

Brevard County 4-H Fair 2026 Market Poultry Rule Book

April 13 – 18, 2026

UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County Office
3695 Lake Drive
Cocoa, FL 32926

General Rules & Regulations

1. Entries

- Registration is done through the official Brevard County 4-H Fair & Market Poultry Auction registration website:
https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6lHJUa1Z63Nrnlk
- All entries must be made using the official entry form, with all information complete and accurate. All Brevard County 4-H Fair entries must be received by the UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County Office by the established deadline.

2. Health Requirements

- A certified State Inspector will be on the grounds to check in all animals and accompanying papers. Animals are not to be placed in the show cages without approval from the State Inspector on duty and the 4-H Agent.
- Any violation of these rules will be grounds for disqualification of entry.

3. Premiums and Awards

- Premiums will be paid based on the judge's reports, not from ribbons.
- The Brevard County 4-H office will mail premium checks within ten weeks of the close of the Fair. Emails will be sent to the email address on file when the checks are mailed. It is up to individuals to let the 4-H office know if checks have not been received within a week of the email.
- Premium checks not cashed by November 20, 2026, will be forfeited. No replacement checks will be issued for any reason.

4. Judges and Judging

- The decision of the judge will be final, and no appeal will be considered except in cases of written protest (see Protests).
- Any exhibitor who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from the competition; if interference occurs with the premium awards after judging, the premiums awarded will be withheld.
- All animals must be in their respective cages and be evaluated by the judge to receive a premium.

5. Liability for Loss or Theft

- The owner or custodian of property of any kind brought to the site either for exhibit or for other purposes assumes, as a condition of its admission to the grounds, all risks and/or responsibility for its loss, damage, or theft.
- UF/IFAS Brevard County Extension, its officers, and 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 the exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein, and any other property of any nature whatsoever.

6. General

- By application for entry to the Brevard County 4-H Fair, each exhibitor certifies that all exhibits are in accordance with the Rules & Regulations of the Brevard County 4-H Fair and that the exhibitor agrees to be governed by these rules.
- Entries are limited to Brevard County 4-H members in good standing (registered in 4HOnline, residing in Brevard County, applicable membership fees paid) and who have attended at least five (5) club meetings. Exhibitors must be between the ages of 5 and 18 as of September 1, 2025, to compete.
- Animals are restricted to a designated area of the site and must not be taken from this area. Violators are liable for any damage incurred by the owner or animal.
- Names and telephone numbers of qualified local veterinarians will be available at the Extension office. Each exhibitor is responsible for any bills incurred.
- **Only animals being shown at the Brevard County 4-H Fair are permitted on the site.**
- **No dogs shall be allowed in the Animal Show area, as this causes undue stress on the animals.**
- **Smoking is not permitted on site.**
- **The use of tobacco products, drugs, or alcoholic beverages by exhibitors and or their families on site is strictly prohibited.**
- Failure to maintain animals and exhibit areas to acceptable standards and/or failure to cooperate with Fair Officials may result in premium forfeiture.
- Any person who violates any of the General Rules or special rules as published in the 2026 Brevard County 4-H Fair Market Poultry Show Rule Book will forfeit all privileges and premiums won.

7. Protests

- All protests must be made in writing, must plainly state the complaint, be accompanied by a cash deposit of \$50.00 (which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained), and must be delivered to the 4-H Agent within 24 hours after the cause of the protest.

8. Attire

- All exhibitors are required to wear the following for shows and sales:
 - **4-H Exhibitors: dark pants or khakis, white collared shirt, 4-H insignia**
 - **4-H jacket is optional**
- **NO BLUE JEANS!!!**
- **No headgear (caps, hats, etc.) shall be worn for the show, showmanship, or sale.**
- **Closed-toe shoes or boots are required.**

International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE)

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 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 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 and livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of volatile drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitters, 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 that 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 the federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima

facie evidence that 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 laboratory to which it is sent is the one 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 time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, a licensed veterinarian shall administer all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar 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 duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials 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. Violations 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 disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of the Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rule 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 of 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 consent that any action that 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 Department of Agriculture

CHAPTER 5C-4 ADMISSION OF ANIMALS FOR EXHIBITION

The purpose and effect of the rule changes are to update and specify identification, testing and documentation requirements for exhibition of animals.

- 5C-4.0015 Definitions.
- 5C-4.0017 General Requirements and Limitations.
- 5C-4.004 Poultry, Domestic Fowl and Ratites.

5C-4.0015 Definitions.

