

POULTRY

All poultry exhibitors originating from Maryland must have valid proof of a registered Maryland Poultry Premises ID Number.

56. All members are limited to a total of 25 total entries, combination of all in the poultry department. All birds must be at least 4 months old on day of show.

57. Members are limited to two entries in each individual poultry class. Example: Standard White Cochin Breed- exhibitor may enter no more than two cocks, two hens, two cockerels, and two pullets. Egg, poster and cage entries are to be brought in at the same time as live birds are entered.

58. All poultry except waterfowl, pigeons and doves shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one or more of the following requirements:

- i. Originate directly from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flock as defined in Title 9

of the Code of Federal Regulations, and all amendments to that publication thereafter adopted pursuant to rules that the director may promulgate, **OR**

- ii. Have a negative official test for Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid within 90 days before fair, exhibitions, exposition, or show facility and remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid test status.

59. All poultry except pigeons and doves shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one or more of the following requirements:

- i. Originate directly from a U.S. Avian Influenza Clean Flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, or from a State Avian Influenza Monitored Flock as defined by the state of origin, **OR**

- ii. Have a negative Avian Influenza test conducted on at least 15 birds from their flock (or complete flock if fewer than 15) within 30 days prior to event and remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive Avian Influenza test status.

60. Birds can not be removed before check-out time Sunday.

61. YOUTH members must come in at least once a day to check their birds and water them. Shavings will be provided to put in all wet cages. Feed containers will be housed in the small building behind the barn. Please, put name on container with a lid or under cages in barn.

MEAT TURKEY RULES & REGULATIONS

62. Exhibitors need to be enrolled in poultry project

63. Exhibitors need to sign up for meat turkey project by March 31, 2021

64. Exhibitors are to select one (1) bird to be shown and brought to fair. Meat turkeys are not eligible to be shown in the breed class

65. Turkeys will be judged on Monday, September 20, 2021 starting at 9 a.m. ***Exhibitors must be present to both show and sell his/ her turkey.***

66. Judge will determine if each turkey is qualified to be sold during the fair. Turkeys will be weighed during the check in process. A minimum weight of 20lbs for Hens and 28lbs for Toms will be required to be eligible for the sale, along with judging criteria.

67. Exhibitor must inform the superintendents of their desire to sell their qualifying turkey at check in.

68. Exhibitors will draw a number to designate sale order.

69. Exhibitors are to feed/water their meat turkey at least two times daily, while at the fair and must maintain a clean pen.

70. A processing fee will be added to the Meat Turkey sold at the auction (*paid by buyer*) Buyer may choose not to have turkey processed.

71. Meat Turkeys will be sold September 25, 2021, starting at 10 am during the Rabbit and Turkey Sale. Turkeys will be processed prior to the sale and buyers will need to pick up the processed turkeys following the conclusion of the sale.

72. Turkeys must comply with the current Animal Health Regulations for Fairs and Shows, according to the Maryland Department of Agriculture. Testing will not be permitted on site, and must be done prior to bringing bird to fair.

73. There is a mandatory Turkey exhibitor meeting in the poultry/rabbit barn Saturday, Sept. 18 at 12:30p.m.

RABBIT

75. Youth Exhibitors are to enter Purebred Pedigreed rabbits and they must be in the name of the Youth Exhibitor by August 1 of the current year.
76. All rabbits must be three months of age to be eligible for show. The exceptions are pre juniors, market meat pen and fryers that are to be born between July 10 - 24, 2021.
77. All rabbits must be permanently tattooed at least 1 month before the fair. All tattoos must be healed, dry, legible, and accurate prior to entering the rabbit.
78. Market Rabbits must have pedigree at check in. Incomplete or missing pedigrees will not be accepted.
79. No changes after September 1 of current year. Changes to entries must be submitted to Superintendent.
80. Breeding Rabbit entries are limited to two entries per exhibitor, per variety, per class, not to exceed a total of 30 entries. Some rabbits may be released depending on space. All rabbit exhibitors will be required to keep some rabbits at the fair on exhibition. There will be no fur classes.
81. At check in Youth Exhibitors are to bring the Rabbit's Self Certification of Animal Health completed for all rabbits being entered. All rabbits will be health checked upon entry. Any rabbits showing signs of poor health will be refused entry. Posters are to be brought in at the same time as live entries.
82. Any rabbits excluding rabbits sold at the market sale, removed from the exhibition building before the official Sunday release time will cause the exhibitor to forfeit all premiums. All animals sold during the week of the fair must be exchanged off the fairgrounds property. A rabbit superintendent may release rabbits prior to this time for health reasons, including Saturday after entering. Premium checks will be withheld if exhibitors do not comply with the rules.
83. Youth Exhibitors must come in at least once a day to check rabbits and water them. Shavings will be provided to put in all wet cages. Supply containers may be stored in the rabbit shed.
84. Rules regarding the cleaning and care of all rabbit exhibits by the owner will be enforced. Premium checks will be withheld if exhibitors do not comply with the rules. Rules are currently stated in the fair catalog.
85. **Bowls are to be at least a half pint or one pint in size and non-tipping. No ceramic, glass, or tuna type cans are to be used for food or water in cages. No glass bottles. No containers will be provided. Be sure to have containers for both food and water for each of your entries. Entries without proper size containers will not be allowed to enter.**
86. Rabbits will be judged by ARBA Guidelines.
87. Sunday, September 19 at 9a.m. is the Rabbit Show. Youth Exhibitors must be present at the show. Showmanship will be conducted and judged throughout the Rabbit show on Sunday. Rabbit Agility will be on Tuesday. Rabbit Skillathon will be on Thursday.
88. Market Rabbits entries are limited to 4 individual meat rabbits and 2 meat pen entries, in addition to entries covered under rule 80 above.
89. **Meat Rabbit Definitions:**
- i. Fryer: a rabbits weighing a minimum of 3½ pounds, maximum of 5½ pounds and no more than 10 weeks old.
 - ii. Roaster: a rabbit weighing a minimum of 5½ pounds, maximum of 9 pounds and under 6 months of age.
 - iii. Meat Pen: consists of three rabbits, all of the same breed and variety. Pointed animals must have the same point color. Broken meat pens must also be of the same variety. A meat pen does not necessarily have to come from the same litter. Age limit 10 weeks. Minimum weight 3 ½ pounds each. Maximum weight 5½ pounds each. All rabbits must be weighed in the presence of the judge.
90. Meat pen and Individual meat classes may be broken down by weight based on volume of entries. This will be determined after weigh-in. Any market breed that does not have six entries will be moved to AOB.
91. Rabbits shown in market classes (Fryer, Roaster, or Meat Pen) may not be entered in any other classes
92. Weigh in for all Market Rabbits will be on Sat., Sept. 18 at 12:30 p.m. All exhibitors must be present during weigh in.

