

OPEN POULTRY AND WATERFOWL SHOW

February 4 – 8, 2026

Superintendent..... Mike Schmidt
Show Secretary Judy Schmidt
Show Clerk by Committee

SHOW RULES

COMPETITION: The Florida State Fair Open Poultry and Waterfowl Show is open to breeders of poultry and waterfowl in every state.

Show Schedule:

Entry Due Date January 5, 2026
(No paper entry forms will be accepted for the 2026 Fair)
1st Late/Final Entry Period Jan. 12, 2026
..... (Double Entry Fees)

Check-in of Birds..... Feb. 4, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Judging Feb. 5, 10 a.m.
..... Feb. 6, 10 a.m. (as needed)
Judges Q & A.....Feb. 6, 1 p.m.to 2 p.m.
Awards..... Feb. 8, 3:30 p.m.
Release..... Feb. 8, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Fair does not accept any liability for birds not picked up after the closing time of the show.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES

The management of the Florida State Fair reserves the right to amend, add to, and interpret the following Rules and Regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair.

Show Sanctioned by APA and ABA

ENTRIES

1. Entry Due Date - All entries must be submitted and paid online on or before January 5, 2026. It is the policy of the Florida State Fair to abide by all Rules and Regulations as posted on the Florida State Fair website at www.floridastatefairag.com.

Entry fee will be determined by the date entries are submitted online.

The 1st Late/Final Entry Period for entries postmarked or hand-delivered between January 6 & January 12, 2026, is subject to space availability and will be charged double entry fees.

2. An entry fee of \$5.00 per bird will be charged and must be paid online. If you request to double coop your birds, you must pay double entry fees. **Entry Fees are Non-Refundable.**

3. The Florida State Fair reserves the right to limit entries based on pen availability. Entries will be accepted

in chronological order based on the online submission timestamp.

4. Geese entries will be limited and on a first-come, first-served basis, according to the timestamp. Turkeys, large ducks, Guineas, and geese are subject to being twin-cooped. If your birds need to be single-cooped, please contact the Show Superintendent.

5. Only Fancy Purebred Poultry will be accepted for competition. All Fancy Purebred birds will be judged in accordance with the appropriate standards issued by either A.P.A. or A.B.A. Non-recognized breeds and/or varieties can be shown, but will only be eligible to be judged to Best of Breed/Variety and only 1st place will be awarded.

6. All birds must be listed by variety and breed. For example, Single-Comb Light Brown Leghorn, Bearded or Non-Bearded Polish. Indicate if the bird is a large fowl, bantam, or duck.

7. Backyard Layer Class is a category for female chickens only. This class will not compete for the Overall Grand Champion. This class will be judged on 1) Egg Laying Ability and 2) Quality & Condition. These birds must be laying during the time of the fair.

8. Unavoidable changes in entries, which an exhibitor finds necessary to make, must be in the hands of the Show Secretary no later than 9 p.m., January 16, 2026, if such changes are to be considered in the makeup of awards.

NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE AFTER JANUARY 16th. Contact Judy Schmidt, Show Secretary, by phone at 772-260-6120 between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., by email at statefairpoultry@att.net, or by fax at 772-918-5100.

9. Youth Exhibitors entering the Open Poultry Show must meet all Open Show deadlines and must pay the regular \$5.00 entry fee per bird.

For the 2026 Fair, birds will not be held over from the Open Show to the Youth Show except in hardship cases. A written request must be submitted to the Agribusiness Office by January 12th. The exhibitor will be notified by February 1st if the request has been approved. Email all holdover requests to Emily.Smith@FloridaStateFair.com.

10. Any exhibitor from a family with an outstanding balance owed to the Fair will not be eligible to show at the Florida State Fair.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

1. All animals must meet health requirements as specified in the Rules for Exhibition as required by the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services.

2. Birds not groomed and prepared for the show will not be accepted at check-in.

3. Any birds with external parasites will not be allowed in the show and must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.

4. 20% OF EACH EXHIBITOR'S BIRDS WILL BE CHECKED FOR EXTERNAL PARASITES AND/OR DISEASE. Any bird with external parasites will not be

allowed in the show and must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.