For the purposes of this Chapter the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) Accredited veterinarian. A licensed veterinarian who has been approved to perform certain functions of the federal and cooperative federal-state programs by the Deputy Administrator, United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, in accordance with the provisions of 9 CFR 161 (1993).
- (2) Animal(s). This term shall include:
 - (a) Livestock including grazing animals, such as cattle, horses, sheep, swine, goats, and other hooved animals;
 - (b) Ratites, limited to ostriches, emus, and rheas;
 - (c) Domesticated fowl which are propagated or maintained for commercial, exhibition, or breeding purposes, or as pets; and
 - (d) Wild or game animals which may threaten the agricultural interests of the state.
- (3) Department Representative. An employee of the Department who is authorized to perform animal health regulatory activities regarding the prevention, control, and eradication of certain infectious or communicable diseases of animals.
- (4) Exhibition. An assembly of animals for the purpose of competition or public presentation, including but not limited to fairs, shows, and rodeo events.
- (5) Group. One or more animals maintained on the same premises or in contact.
- (6) Horse. Any horse, mule, ass, zebra, or other Equidae.
- (7) 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.

(8) Market Class. An exhibition class consisting of finished-fed animals where all animals in the class go directly to slaughter immediately following the exhibition.

(9) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI). An official form approved by the senior animal health official of the state of origin or an equivalent form from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), which is a complete and legible certificate issued by a veterinarian who is licensed and accredited in the state of origin.

(10) Official test. A test conducted by a method approved by Department rules for the specific disease and animal species.

(11) Segregated. The maintenance of one group of animals so as to prevent physical contact with another group of animals.

(12) Materials. Title 9 C.F.R. ' 161 (1994) is hereby incorporated by reference. Copies may be obtained from the United States Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Mail Stop SSOP, Washington, D.C. 20402-9328.

5C-4.0017 General Requirements and Limitations.

(1) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) Required. All animals for exhibition in Florida, unless specifically exempted, must be accompanied by an OCVI issued by a veterinarian accredited in the state of origin.

(a) The OCVI must be complete including the breed, name, and registration number, and permanent identification such as tattoo, ear tag number, microchip number, or brand.

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

(2) For exhibition purposes only, 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. For importation into the State, the OCVI is valid for 30 days pursuant to paragraph 5C-3.002(1)(c), F.A.C.

(3) Exemption to Required OCVI. An OCVI is not required for animals originating in the State of Florida and entered in market classes provided that the animals are segregated from other animals and the pens are occupied only by the animals in a market class. Pens used for market classes must not be reused until after cleaning and disinfecting.

(4) Prior to acceptance at an exhibition, all animals presented for exhibition must be visually inspected by a veterinarian licensed in the state of Florida, or by a Department representative for:

(a) The required identification of the animal;

(b) Clinical signs of disease; and

(c) Evidence of compliance with test requirements.

(5) Any animal which has clinical signs of contagious or infectious disease on visual inspection or any animal which is known to be exposed must be:

(a) Withdrawn from exhibition and returned to the place of origin, or

(b) Examined at the owner's expense within 24 hours by a veterinarian licensed in the State of Florida who certifies by a signed written statement that the animal is free of contagious or infectious disease.

5C-4.004 Poultry, Domestic Fowl and Ratites.

(1) OCVI Required. An OCVI is required for domestic fowl and ratites for movement into Florida, but not specifically for exhibition. However, domestic fowl and ratites presented for exhibition without an OCVI, must be inspected as provided in subsection 5C-4.001(4), F.A.C.

(2) Test or Certification Required. All domestic fowl and ratites entered for exhibition must originate from Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flocks or hatcheries, as defined in Rule 5C-16.008, Florida Administrative Code (FAC), or have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition.

2026 Brevard County 4-H Fair

MARKET POULTRY SHOW AND AUCTION

Buyer Letters Due.....Friday, February 13, 2026, by 5:00 PM
Registration DueFriday, March 20, 2026, by 11:59 PM
Record Books Due Friday, March 27, 2026, by 5:00 PM
Registration Payment Due.....Friday, March 27, 2026, by 5:00 PM

Educational posters, photography, etc. are all due Monday, April 13th, 2026, by 6 PM to the UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County Office at 3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa, FL 32926.

Animal Check In.....Thursday, April 16, 2026, from 4 – 7 PM
Poultry Skill A Thon..... Thursday, April 16, 2026, from 3:30 – 7 PM
Poultry Judging.....Friday, April 17, 2026, at approx. 9:00 AM
Poultry Showmanship.....Friday, April 17, 2026, from 1:00 – 5 PM
4-H Breakfast Social.....Saturday, April 18, 2026, at 9:00 AM
Market Poultry Auction.....Saturday, April 18, 2026, at approx. 10:00 AM

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All entries in this category shall be subject to the Brevard County 4-H Fair General Rules and Regulations, the Florida Department of Agriculture Animal Health Requirements, and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics as found in the front of this Premium Book.

