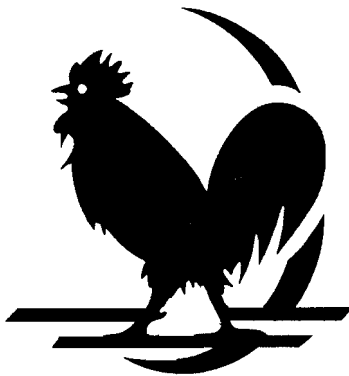


DeSoto County Fair Poultry Rules 2011



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General Fair Rules

On behalf of the DeSoto County Fair Association, you are invited to be a part of the Youth Livestock Exhibit at the 2010 DeSoto County Fair.

The Management of the DeSoto County Fair Association reserves the right to amend, add, and / or interpret the following rules and regulations, to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and difference in regard to , or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair.

The DeSoto County Fair and Livestock Committee assume no responsibility for the safety, loss or well being of exhibits. However every reasonable precaution will be observed.

The owner or custodian of the property of any kind brought to the Fairgrounds, either for exhibit or for other purposes, assumes as a condition of its admission to the grounds, all risk and / or responsibility for its loss, damage, or theft. The Fair or its Officers cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, elements, accidents, other conditions, or causes; whether the exhibits, property of the Exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein or any other property of any nature whatsoever.

Exhibitors must reside in DeSoto County and / or be currently enrolled and actively attending a DeSoto County Elementary, Middle or High School program. Exhibitors must be a bona fide member of a chartered 4H or FFA program prior to the Desoto County Fair. Also, the exhibitor must be 5 years of age and no older than 19 years of age as of September 1, 2009. The Fair Board and Livestock Committee will reserve the right to ask proof of school attendance. All 4H and FFA Leaders/Advisors will furnish an attendance record to the Livestock Chairman on January 5, 2010. Each exhibitor must meet the requirements of the 4H or FFA to be eligible to participate at the Fair.

Failure to submit required forms, documentation and entry fee at required time will result in not being accepted as an exhibitor. There will be no exceptions.

Exhibitors and Parents should not be under the influence of a controlled substance or alcohol.

Physical conditions of Exhibitors which Management considers to be a problem in the show or sale may result in the Management not accepting any entry or allowing the entrant to participate in the show.

Each Exhibitor must assume liability in case of death or injury to his / her animal until the end of the fair or until the animal is removed from the fairgrounds.

The Livestock Committee reserves the right to reject or require removal of any animal because of health, unmanageability, or inferior quality, at any time during the fair.

Premiums will be paid on the basis of the judging reports.

Age determination of showmanship and record book awards shall be based on the exhibitor's age as of September 1, 2011, prior to the Fair. Awards shall be divided into three classes: *Junior ages 8-11, Intermediate 12-14, and Senior 15-19 as of September 1, 2009.* Pee Wee members are ages 5-7 and will be considered for the Open Show. See Specific Committee Rules.

All protest must be in writing, stating plainly the complaint, be accompanied by a fee of \$50, which shall be forfeited to the Fair, in case the protest is not sustained and must be delivered to the Fair Management within 24 hours after the cause of the protest.

Each Exhibitor must assume liability in case of death or injury to his/her animal until the end of the fair or until the animal is removed from the fairgrounds. At which time, market animals become the liability of the purchaser.

The Livestock Committee reserve the right to reject or require removal of any animal because of health, unmanageability or inferior quality, at any time during the fair.

Any person, who knowingly violates any of these rules and provisions forfeit all rights, privileges, and premiums.

There will be a non-refundable, registration fee of \$25 due at the mandatory fair registration day (November 1, 2009). The fee will entitle a weeklong fair pass for the Exhibitor and 2 parents. If there is more than one Exhibitor in one family, there is an additional fee of \$10 per child. Additional passes may be purchased. This fee does not include a Fair Membership as in past years.

The Livestock Show Categories are: Market Steer, Breeding Heifers, Market Swine, Poultry, Rabbits and Goats. Entry by exhibitor expressly implies their willingness to accept the decision of all judges.

General Poultry Rules

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** See General Fair Rules for additional eligibility requirements. Any Desoto County youth entering without being bonafide will be considered an open class entry. Should any exhibitor be charged with a criminal offense, including criminal traffic, will be suspended from showing animals at the fair.

All Poultry exhibitors must attend the Mandatory Poultry Seminar. The Poultry Seminar will be Monday, October 18th 6pm – 8pm, Tuesday, October 19th 6pm – 8pm, and Thursday, October 20th 6pm – 8pm. For first year exhibitors, they must attend Monday and Tuesday. For 2+ year exhibitors, they must attend Tuesday. For exhibitors participating in the layer project, they must attend Tuesday and Thursday. If unable to attend, contact the Show Superintendent PRIOR to the Seminar.

2. **RECORD BOOK:** All exhibitors must turn in a completed record book at the time of check-in. The Record Book must be a DeSoto County Fair Poultry Record Book. Please make sure your record book is legibly written and neat. Record Books should be complete, including all signatures. No record book will be accepted after that time. All completed record books will be judged. Entries without a record book will be considered an open show entry. Record books should not be placed in a folder. 4H and FFA books will be judged separately, with winning books announced on awards night.
3. **ANIMAL ENTRIES:** The exhibitor must own all animals on or before November 1, 2011. Each exhibitor may enter up to 10 animals ***TOTAL*** for Commercial Laying and Exhibition for judging. Eligible entries include the following: exhibition chickens, commercial chickens, ducks, geese, guineas, and turkeys. Exhibition birds may include quail, dove, peacocks, and pheasants.