5. The Florida Department of Agriculture will have a State Poultry Inspector at the show to test birds without certificates. This service is free of charge.

6. All sick birds will be isolated and not eligible for competition or awards. Birds must be removed from the premises immediately.

7. For questions about health regulations and/or rules of exhibition, contact the Florida Department of Agriculture, Animal Industry, District 4 Office at (863) 578-1863.

RULES OF EXHIBITION

5C-4.0015 Definitions

5C-4.0017 General Requirements, Exemptions and Limitations

5C-4.004 Poultry, Domestic Fowl and Ratites



5C-4.0015 Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the definitions in Section 585.01, F.S., and the following shall apply:

(1) Accredited tuberculosis-free herd. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(2) Accredited tuberculosis-free state or zone. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(3) Accredited veterinarian. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(4) Approved livestock facility. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(5) Authorized Representative. An employee of the state or federal government, or a licensed veterinarian accredited by the USDA, who is authorized to conduct animal disease control and eradication activities.

(6) Certified brucellosis-free state or area. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(7) Certified brucellosis-free herd. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(8) Classified brucellosis-Class A state or area. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(9) Department. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(10) Electronic Official Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (ECVI). An electronic certificate provided by USDA Veterinary Services Process Streamlining System or a third-party vendor approved by the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) ECVI Data Standards Subcommittee and issued by licensed and accredited veterinarians in animal's state of origin.

(11) Exhibition. Any fair allowing the displaying or presenting livestock, including poultry, to the general public for an animal exhibit or animal show.

(12) Fair(s). Annual public fair as defined in F.S. 616.001, that exhibits domestic animals.

(13) Group. One or more Animals maintained on the same premises or in contact with one another.

(14) Isolation. Separation of individual Animals by a physical barrier in a manner that assures one Animal does not have access to the body, excrement, or discharges of another Animal; does not share a building with a common ventilation system; and is not within ten feet of another Animal.

(15) Market class. An exhibition class consisting of finished fed animals.

(16) Official certificate of veterinary inspection (OCVI). As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(17) Official individual identification. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(18) Official test. A test conducted by a licensed and accredited veterinarian with method approved by Department rules for the specific disease and animal species.

(19) Owner. The owner of the animal or herd or the owner's authorized agent.

(20) Pseudorabies. A contagious, infectious herpesvirus, causing communicable disease of livestock and other animals also known as Aujeszky's disease or mad itch.

(21) Recognized slaughtering establishment. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(22) Swine brucellosis. An infectious bacterial disease caused by *Brucella suis* (B. suis) biovars 1 or 3, most frequently affecting swine but able to cause disease in other animals and humans.

(23) Terminal swine show. An exhibition market class consisting of swine that are isolated and housed separately from all other animals and designated for slaughter only channels.

(24) Validated brucellosis-free herd, as defined in 9 CFR §78.1 (JAN 2024). This definition of validated brucellosis-free herd is hereby incorporated by reference and available online

at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17727>.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History—New 1-19-95, Amended 6-4-95, 6-21-06, 2-19-14, 11-21-18, 3-17-25

5C-4.0017 General Requirements, Exemptions, and Limitations.



(1) OCVI Required. Animals presented for exhibition purposes in Florida, unless specifically exempted, must be accompanied by an OCVI.

(a) The OCVI must be complete including the breed, sex, and registration number and, if applicable, the official individual identification of each animal.

(b) Results of a specific test requirement or herd accreditation, certification or validation number for each animal must be recorded on the OCVI with the date of the test or herd accreditation, certification or validation.

(2) Expiration of Required OCVI.

(a) For Florida-origin animals, an OCVI is valid for 90 days from the date of issue; or until the expiration date of any required tests, whichever is the earliest date.

(b) For animals imported into Florida for exhibition purposes only, the OCVI is valid for 30 days.

(3) Inspection. Prior to immediate acceptance at an exhibition, all animals presented for exhibition must be made available for inspection by an authorized representative for:

(a) The required Official Individual Identification of the Animal; and

(b) Clinical signs of disease including, but not limited to: caseous lymphadenitis, blisters/ulcers around the mouth, nostrils, coronary band, pinkeye, pox, scabies, lice, ringworm, atrophic rhinitis, or multiple warts that are clearly visible; and

(c) Evidence of compliance with Animal tests and OCVI requirements, where required.