PURPOSE

The intent of the Youth Poultry Show is to promote youth development through a meaningful experience that will help young people grow into mature adults as well as to provide a fun and educational experience for the general public attending the events.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY:

1. Only bona fide 4-H members in good standing: active in 4HOnline, residing in Brevard County, applicable membership fees paid, and having attended at least five (5) club meetings are eligible to participate. Exhibitors must be between the ages of 5 and 18 as of September 1, 2025. Clubs must be valid clubs in good standing with their local & state organizations.
2. Participants must be at least 5 years of age by September 1, 2025, to compete.
3. Cloverbuds (ages 5 to 7 as of September 1, 2025) are eligible to participate in all activities at this event. All Cloverbud participants will receive participation ribbons for each event they enter. Cloverbuds will be limited to three animal entries (Market Poultry trio counts as one).
4. Participants must be under the direct supervision of an adult, teacher, or leader at all times.
5. Youth Livestock Ethics and Animal Care Workshop will NOT BE MANDATORY to show at the Brevard County 4-H Fair Market Poultry Show. It is recommended that all exhibitors take this class, but it will not be required. Information on Animal Ethics Workshops can be found at:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FADA62EA7F4C34-49540921-20242025#

Brevard County 4-H Fair Site

SITE RULES:

1. Each exhibitor is required to maintain clean and attractive quarters for his or her birds, cages, and personal equipment. Personal items, including cages and carriers, will not be allowed to be stored in or directly outside the barn area.
2. Brevard County 4-H will furnish cages.
3. Brevard County 4-H WILL PROVIDE WATERERS, FEEDERS, WATER, and FEED for all birds.
4. No dogs will be allowed in the poultry show area due to the undue stress placed on the animals.
5. The Brevard County 4-H Fair, UF/IFAS Brevard County Extension, nor the 4-H Agent will be responsible for any loss that may occur but will exercise every reasonable care of exhibits.
6. Eggs will be collected by Extension Staff throughout the fair to keep our cages clean and prevent birds from becoming "egg-eaters". Eggs collected will become the property of the Brevard County 4-H Fair. Any exhibitor may collect eggs from their own birds during the fair when the exhibitor is present, but eggs will not be collected by Show Staff and held for exhibitors.

ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMALS FOR SHOW:

1. Test or Certification Required. All domestic fowl entered for exhibition must originate from Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flocks or hatcheries, as defined in rule 5C-16.008, FAC, or have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to being exhibited.
2. All sick birds or birds with external parasites will be isolated and are not eligible for competition or awards. Birds must be removed from the premises immediately.
3. Tampering or faking with any animal entered is prohibited.

ENTRY AND ARRIVAL OF BIRDS:

1. Completed Registration must be received by Friday, March 20, 2026, at 11:59 PM. Entry forms must be completed online.
 - a. Entry forms must be complete to be accepted. (It is advisable to submit early so that any questions may be cleared up prior to the closing date).
 - b. There is a limit of **one market trio** entry per 4-H member.
 - c. Entry fee is **\$15.00** per trio of market birds for all youth. Entry fees should be made payable to Brevard County 4-H Association. Checks can be mailed to or dropped off at the UF/IFAS Brevard County Extension Office (3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa, FL 32926). Complete and accurate payments should be received no later than Friday, March 27, 2026. Refunds will not be given for animals that were entered but not actually exhibited at the show.
2. Entry forms must be signed by all the following: exhibitor, parent/guardian.
3. Birds will be received between 4 PM and 7 PM on Thursday, April 16, 2026. Participants must have their birds on site no later than 6:45 PM to allow for testing by Florida Department of Food and Agriculture Services (FDACS) by 7 PM.
4. **NO WET BIRDS WILL BE ACCEPTED UPON ARRIVAL!**
5. A State Poultry Inspector will be present to test all birds upon arrival. All birds without a valid National Poultry Improvement Program (NPIP) number will be given a pullorum-typhoid blood test on entry. Reactors will be taken by the Department of Agriculture and not returned to the exhibitor.
6. A sampling of birds from each exhibitor will be examined by Extension Staff for external parasites and any signs of disease. The birds chosen for examination will be at the discretion of the 4-H Agent.
7. All exhibitors are required to water and feed their own birds upon arrival.
8. Exhibitors must be present at check-in unless special permission has been requested and approved by the 4-H Agent prior to the night of check-in.
9. Management reserves the right to reject any entry or entries from any exhibitor.
10. It is highly recommended that each exhibitor contact the Florida Department of Agriculture to obtain their NPIP number prior to arriving at the Brevard County 4-H Fair.