Commercial laying chickens will consist of the following: Females only of White Leghorn, Rhode Island Red, Barred Rock, Sex Link, Ameraucanas, Marans, and California Whites.

Due to limited space and coop availability, some adjustments may be made at the chairman's discretion.

Tampering with any animal entered, such as faking or masking a disqualification, is prohibited. Tampering will result in immediate disqualification of the animal.

Entry packets may be picked up at the 4H Meeting on October 19, 2011 and must be returned on or before November 15, 2011. If not picked up at the meeting, please call the Poultry Chairman to obtain your entry packet. No changes will be made after this date.

4. EGG ENTRIES: The Exhibitor may enter their eggs from their Commercial laying chickens for exhibition only. This must be done at check in. It is not mandatory for the exhibitor to enter eggs from their chickens. However, if an exhibitor enters their Commercial chicken, they must fill out the appropriate record book or it will be considered an open entry.
5. CARE OF ANIMALS: Animals are to be fed and watered by exhibitor upon arrival. Each exhibitor will be responsible for feeding his or her own birds and cleaning out the birds' cages daily. Morning feeding times will be between 5:00am and 7:45am and afternoon feeding times will be between 4:00 and 7:00pm. Any exhibitor at the barn during school hours will be disqualified. This is to include home school children. Any exhibitor failing to complete their feeding and care of their cages without permission from the show superintendent will forfeit all prize money.

There will be a Sign-in Sheet in a binder on the table in the poultry storage area to sign in for morning and afternoon feedings. Please make sure you sign in to acknowledge that your animal has been attended to. There will also be a sheet for you to sign in for the Judging / Show and clean up day. You must sign in every day during fair week for record keeping purposes.

6. PARKING: Anyone using vehicles to service animals (such as to bring in feed) must do so when the livestock gate opens in the mornings or during the afternoon. **ALL** vehicles must be moved outside the fence one hour before the fair opens to the public.

The parking inside of the Rodeo Arena is reserved for Board of Directors and Vendors of the Fair only. If your vehicle is found inside the arena without the proper pass in the window, it will be towed at the owner's expense.

7. ARRIVAL: Commercial Laying Poultry for judging and eggs for exhibition check-in will be Friday, January 21, 2011 between 4:00pm and 7:00pm. Exhibition Poultry for judging check-in will be Sunday, January 23, 2011 between 3:00pm and 4:00pm. All animals **MUST** have NPIP # prior to entry. No testing will be done at the fair. NPIP # will be on entry form or a copy of the testing must be included with the entry. The show superintendent or designee at check-in will perform a health and parasite check.

8. **JUDGING:** Commercial Laying Poultry judging will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at 12pm. Showmanship will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 1:00pm. Any peewee, junior, or senior member wanting to participate in showmanship has to use a bird that has been checked in for judging (on Saturday, January 29, 2011). Make sure that you sign in for showmanship and judging. Exhibition poultry judging will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 3:00pm (or after showmanship judging). The show area will be closed to the public during this time but exhibitors and parents will be allowed to walk with the judge while he /she is judging. The decision of the judge will be final.
9. **SHOWMANSHIP DRESS CODE:** Dress code for all exhibitors will be black jeans or skirt with a white long or short sleeved shirt, button up or snap with a collar. Exhibitors are encouraged to wear their FFA or 4-H jackets. Shirts must be tucked into pants with a belt and closed toe shoes / boots.
10. **RESPONSIBILITY:** The Desoto County Fair Association assumes no responsibility for the loss of damage of any exhibit. All reasonable effort will be made to protect properties and exhibits. No sick, diseased, or parasite infected birds will be allowed to remain on the fair grounds. The chairman, assistant chairman, and the barn superintendent have the authority to remove such bird and place in a quarantined area. The owner will be notified and allowed to pick up the animal.
11. **HANDLING OF EXHIBITS:** Only those persons authorized by show officials or the owner may handle birds without written permission from the owner unless the owner is present. All eggs are the property of the exhibitors and will be removed daily and given to the owner.
12. **PREMIUMS:** All premiums will be awarded after barn cleaning is completed on Sunday, January 30, 2011. Premiums are as follows: Jr. and Sr. Record Book: 1st - \$20.00, 2nd - \$15.00, 3rd - \$10.00. Youth animal entries: Blue \$20.00, Red \$15.00, White - \$10.00. Grand champion - \$20.00, Reserve Grand Champion - \$10.00. Class champions (3 or more in class): \$7.50, Reserve Class Champions - \$5.00. Youth showmanship: Jr. and Sr.: 1st - \$20.00, 2nd - \$15.00, 3rd - \$10.00. Open class exhibitors will receive ribbons only. In addition to premium money, trophies, plaques, medallions, belt buckles, or ribbons may also be given.
13. **RELEASE OF ANIMALS:** Commercial laying birds will be released on Sunday, January 23, 2011 between 2:00pm and 3:00pm before Exhibition check in. Exhibition birds will be released on Sunday, January 30, 2011 after

barn clean up at 1:00pm. Any bird removed prior to the specified times without the permission of the poultry chairman, will forfeit all prize and premium monies. Any bird left after 5:00pm will be in the possession of the poultry chairman. Any exhibitor (commercial laying and/or exhibition) failing to help with clean up will forfeit all prize and premium monies.

14. AWARDS CEREMONY: Awards ceremony will be held Friday, January 28, 2011 at 5:00pm.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation,
Poultry Committee Chairman and Committee