(4) Animals Rejected for Exhibition.

- (a) Any Animal in noncompliance with Animal tests and OCVI requirements, or
- (b) Any Animal not meeting the Official Individual Identification requirements, or
- (c) Any animal which is suspected of having or showing clinical signs of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious disease on visual inspection, or any animal which is known to be exposed to such diseases must be:
 1. Immediately withdrawn from exhibition and returned to the place of origin, or
 2. Examined at the owner's expense, by a Florida-licensed accredited veterinarian who certifies by a signed, written statement, that the animal is free of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious diseases and pests. The accredited veterinarian's examination must take place within 24 hours of the initial inspection by the authorized representative.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 585.003, 585.08(1), (2)(a), 585.145(1), (2), 585.16, 585.162 FS. History—New 6-21-06, Amended 10-17-18, 12-8-24.



5C-4.004 Poultry, Domestic Fowl or Ratites.

- (1) OCVI Requirements.
 - (a) An OCVI is required for poultry, domestic fowl or ratites imported into Florida as specified per Rule 5C-3.012, F.A.C. An OCVI for entry into exhibition is required and must be dated within 30 days of entry or the animals must be inspected as provided in subsection 5C-4.0017(3), F.A.C.
 - (b) Florida origin poultry, domestic fowl or ratites presented for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated within 90 days prior to exhibition or must be inspected as provided in subsection 5C-4.0017(33), F.A.C.
- (2) Test or Certification Required. All poultry or domestic fowl entered for exhibition must originate from Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flocks or hatcheries, as provided in 9 CFR §145 (Jan. 2018) and §147 (Jan. 2018), or have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition. 9 CFR §145 (Jan. 2018) and §147 (JAN 2018) are hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10045>.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.36(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History—Amended 4-20-67, 4-18-84, 4-4-85, Formerly 5C-4.04, Amended 6-21-87, 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-4-95, 6-21-06, 11-21-18, 12-8-24.

GENERAL

- 1. Please Note: Due to health and safety issues, no cooking will be allowed in the barns; food and drink should not be consumed in animal areas; and exhibitors should wash their hands after handling animals.**
- 2. The Florida State Fair will take every precaution to ensure that birds are fed and watered and will provide the best possible care for accident prevention.
- 3. Carrying cases cannot be left on the Fair premises. Only animals being shown at the Florida State Fair are permitted on the Fairgrounds.
- 4. Any person who violates any of the general rules or special rules as posted in this premium list will forfeit all privileges and premiums won. **Failure to cooperate with Fair Officials may result in premium forfeiture and immediate dismissal from the Fairgrounds.**

- 5. **The appropriate committee may consider an entrant's physical condition to be a problem for participating in the show. In this case, the committee may not accept an entry or not allow that entrant to participate in the show.**
- 6. Only animals being shown at the Florida State Fair are permitted on the Fairgrounds.
- 7. **NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED INSIDE THE BARN.**
- 8. Smoking is not permitted in the barns.
- 9. The use of alcohol is prohibited in barns and livestock areas.
- 10. **Birds being shown in both the Open and Youth Shows MUST be in the youth exhibitor's name.**

ARRIVAL

- 1. Birds will be received from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on February 4, 2026.
- 2. All birds entered must arrive through the Livestock Gate at the Orient Road entrance located on the west side of the Fairgrounds.
- 3. **Birds not groomed and prepared for the show will not be accepted at check-in.**
- 4. Any birds with external parasites will not be allowed in the show and must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.
- 5. Exhibitors are responsible for watering and feeding their birds upon arrival. **However, if you choose to lock your cages, it is your responsibility to feed and water your birds throughout the show. It is also the exhibitor's responsibility to unlock the cages prior to judging, or birds may not be judged.**