RELEASE:

1. During the period of exhibition, no specimen may be removed, except by consent of the 4-H Agent.
2. Market poultry trios are only to be removed from cages by UF/IFAS Brevard County Extension faculty and staff. This helps to reduce confusion during the auction checkout process. Birds removed from cages by youth or parents without prior permission will forfeit all premium monies won.

3. All other items, such as posters and photos, will be released at the conclusion of the market poultry auction on Saturday, April 18, 2026 Exhibits will also be available for pick up during business hours at the UF/IFAS Brevard County Extension Office for the two weeks directly following the 4-H Fair.

JUDGING:

1. The birds will be judged on **Friday, April 17, 2026**, utilizing the modified Danish System of judging. Each entry will receive a Blue, Red, or White award. Only entries receiving a Blue quality award will be considered for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion awards. Cloverbuds will receive a participation ribbon.
2. The judging of birds will be conducted in consideration of breed characteristics as stated in the American Standard of Perfection.
3. **No Exhibitors will be allowed in the Poultry area during judging.**
4. During the selection of champions, exhibitors, and parents shall refrain from speaking with the judge.
5. The decision of the judge shall be final.

SOCIAL AND SALE:

1. The social and sale will start at approximately 9 AM on Saturday, April 18, 2026.
2. **Each trio will be sold together as a trio. Birds will NOT be sold individually.**
3. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to work toward acquiring buyers for the market poultry auction.
 - a. **Required buyer letters must be received by the 4-H Agent by the due date (Friday, February 13, by 5 PM). If letters are not received by this date, you will not be allowed to participate in the market poultry auction.**
4. **All exhibitors are REQUIRED to wear official dress during the Sale - NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
5. All exhibitors are required to assist with all duties as assigned during the sale.
6. All exhibitors must stay at the conclusion of the auction to take photographs with their buyers.
7. **Do not remove leg band or cage identification tags!!!** Identification tags are to be left on all poultry and cages for the purpose of identification at load-out after the auction.

THANK YOU LETTERS:

1. **Please note:** All exhibitors are to submit personal thank-you letters addressed to donors and/or their buyer(s) to the 4-H Agent. This includes donors/buyers who are relatives, friends, etc. The 4-H Agent will provide you with a list of your buyer's names.
2. Poultry Donor/Buyer thank you letters are due by **Friday, May 22, 2026, at 5:00 PM.**
3. You may mail or hand-deliver your thank-you letters to the UF/IFAS Brevard County Extension office, Attn: 4-H Agent. **Do not send thank you letters directly to the buyer(s).** They will be sent to the buyer along with a letter of appreciation and a photograph from the Fair.
4. No checks for show premiums and auction proceeds will be issued to exhibitors until the 4-H Agent has received all thank you letters to buyers.

4-H Market Poultry Show & Auction Premiums and Awards

Blue Award	\$8.00
Red Award	\$6.00
White Award	\$4.00

Best of Show (Grand Champion) Rosette and \$50.00

Reserve Best of Show Rosette and \$35.00

ADDITIONAL POULTRY CONTESTS:

Age Divisions (as of September 1, 2025)

- Cloverbud Division.....ages 5 - 7 years old
- Junior Division.....ages 8 - 10 years old
- Intermediate Division.....ages 11 - 13 years old
- Senior Division.....ages 14 - 18 years old

RECORD BOOKS:

Due Friday, March 27, 2026, by 5:00 PM

1. **RECORD BOOKS ARE REQUIRED.** Record Books must be turned in by Friday, March 27, by 5 PM. Cloverbuds may complete a Brevard County 4-H Fair Cloverbud Poultry Record Book.
2. The completed Record Book must be approved and signed by the 4-H Leader.
3. Record Books are available on the UF/IFAS Brevard County Extension website (<https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/brevard/4-h-and-youth/4-h-youth/#recordbooks>) or upon request from the UF/IFAS Brevard County Extension Office
4. Record Books will be entered and judged by age divisions as stated.
5. Judging will be on a modified Danish System. All Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors will receive a Blue, Red, or White award. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded to the top three Blue Ribbon winners in each of those three age divisions. Cloverbuds will receive a participation ribbon.
6. Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors will earn points toward Champion Exhibitor based on actual Record Book scores.

