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-Up - **REFER TO THE IMPORTANT DATES AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING INFO SHEET. Exhibitors 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 Sell in the Pen of Layer Poultry Show the following year.
6. 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.