ADMISSION

- 1. Each exhibitor will be issued one (1) armband for the duration of the show.
- 2. Armbands will be picked up at check-in. Additional armbands **CANNOT** be purchased. Single-day admission tickets can be bought in advance at discount prices. See the Advance Ticket Form on the website for details. Tickets will be for sale at the gate.
- 3. Vehicle/Trailer Parking Passes: All Trailers will be parked in the designated areas within the interior of the grounds. Exhibitors will receive a Vehicle Pass for the duration of the show to be able to park in the Ag Lot outside of Gate 3. Only vehicles with the appropriate tags are permitted in this area.
- 4. Each passenger must have an armband or admission pass.
- 5. Livestock Gate Drop-Offs Times (This is in addition to arrival): Vehicles will be allowed to enter through the Livestock Gate between the hours of 6 am to 10 am and 3 pm to 6 pm to drop off needed feed and/or supplies. After unloading supplies, vehicles will proceed to the Ag Lot for parking.
- 6. Parking Map and Detailed Instructions will be posted on the Agribusiness Website prior to the Fair.
- 7. Reserved parking is provided, and exhibitors must park in the assigned Ag Lot, or your vehicle will be subject to towing.
- 8. Champion of Champion Lot: Limited Parking Spaces can be purchased by Exhibitors within the interior of the grounds. All information will be posted on the FSF Agribusiness website. Spaces will open for purchase on January 1st, 2026. All proceeds will go towards the Youth participating in the Champion of Champions program

HANDLING OF EXHIBITS

1. Only those persons authorized by the show officials or the owners will be allowed to handle birds without written permission on file with Show Management from the owner unless the owner is present. **Violators will be escorted off the grounds by Fair Security and banned from future shows.**

2. All eggs are the property of the Florida State Fair. **Only Fair Officials can remove eggs from cages.**

LIABILITY FOR LOSS OR THEFT

1. The owner or custodian of property of any kind brought to the Fairgrounds, either for exhibit or for other purposes, assumes, as a condition of its admission to the grounds, all risk and/or responsibility for its loss, damage, or theft.

2. The Fair, its officers, and its employees cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, the elements, accidents, or other conditions or causes, whether to exhibits, property of exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein or any other property of any nature whatsoever.

JUDGING

1. Judging will begin on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. and Friday, February 6, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. (as needed).

2. If you choose to lock your cages, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to unlock the cages prior to judging, or birds may not be judged.

3. All birds will be judged in accordance with the appropriate standard issued by either the A.P.A. or A.B.A. Judging will be by a judge licensed by both organizations. **4. EXHIBITORS SHOULD REFRAIN FROM TALKING TO JUDGE WHILE JUDGING IS TAKING PLACE.**

5. Judges will not award premiums to any article, product, or animal that is not deserving. It must be judged individually worthy.

6. The judge's decision is final, and no appeal will be considered except in cases of written protest (see General Disputes Policy).

7. Any exhibitor who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from the competition; after judging, the premiums awarded will be withheld.

8. All animals must be evaluated by the judge in order to receive premiums.

GENERAL DISPUTES POLICY

With respect to any disputes that may occur with respect to an exhibitor at the show, such disputes shall be handled by the appropriate Livestock Committee (the "Committee") in accordance with the following:

1. An exhibitor may file a protest with respect to another exhibitor for violation of the rules and regulations of the Committee and/or the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics by submitting a written protest (a "Protest") on a form (the "Protest Form") which will be available at the Agribusiness Department. The Protest must include the exact basis, cause, and description of the dispute, the name of the protesting exhibitor, the name of the exhibitor being protested, and any materials in support of the Protest as well as any other matters which may be required in the Protest Form, and shall be accompanied by payment of \$50 which shall be refunded only if the Protest is sustained by the Committee. The

Protest Form must be signed by the exhibitor (as the protesting exhibitor), and if the exhibitor is a minor, the Protest Form must also be signed by the exhibitor's guardian or parent, unless the parent or guardian is not available under circumstances that warrant, as determined by the Agribusiness Department in its sole discretion. Failure to properly sign the Protest Form shall deem the Protest Form incomplete and nullity, and in such event, the Protest will not be considered. Any Protest must be submitted (and received by the Agribusiness Department) at least two (2) hours prior to the time that the show is scheduled to occur in order to be considered prior to the show. If a Protest is submitted less than two (2) hours prior to the time that the show is scheduled to occur ("a "Late Submittal"), then the Committee will handle the Protest after the show in accordance with its rules and regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, but the Late Submittal shall not affect the award of ribbons for the show. In order to minimize disruption to the show, an exhibitor who intends to file a Protest should do so at the earliest feasible time. In any event, a Protest must be filed with the Agribusiness Department prior to the scheduled release hour for the protested exhibitor's animal in order to be considered.

