

POULTRY DEPARTMENT 7
INCLUDING CAGE AND GAME BIRDS (Pigeons, Doves, Game Birds, Cage Birds)
(Also including Chickens, Ducks, Geese, Turkeys and Domestic Fowl)

1. Read General Rules, Livestock Rules and Health Regulations carefully.
2. OWNERSHIP OF BIRDS: All birds entered must have been owned by the exhibitor before June 1st of this year.
3. **PULLORUM TESTING POULTRY FOR FAIRS: A copy of the Negative Pullorum Certificate must be sent in with your entries.** Testing: All birds must be over 16 weeks to be blood tested. If they are too young, it might read a false positive. All poultry exhibited at fairs must be from flocks certified by the State as "Pullorum and Fowl Typhoid Clean." To be certified, **all birds in the flock**, not just those to be exhibited, must be blood tested and found negative for the disease. Blood samples are collected by inspectors from the Pullorum Testing Lab. To get your poultry tested, call Megan McGrath, (617)626-1798. The test must be done every year for valid certification. **NOTE: All birds** need to be tested with the exception of Waterfowl, Pigeons, Doves and Cage Birds.
4. CARE OF BIRDS: Exhibitors are responsible for watering and feeding their birds during the Fair. Water and feed dishes must be provided by the exhibitor. **NOTE: Steward duties will be arranged so that an exhibitor is on duty in the building at all times. The Fair Management and the Department shall take all due precautions but cannot be responsible for the loss of any bird.**
5. Sex-links and recognized Cross-Breeds may be entered only in **Class F, Lot 22-24** and **Class H, Lot 29-32** since this is the reason for cross-breeding.
6. Lots: Different breeds and varieties may be entered in each lot with a total maximum of 15 birds entered.
7. Entry Fees: \$1.00 for each bird entered in Lots 01-36. \$2.00 one-time entry fee for static displays in lots 37-40. No fee for entries in Lots 41, 42 and 43.
8. ENTRY FORMS: Include the class letter, lot#, breed, sex, color, bred & raised by you and entry fee. Do not give the nickname of a bird, birthday, or band number. **NOTE: Bred by owner premium applies to lots in classes A-I only.** In order to qualify as bred by owner, the parents of the bird entered must have been under the care of the exhibitor. If the bird qualifies, check the appropriate space on the entry form (you must have hatched the eggs to qualify).
9. Judging times and other department activities will be posted in the Poultry Barn on Thursday evening.
10. Cage birds, Pheasants and Quail **MUST** provide their own cages and coverings. This is for the safety of your bird.
11. During the Fair, there will be several contests with ribbons and trophies as appropriate.
 - A. Feathers for Fly-tying: All birds in the Poultry and Cage and Game Bird departments will be judged on the quality and usefulness of their feathers for fly-tying.
 - B. Cock Crowing: Birds will compete once or twice during the Fair. They will be scored on the number of crows in a given length of time. The exhibitor must be present during this contest and use their own bird.
12. All exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning up the Poultry Department area at the close of the Fair Sunday evening. **NO BIRDS CAN LEAVE THE FAIRGROUNDS UNTIL AFTER THE CLOSING CEREMONIES.** Please empty feed and water dishes, take your coop tags and close coop doors.

CLASSES A - H Breeding Premium

Purebred animals that are bred and owned by the exhibitor (all lots in Classes A through H only) are eligible for additional prize money awards. In order to qualify as bred by owner, the parents of the bird entered must have been under the care of the exhibitor. Sufficient records to establish the parentage, hatching and rearing may be required. If in doubt, contact the Department Chairman prior to the Fair. Please check the "Bred and Raised by You" box on the Livestock Entry form to show eligibility.

CLASS A - Standard Size Fowl All Breeds

All breeds competing together unless competition warrants divisions.

Lot 01.	Cock - over 1 year old	Lot 03.	Cockerel - less than 1 year old
Lot 02.	Hen - over 1 year old	Lot 04.	Pullet - less than 1 year old

CLASS B - Bantam Fowl All Breeds

Lot 05.	Cock - over 1 year old	Lot 07.	Cockerel - less than 1 year old
Lot 06.	Hen - over 1 year old	Lot 08.	Pullet - less than 1 year old

CLASS C - Domestic Ducks All Breeds (For wild varieties see Cage and Game Bird Dept.)

Lot 09.	Old Drake	Lot 11.	Young Drake
Lot 10.	Old Duck	Lot 12.	Young Duck

PREMIUMS

	First	Second	Third
Classes A - I, Lots 01-36	5 PTS	4 PTS	3 PTS
Additional Breeding Premium for Lots 01-36	3 PTS	2 PTS	1 PT
(For Purebred animals which have been bred and raised by the exhibitor.)			
Class V, Lot 37-40	4 PTS	3 PTS	2 PTS
Class W, Lot 41	5 PTS	4 PTS	3 PTS
Class Z, Lot 42-43	No Cash Award		
