

# DEPARTMENT 4H – RABBITS, CAVIES & POULTRY

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*Livestock Department, Section, and Class Specific Rules & Regulations. These rules and regulations are in addition to the “General Rules and Regulations Applicable to All Exhibitors and Exhibits”. All Exhibitors must comply with all Washington County Ag Expo & Fair rules and regulations. Failure to comply may disqualify the entry and require that it be removed from the fairgrounds.*

## Department 4H – Rabbits, Cavies & Poultry

- 1) General Rules and Regulations for rabbits and cavies.
  - a) Breed rabbits must be at least 3 months of age.
  - b) All rabbits must be tattooed in the left ear for positive identification one week prior to the opening day of the fair (remove excess ink for the show).
  - c) Exhibitors are limited to 20 rabbits total in breeding classes
  - d) Pen assignments will be based on the total number of entries.
  - e) All pens must be utilized by rabbits on entry forms for the show.
    - i) Rabbits will be entered with livestock, and must stay until the animal release time.
  - f) Unused pens by an exhibitor will result in the equal reduction of rabbits allowed to show.
  - g) Only exhibitors and show officials will be permitted within the judging area.
  - h) Any substitution must be made through the superintendent prior to the show. Any substitution must be of the same breed, variety and class.
  - i) Rabbits/cavies will be judged by ARBA standards.
  - j) A mixed breed class will be separate.
  - k) Fur will be decided during breed classes.
  - l) Cavies will be a one day show due to housing conditions that may be detrimental to their health.
  - m) 4H-5-1 – Meat Pen
    - i) Rabbits can be mixed breed as long as they are still uniform in size, shape and color. If there is a tie between sets, breed standards will be followed.
    - ii) Age limit not over 80 days, weight limit not over 6 pounds or under 3.5 pounds for the show.
    - iii) Rabbits not within the weight limits on the show day may show, but not be champion or reserve.
    - iv) All breeds competing together.
    - v) One entry per exhibitor
    - vi) Entry must be purchased or raised and in possession by 8 weeks of age.
    - vii) Rabbits must be tattooed.
    - viii) Four may be purchased or raised and show three.
  - n) Specials
    - i) Best of Show – Trophy Rabbit/Cavy
    - ii) Best of Breed – Ribbon, Rabbit/Cavy
    - iii) Best of Opposite – Ribbon, Rabbit/Cavy
    - iv) Best of Four – Rosette, Rabbit
    - v) Best of Six – Rosette, Rabbit
- 2) Rules and Regulations for Poultry
  - a) Exhibitors may exhibit a total of 20 birds. May only be entered in one class.
  - b) Poultry's arrival and release times will follow those of other livestock exhibits.
  - c) All birds must have been owned by, and on the exhibitors premises, on or before May 1 of the current year.
  - d) Substitutions made after the original registration of birds shall be allowed within the same breed and class as original bird.
  - e) The exhibitor will ensure that food and water is provided in adequate containers while birds are on exhibit.
  - f) Any birds showing signs of disease will be refused and sent home. The decision of the Superintendent is final.
  - g) The Maryland Department of Agriculture Animal Health Regulations governing Pullorum-Typhoid diseases in poultry are in effect. All poultry must originate from U.S.A. and must have been tested prior to show. No birds will be accepted for exhibition without the proper documentation from such testing. Also, the State of Maryland requires that you have all poultry tested for A.I.

### All Poultry – General Requirements:

1. **Premise Registration:** All Maryland poultry exhibitors must have valid proof of a registered Maryland Poultry Premises ID Number.
2. **Identification:** All poultry entering an exhibition shall be identified with a state approved tamper-proof numbered leg band.
3. **Testing:** All poultry for exhibition shall meet the requirements for Pullorum-Typhoid testing (see testing details below). All poultry entries must be accompanied by the correct test report form. (MDA PT Test Form: MDA-E20, or NPIP Form: USDA VS Form 9-3, or other official state testing report)

4. **Self Certification:** All poultry exhibitors shall complete a Poultry Exhibitor’s Self Certification of Animal Health. Self certification form found on MDA web site.

**Testing Requirements: Maryland in State and Out of State Poultry:**

**Maryland Poultry – In State Testing Requirements**

1. **Salmonella Pullorum:** Poultry you bring to an exhibition (except waterfowl, pigeons and doves) must meet one or more of the following requirements:
  - a. Originate directly from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which means that you must be registered with the MDA NPIP program, and have 100% of breeders up to 300 birds tested for pullorum-typhoid showing a negative official pullorum-typhoid test within the past 12 months before entry to the event, OR
  - b. Every participating bird must have a negative official test for Salmonella pullorum-typhoid within 90 days before entry to event (“partial flock test”). These tested poultry must remain segregated from any untested birds after a partial flock test.
2. Documentation of test results must be on MDA –E20, VS form 9-3 or comparable form, and made available to show superintendant or MDA inspectors upon request.