2. The Agribusiness Department will forward any Protest Form which is duly signed (by an exhibitor as the protesting exhibitor, and if the exhibitor is a minor, the Protest Form must also be signed by the exhibitor's guardian or parent) and any accompanying materials submitted by the protesting exhibitor in support of the Protest to the Committee for its consideration. The Agribusiness Department will also notify the exhibitor being protested of the Protest as soon as reasonably practicable after the Protest has been duly submitted, and make available a copy of the written Protest to the exhibitor being protested. The exhibitor being protested may, but shall not be required to, provide a written response to the Protest (a "Response") by submitting a Response to the Agribusiness Department, including any materials in support of the response to the Protest, and the Agribusiness Department shall provide the Response to Committee. A Response shall be on a form obtained from the Agribusiness Department and must be signed by the protested exhibitor, and if the protested exhibitor is a minor, the Response must also be signed by the protested exhibitor's guardian or parent, unless the parent or guardian is not available due to circumstances that warrant, as determined by the Agribusiness Department in its sole discretion. The Agribusiness Department shall make available a copy of the Response to the protesting exhibitor upon request by the protesting exhibitor, but it shall be the protesting exhibitor's responsibility to monitor the Protest and to obtain a copy of the Response. The Agribusiness Department will attempt to notify the protesting exhibitor and the exhibitor being protested of the time of the Committee's review and consideration of the Protest by calling their respective cell phone numbers if provided on the Protest Form and/or the Response Form, but it shall be the protesting exhibitor and protested exhibitor's responsibility to monitor the Protest and obtain the time of the Committee's review and consideration of the Protest and to be available at the time scheduled for the Committee's consideration of the Protest. For any Late Submission, the Committee will handle the process for review of the Protest after the show.

3. The Committee members present will review the Protest and the Response, if any, in the context of its rules and regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring

Ethics, and will make a decision to resolve the Protest by a majority of the Committee members present. In the event of a tie vote, the Protest shall be deemed denied by the Committee. The decision of the Committee will be final.

4. The Committee also may apply and enforce its rules and regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, with respect to exhibitors at the show.

5. By entering the show, all exhibitors, and their respective parents and/or guardians, shall be deemed to have acknowledged and accepted this General Disputes Policy.

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

1. Premiums will be paid based on the judging reports, which must be signed by the judge and the department superintendent or clerk.

2. Premiums will be mailed to the exhibitor after the Fair to the address given on the entry form.

 **Checks will be void six months from the date on the check. After six months, all uncashed checks will be voided, and replacement checks will not be issued.**

3. If a Social Security Number or Federal ID number is not provided, the Fair will not issue a premium check.

4. The management of the Florida State Fair reserves the right to revise the premiums' dollar amount.

RELEASE

1. Birds will be released from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m., February 8, 2026.

 **For the 2026 Fair, birds will not be held over from the Open Show to the Youth Show except in hardship cases. A written request must be submitted to the Agribusiness Office by January 12th. The exhibitor will be notified by February 1st if the request has been approved. Email all holdover requests to Emily.Smith@FloridaStateFair.com.**

2. During the period of exhibition, no specimen may be removed except by the consent of the Show Superintendent. Birds removed prior to official release time will forfeit all premium monies won.

3. Birds will not be released until the show staff has checked their leg bands against the entry form and coop tag.

4. All birds must be removed by 6 p.m. or the exhibitor will forfeit their ownership of the bird(s).

AWARDS

Overall Champion	Banner
Reserve Overall Champion	Banner
Champion Large Fowl	\$20.00 & Award
Reserve Champion Large Fowl	\$15.00 & Award
Champion Bantam	\$20.00 & Award
Reserve Champion Bantam	\$15.00 & Award

Class Champions	\$ 8.00 & Rosette
Reserve Class Champions	\$ 4.00 & Rosette
To be eligible for the above awards, there must be eight (8) or more birds shown by two (2) or more exhibitors in class, etc.	

