

2026 POULTRY RULES

Any/all pre-fair requirements (i.e. QA, pictures, pen assignments, etc.) MUST be completed by posted due date(s). Failure to complete any/all requirements, as required, will result in the exhibitor not being allowed to bring, able to show and/or sell livestock projects.

1. Greene County Fair poultry shows follow the American Poultry Association guidelines for domestic chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys. Birds are judged according to the "Standard of Perfection" publication issued by the APA.

Market Turkey (project #150TM) and Broiler (project # 152CM) projects

1. All rules from this committee will be subject to the General Rules & Regulations of the Greene County Fair.
2. All exhibitors bringing any type of fowl into the poultry barn must attend the mandatory Quality Assurance training provided each year or have completed the "test out" requirements for QA.
3. All turkey poults and broiler chicks for the Greene County market shows will be ordered at the same time from the same hatchery. There is a minimum order of ten (10) broiler chicks and a minimum of six (6) turkey poults. Please make checks payable to **Greene Co. Poultry Committee**.
4. Money for birds must be paid at the time the order is placed. There will be no extension of order dates or delivery times. Money and order forms must be dropped off at the **Extension Office** by the published due dates. Any late orders/questions must be directed to the Poultry Committee.
5. Market birds must be picked at the published pickup times/dates. Birds not picked up become the property of the Greene County Poultry Committee.
6. **Only one pen consisting of one (1) turkey may be exhibited by each exhibitor. Only one pen consisting of three (3) broilers may be exhibited by each exhibitor.**
7. **Weigh in for market projects is the Saturday before the start of fair. Weigh-in will begin at 4pm and end at 7pm in alphabetical order.** Market birds will be weighed and banded before being placed into their cages. Once birds are weighed and tagged there can be no substitution of birds. Absolutely no wet birds will be allowed to weigh-in.
8. Drug use notification forms (DUNF) must be completely filled out and signed by the exhibitor and parent/guardian at weigh in.
9. Market broilers will be weighed as a pen of 3 with a minimum weight of 12 lbs. for the group weight. Underweight birds may be evaluated by the judge but may not place or sell at auction. Severely underweight birds may be rejected and removal from the fairgrounds requested at the discretion of the poultry committee.
10. **Only the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion** turkey/broiler pen will be taken into the auction ring and remain for the entire auction.
11. **All poultry must be removed by 10:00 a.m.** on Friday. Pen cleaning must be approved by a poultry committee member.
12. **All fancy, breeding, and exhibition fowl must be removed from the barn and pens cleaned by 10am on Friday.**

Fancy Poultry (project # 150CE), Poultry Production: Raising Pullets (# 150CEP) and Duck (# 150DM) or Goose (# 150GM)

1. Pen assignment forms for all poultry projects must be filled out and turned in by the published date. If you do not fill one out, there will not be a pen for your animals when you arrive for check-in.
2. **All fancy poultry and production poultry are required to be pullorum tested and banded on Saturday, July 11 from 9am-12 noon.** Birds cannot be shown if they are not tested. The poultry committee must be contacted and other arrangements made if you cannot come to this testing date. There will be a charge for late testing. **Broilers, ducks, geese and turkeys are not required to be tested.**
 - Exhibition turkeys must pullorum tested by a veterinarian before fair
3. Check-in for these projects begins at 4pm till 7pm on Saturday before the start of fair in alphabetical order. All fancies will be inspected by a member of the poultry committee for lice and for proper pullorum banding before being allowed to be put into cages. Birds will not be allowed to remain in the poultry barn if live lice are found.
4. A pen of ducks consists of one male and one female of the same breed. There is a maximum of two pens per exhibitor for the duck/goose project.
5. A pen of production pullets or hens consists of 2 females of the same age, breed and variety of chicken. Three pens of pullets and three pens of hens may be shown by each exhibitor. The number of pens required must be indicated on the pen assignment form.
6. A pen of fancy chickens consists of 1 male and 1 female of the same breed and variety. Fancy poultry are divided into two classes: Standard and Bantam. These groups are further divided into old (more than a year old) and young (less than a year old). Please indicate on the pen assignment form the correct category for each pen of birds the exhibitor plans to bring to fair.
7. A pen of Breeding Geese is 2 females of the same breed and variety. Exhibition Geese pen is 1 Male and 1 Female of the same breed and variety. Limit of 1 pen per exhibitor. Geese must be in place by 8pm on the evening before the show and must be inspected by a committee member. Geese are released at the conclusion of their show.
8. Each exhibitor may bring a maximum of 2 pens for each group of fancy poultry. For example, if they have standard fancy chickens they may bring 2 pens of old standards and 2 pens of young standards. The same exhibitor may bring bantams in both the old and young groups. Please keep in mind that the exhibitor is responsible for keeping their cages clean!!

Egg Production class

1. To be eligible to participate in the class, the exhibitor must be enrolled in project #150CEP, Poultry Production: Raising Pullets.
2. Each exhibitor may exhibit up to two dozen eggs; each dozen of the same color and must be clean. Dirty eggs will not be judged or displayed.
3. Eggs will be judged on size, uniformity, condition, and interior quality. Eggs may be candled to determine interior quality
4. Entries for the Egg Production class will need to be entered with the Poultry Committee in the Poultry Barn by 9:00 am on Tuesday.
5. Prize money will be awarded to the top five dozen eggs.

For a project requiring 2 animals (such as ducks or fancy/bantams) if only 1 animal is available to bring to fair the project is considered incomplete and may not participate at the fair.

Fancies and bantams must bring the appropriate animals- if you entered a fancy pullet and cockerel that is what you must bring not something else. For example, 2 pullets.

NO LATE MARKET POULTRY ORDERS ACCEPTED. IF YOU DO NOT PICK UP YOUR BIRDS AT THE PICK UP TIME, THERE WILL BE A FINE.

Any pen of birds more than 2 lbs. underweight will have to take birds home and not be able to show.

Minimum weights:

- Market turkey- 16 lbs.
- Market ducks- pen of 2 weighing 8 lbs.
- Market broilers- pen of 3 weighing 12 lbs.

Backyard Poultry Class – New in 2026!

- Exhibitors may enter one (1) pen consisting of 2 hens. Breeds not currently recognized in the Standard of Perfection may be entered. Hens may be of any age but must be pullorum tested.

Rooster Row Class – New in 2026!

- Open to roosters of any age and breed. Birds in this class should not be part of any other pen and are shown as a single entry. Roosters must be pullorum tested and entries are limited to one per exhibitor.