**Premiums for Department 4H**

1st – \$5.00	2nd – \$4.00	3rd – \$3.00	4th – \$2.00
5th – \$1.00	6th – \$1.00	7th – \$1.00	8th – \$1.00
9th – \$1.00	10th – \$1.00	11th & Up – \$1.00	

**SECTION**

**001 – Rabbit Showmanship**

**Classes**

- 0001 Junior, Ages 8-10
- 0002 Intermediate, Ages 11-13
- 0003 Senior, Ages 14-18

**SECTION**

**002 – Under 9 Lbs**

**Classes**

- 0001 Junior Buck
- 0002 Junior Doe
- 0003 Senior Buck
- 0004 Senior Doe

**SECTION**

**003 – Over 9 Lbs**

**Classes**

- 0001 Junior Buck
- 0002 Junior Doe
- 0003 Intermediate Buck
- 0004 Intermediate Doe
- 0005 Senior Buck
- 0006 Senior Doe

**SECTION**

**004 – Meat**

**Classes**

- 0001 Meat Pen, (See Rules & Regulations)
- 0002 Bred & Owned

**SECTION**

**005 – Cavies Showmanship**

**Classes**

- 0001 Junior, Ages 8-10
- 0002 Intermediate, Ages 11-13

0003 Senior, Ages 14-18

## SECTION

### 006 – CAVIES

#### Classes

- 0001 Junior Boars & Sows, (12-22 Ounces)
- 0002 Intermediate Boars & Sows, (23-32 Ounces)
- 0003 Senior Boars & Sows, (Over 32 Ounces)

## SECTION

### 007 – Poultry Showmanship

#### Classes

- 0001 Junior, Ages 8-10
- 0002 Intermediate, Ages 11-13
- 0003 Senior, Ages 14-18

## SECTION

### 008 – POULTRY

#### BREEDERS - Classes

- 0001 Meat Type - Pullet
- 0002 Meat Type - Hen
- 0003 Meat Type - Cockerel
- 0004 Meat Type - Cock
- 0005 American - Pullet
- 0006 American - Hen
- 0007 American - Cockerel
- 0008 American - Cock
- 0009 Asiatic - Pullet
- 0010 Asiatic - Hen
- 0011 Asiatic - Cockerel
- 0012 Asiatic - Cock
- 0013 Mediterranean - Pullet
- 0014 Mediterranean - Hen
- 0015 Mediterranean - Cockerel
- 0016 Mediterranean - Cock
- 0017 English - Pullet
- 0018 English - Hen
- 0019 English - Cockerel
- 0020 English - Cock
- 0021 Other Purebred - Pullet
- 0022 Other Purebred - Hen
- 0023 Other Purebred - Cockerel
- 0024 Other Purebred - Cock
- 0025 Cross Bred - Pullet
- 0026 Cross Bred - Hen
- 0027 Cross Bred - Cockerel
- 0028 Cross Bred - Cock

#### LAYER (FEMALE ONLY) - Classes

- 0029 Light (white egg) - Pullet
- 0030 Light (white egg) - Hen
- 0031 Heavy (brown egg) - Pullet
- 0032 Heavy (brown egg) - Hen

#### BANTAM - Classes

- 0033 Single Comb - Clean Legged - Pullet
- 0034 Single Comb - Clean Legged - Hen
- 0035 Single Comb - Clean Legged - Cockerel
- 0036 Single Comb - Clean Legged - Cock
- 0037 Rose Comb - Clean Legged - Pullet
- 0038 Rose Comb - Clean Legged - Hen
- 0039 Rose Comb - Clean Legged - Cockerel
- 0040 Rose Comb - Clean Legged - Cock
- 0041 Any Other Comb - Clean Legged - Pullet
- 0042 Any Other Comb - Clean Legged - Hen
- 0043 Any Other Comb - Clean Legged - Cockerel

- 0044 Any Other Comb - Clean Legged - Cock
- 0045 Purebred - Feather Legged - Pullet
- 0046 Purebred - Feather Legged - Hen
- 0047 Purebred - Feather Legged - Cockerel
- 0048 Purebred - Feather Legged - Cock
- 0049 Game - Old English - Pullet
- 0050 Game - Old English - Hen
- 0051 Game - Old English - Cockerel
- 0052 Game - Old English - Cock
- 0053 Game - Modern - Pullet
- 0054 Game - Modern - Hen
- 0055 Game - Modern - Cockerel
- 0056 Game - Modern - Cock
- 0057 Any Other - Pullet
- 0058 Any Other - Hen
- 0059 Any Other - Cockerel
- 0060 Any Other - Cock

**TURKEY - Classes**

- 0061 Meat Turkey

**SECTION**

**009 – DUCKS**

**Classes**

- 0001 Sr. Drake
- 0002 Sr. Hen
- 0003 Young Drake
- 0004 Young Hen