Champion Duck	\$20.00 & Award
Reserve Champion Duck	\$15.00 & Award

Class Champions	Rosette
Reserve Class Champions	Rosette
To be eligible for the above awards, there must be eight (8) or more birds shown by two (2) or more exhibitors in class, etc.	

Champion Turkey	\$20.00 & Award
Reserve Champion Turkey	\$15.00 & Award
Champion Goose	\$20.00 & Award
Reserve Champion Goose	\$15.00 & Award
Champion Guinea	\$20.00 & Award
Reserve Champion Guinea	\$15.00 & Award

Class Champions	\$ 8.00 & Rosette
Reserve Class Champions	\$ 4.00 & Rosette
Turkeys, Geese, and Guineas need to have at least 4 birds shown by 2 exhibitors to receive a class winner.	

Best of Breed	Rosette
All Poultry and Waterfowl: In each Class & Variety:	
1 st Place – Cock, Hen, Cockerel, Pullet	\$6.00 each
2 nd Place – Cock, Hen, Cockerel, Pullet	\$5.00 each
3 rd Place – Cock, Hen, Cockerel, Pullet	\$4.00 each
4 th Place – Cock, Hen, Cockerel, Pullet	\$3.00 each
5 th Place – Cock, Hen, Cockerel, Pullet	\$2.00 each

Best of Breed	Rosette
All Backyard Layer: In each Class & Variety:	
Blue Ribbon – Hen	\$5.00 each
Red Ribbon – Hen	\$3.00 each
White Ribbon – Hen	\$1.00 each

Champion Backyard Layer	\$8.00 & Award
Reserve Champion Backyard Layer	\$4.00 & Award

*Best Display Large Fowl	\$30.00 & Award
*Best Display Bantams	\$30.00 & Award
*Best Display Ducks	\$30.00 & Award
* Display must consist of a cock, hen, cockerel, pullet, and three (3) other fowl of the same variety & breed. It will be based on points.	
Stickers will given <u>through</u> third place.	

AMERICAN POULTRY ASSOCIATION

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 **CLUB MEET**

The APA invites you to become a member. Annual dues are \$15.00 for 1 year, \$40.00 for 3 years, \$25.00 for one year outside the U.S. and Canada; Junior dues (for those 18 & under) are \$10.00 per year. Endowment Trust Life membership is \$240. All Annual and Endowment Trust Life members receive our yearbook and are eligible to earn points toward a Master Exhibitor Award. Every member is eligible for the awards at this show.

A minimum of 5 Master Exhibitor Award points will be awarded to any qualified win at this show.

AWARDS:
APA ribbons awarded for the following Class Champions:

Large Chickens: American, Asiatic, English, Mediterranean, Continental & All Other Standard Breeds.
Bantam Chickens: Modern Game, Old English Game, Single Comb Clean Legged, Rose Comb Clean Legged, Feather Legged, All Other Combs Clean Legged
Ducks: Heavy, Medium, Light, and Bantam.
Geese: Heavy, Medium, Light

Turkeys Guinea Fowl

Special APA Medals for Show Champion and Show Reserve

JUNIOR AWARDS:

An APA ribbon will be awarded for the following Champions shown by junior exhibitors:

Champion Large Chicken, Champion Bantam Chicken,
Champion Ducks, Champion Geese, Champion Turkey,
Champion Guinea Fowl

All judging will be by the latest edition of the **American Standard of Perfection**, copyrighted by the **American Poultry Association, Inc.**

Application for membership may be made at the show or may be sent to the American Poultry Association, but the application must be made prior to the judging to be eligible for the APA awards.

AMERICAN BANTAM ASSOCIATION

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Special Meet

Certificates to Champion and Reserve Champion Bantam.
Pins for Champion and Reserve for all seven bantam divisions providing there are 25 birds competing.

Pins for all-starred wins in the show.

Only ABA members are eligible to compete for the above awards. Dues are \$20.00 per year and \$50.00 for three years. New members receive a copy of the quarterly and the latest available copy of the Annual American Bantam Association Year Book which lists many advertisers and includes a complete breed and variety index.