AWARDS: Record Books.....1st Place Ribbon in each age division
2nd Place Ribbon in each age division
3rd Place Ribbon in each age division

SHOWMANSHIP:

Friday, April 17, 2026, from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

1. Exhibitors must sign up for Showmanship on the online entry form.
2. A schedule will be available prior to the fair for participants to choose their time slots.
3. Exhibitors will demonstrate Showmanship skills on an individual basis to a judge.

4. Judging will be on a modified Danish System. All Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors will receive a Blue, Red, or White Award. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded to the top three Blue Ribbon winners in each of those three age divisions.
5. Cloverbuds will receive a participation ribbon for their exhibition in the Showmanship contest.
6. Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors will earn points toward Champion Exhibitor based on actual Showmanship scores.

AWARDS: Poultry Showmanship (Jr., Int., Sr.).....1st Place Ribbon in each age division
 2nd Place Ribbon in each age division
 3rd Place Ribbon in each age division

SKILL-A-THON:

Thursday, April 16, 2026, 3:30 PM – 7 PM

1. The Skill-a-Thon is open to any registered poultry exhibitor, and all are encouraged to participate.
2. Exhibitors must sign up for Skill-A-Thon on the online entry form.
3. **Any participant needing assistance with reading the questions must notify the Extension office in writing at least one week prior to the event.**
4. The contest will be based on the 2026 Florida State Fair Youth Poultry Skill-A-Thon information.
5. Age divisions will apply as stated.
6. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded to the top three Blue Ribbon winners in each of those three age divisions. Cloverbuds will receive a participation ribbon.
7. Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors will earn points toward Champion Exhibitor based on actual Skill-a-thon scores.

AWARDS: Skill-A-Thon Contest.....1st Place Ribbon in each age division
 2nd Place Ribbon in each age division
 3rd Place Ribbon in each age division

POSTER CONTEST:

Drop-off Monday, April 13th, 2026, by 6 PM

1. Open to any registered poultry exhibitor.
2. Posters must be turned in by the above due date and time. Late posters will not be accepted.
3. Posters will be available for release upon the conclusion of the market poultry auction on Saturday, April 18, 2026.
4. Posters must have been made by the exhibitor.
5. Posters may relate to any educational subject relating to the poultry industry.
6. Posters will be entered and judged by age divisions as stated.
7. Poster must follow guidelines as stated in the **Exhibits Rulebook** under **Exhibits: Animal Projects: Educational Posters**.
8. Failure to comply with any of the above rules will result in disqualification from the poster contest.
9. Judging will be on a modified Danish System. All Jr., Int., and Sr. exhibitors will receive a Blue, Red, or White award. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded to the top three

Blue Ribbon winners in each of those three age divisions. Cloverbuds will receive a participation ribbon.

7. Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors will earn points toward Champion Exhibitor based on actual Poster scores.

AWARDS: Poultry Poster.....1st Place Ribbon in each age division
2nd Place Ribbon in each age division
3rd Place Ribbon in each age division

POULTRY PHOTO CONTEST:

Monday, April 13th, 2026, by 6 PM

1. Photo entries must be received during check-in on Monday, April 13th, 2026, by 6 PM. No entries will be accepted after 6 PM on the date of check-in.
2. The entry must be the original work of the exhibitor. No entries are accepted in this contest from any club.
3. The photo must have been taken by the exhibitor.
4. Photos must follow guidelines as stated in the Exhibits Rule Book under Exhibits: Animal Projects: Photography.
5. The photo entries must be poultry-related.
6. The 4-H Agent reserves the right to reject any entry not considered suitable, being too large, heavy, or small to be displayed properly, or being in non-compliance with these rules and regulations.
7. Photos will be entered and judged by age divisions as stated.
8. Judging will be on a modified Danish System. All Jr., Int., and Sr. exhibitors will receive a Blue, Red, or White award. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded to the top three Blue Ribbon winners in each of those three age divisions. Cloverbuds will receive a participation ribbon.
9. Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors will be awarded points toward Champion Exhibitor based on actual Photo scores.

AWARDS: Poultry Photo Contest.....1st Place Ribbon in each age division
2nd Place Ribbon in each age division
3rd Place Ribbon in each age division

CHAMPION EXHIBITOR:

The Champion exhibitor award is based on a premium point system, with the highest total score being the Champion. Point values for each category are stated below. Exhibitors are required to receive a minimum of 300 total points to be eligible for Champion Exhibitor. All points will be totaled.

Category	Max Points Awarded
Record Book	100 points
Showmanship	100 points
Skill-a-Thon	100 points
Poster Contest	100 points
Photo Contest	<u>100 points</u>
	500 points total

2 points will be added to your total score for each Poultry class that was attended throughout the year (excluding the Poultry Program Information Night).

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS: Champion ExhibitorRosette and \$100.00