Starred wins are earned in classes of 100 or more in the following:

- Champions and Reserve Champions in the seven bantam divisions
- Best and Reserve of Breed and Variety
- Best Display when 7 or more bantam displays are shown
- Best and Reserve Display when 10 or more bantam displays are shown
- Best and Reserve Trio when 30 or more trios are shown by 4 or more exhibitors

A single bird is eligible for only one award and can earn only one starred win.

*****Awards are subject to change.

CLUB MEETS - Anyone interested in a Breed Club Meet should contact the Show Secretary – Judi Schmidt.

CAMPGROUND/GOLF CARTS

1. PLEASE NOTE: ALL CAMPERS/RVS MUST HAVE A CAMPING PERMIT IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE USED FOR CAMPING.

2. Campground Rules and Reservation Form is available on

our website.



3. Golf cart permits must be purchased to be allowed on the fairgrounds. Carts without permits will need to be removed from the grounds.

SHOWERS/EXHIBITOR CHANGING AREA

1. Shower/ changing area facilities are available on the grounds for use by exhibitors only!
2. Access to shower facilities will be allowed to Livestock Exhibitors through the Agribusiness Office.

MOTEL ACCOMMODATION

1. For motel accommodation information, see our website for the Preferred Hotel List.

QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

The Florida State Fair believes that every animal participating in activities of the Florida State Fair shall at all times be provided proper care and management in the best interest of the animal's welfare.

1. Quality assurance testing or a survey may be done at the Florida State Fair.
2. All animals are subject to testing at any time:
 - A. To determine whether an animal qualifies for competition in a particular breed classification.
 - B. To determine whether the animal has been unethically fitted in any way.
 - C. To determine whether any false information or representation was made in a competition entry.
3. During the online process, the exhibitor acknowledges that they have read and agree to IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, (Please note: Rule #4 deals specifically with drugs).
4. Use of drugs, in animals, not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to dosage, time of withdrawal limitations, or other manufacturer's limitations and show regulations are **PROHIBITED**. The use of tranquilizers or possession of same after arrival at the Fair will be construed as tampering.
5. Violators will be disqualified and will forfeit all premiums and awards, including the sale price of animals, if applicable, and future entry of exhibitor and/or family at the Florida State Fair.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices that are not recognized as acceptable training, restraint, or animal movement techniques are prohibited.

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open-class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial, and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards, and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibitions in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock

shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.

2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.

3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.

4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other samples taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved, and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or irritant substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individuals to disciplinary action.

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions,

including *Fairs and Expositions* and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

FLORIDA STATE FAIR AUTHORITY LIVESTOCK ADDENDUM

OWNER represents to Florida State Fair Authority ("AUTHORITY") that no animals that are exhibited or otherwise transported onto FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS will in any way be suffering from any contagious or infectious disease. In addition, OWNER shall defend, indemnify, and hold the AUTHORITY, the applicable Show Committee and each of their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents harmless of and from all losses, damages, claims, expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees at the trial and appellate levels, actions and causes of action arising out of, or in any way connected with, or by reason of this Agreement, the presence of OWNER's livestock at FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS, and/or use of FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS including, but not limited to any claim for the death of, or injury to any person or livestock, or damage to, theft of, or destruction of any property arising out of any act or omission of OWNER, OWNER's officers, agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, contractors and livestock, violation of any Federal, State and Local environmental laws, rules, ordinances and/or regulations, actions for negligence, wrongful death, torts, defects in the real and personal property at FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS and from any alleged liability, cause, litigation or proceeding whatsoever, even if such injury, death, loss or property damage results, in whole or in part, from the negligence of AUTHORITY, or the applicable Show Committee and their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents or otherwise. Neither AUTHORITY nor such applicable Show Committee shall be liable to OWNER, or any officer, agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, or other contractors, invitees, or guests of OWNER for any injury or damage to livestock, person, or property. AUTHORITY, its officers, or agents, assume no liability for any loss or damage to property (including but not limited to livestock) on account of fire, theft, or any other cause including infectious or contagious diseases. In addition, OWNER acknowledges receiving and agrees to abide by the applicable rules and regulations of the AUTHORITY titled FLORIDA STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK RULES & PRIZE LIST, and same are incorporated by reference herein.

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