OPEN AND YOUTH POULTRY SHOWS

Livestock Chairmen: Dr. Howard Acree, Jr. and Mike Sweat

Livestock Coordinator: Shelly Terrell

Barn Superintendents: Shelly Terrell & Joshua Rivers

Superintendent: Wanda Simmons

Entry Deadline: October 1, 2026

Entry Fee: Youth: $1.00 per bird, Open: $3.00 per bird

Click Here To Register Online

Receiving: Wednesday, November 4, 2026, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Show: Friday, November 6, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

Youth Showmanship: Friday, November 6, 2026, immediately following the show

Release: Sunday, November 15, 2026, 8:00 p.m

Poultry Feed Courtesy of North Florida Feed and Farm Supply

If you have questions, please contact Wanda Simmons, wsim831880@aol.com

REFER TO GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION & POULTRY HEALTH REGULATIONS.

RULES

Completion of the Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care workshop is required for all youth exhibitors.
Ethics courses can be found here: **2026/2027 YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ETHICS & ANIMAL CARE WORKSHOP**

RECEIVING: Exhibitors must make their own arrangements for delivery and pickup of birds. Entries will be accepted at the Fairgrounds on Wednesday, November 4th, between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Once the birds have been received, exhibitors may not relocate theirs or other exhibitors' birds without prior approval and participation of the Show Superintendent. The Fair Association reserves the right to refuse entry to any fowl that appears to be sick, diseased or infected with lice or mites. All entries must remain for the duration of the fair. Although all possible care will be used in receiving, cooping, feeding, caring for, and returning of the birds, the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair will not be responsible for loss by death, accident, fire, theft, or providential destruction.

ELIGIBILITY: This show is open to any bona-fide poultry producer in Florida. Exhibitors must have owned stock three months prior to the opening of the fair. All domesticated land and waterfowl (either exhibition or commercial) listed in the American Poultry Association's "Standard of Perfection" and the American Bantam Association's "Bantam Standard" will be accepted for competition. Rules for judging set forth in these publications will be strictly adhered to. In addition to the above listed fowl, recognized F1 Hybrids such as: Sex-link & Red Comets, etc., only females will be admitted. Birds under 4 months of age will not be accepted. Mixed breeds will not be accepted. Because of their pugnacious disposition, fighting gamecocks and hens will not be accepted. All qualified entries will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Youth must not be over 18 years of age on the day of the show (not graduated from high school). Date of birth must be shown on the entry form. All entries must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor for at least three months prior to the show. Youth may show in the Open Show. The same poultry cannot be shown in both shows.

JUDGING: The Modified Danish System of Judging will be used for this show. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases.

SICK ANIMALS: Sick poultry will not be admitted to the showroom. During the fair if any poultry shows signs of illness or disease, the owner will be notified to come and pick up the poultry.

CLASSES
Entries will be classified as follows:

- COCK: A male bird 12 months of age or over
- COCKEREL: A male bird of less than 12 months of age
- HEN: A female bird 12 months of age or over
- PULLET: A female bird of less than 12 months of age

RELEASE / REMOVAL DATES AND TIMES: Birds will be released from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, November 15th. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to collect his/her birds during the above stated time. Any bird removed prior to this time without the consent of the Show Superintendent and Fair Officials will forfeit all awards and premiums. All exhibitors must sign out with the Show Superintendent or Secretary.

PASSES: The Livestock Office will supply each exhibitor with five (5) one-day admission tickets. If there is more than one exhibitor from the same family, those exhibitors will receive two (2) one-day admission tickets.

PARKING: See General Rules.

SHOWMANSHIP

Youth who wish to compete for Showmanship must indicate this on the registration.
Exhibitor must use their own poultry and must be entered in the youth poultry show.
Showmanship will begin immediately following the poultry show.

AGE DIVISIONS

(Youth's age on the day of the show)
Pee Wee: Ages 5-7
Juniors: Ages 8-10
Intermediates: Ages 11-13
Seniors: Ages 14-18 (must not have graduated from high school)

Premiums and awards will be given in the top three places in each age category.
1st Place…..$20.00
2nd Place…..$15.00
3rd Place…..$10.00

PREMIUMS-ALL CLASSES

Blue	1st:	$7.00
Red	2nd:	$6.00
White	3rd:	$5.00

AWARDS: Only Blue Ribbon birds will qualify for awards, which will be presented to the Champion Standard Fowl, Reserve Champion Standard Fowl, Champion Bantam Fowl, Reserve Champion Bantam Fowl, Best Waterfowl, Champion Production, Reserve Champion Production, Best Turkey, and Best Pigeon. Best of Show will receive a special award. The Show Judge will award all ribbons, rosettes, and special awards. Awards will be presented when poultry are picked up. Awards will not be mailed.

FDACS Poultry Movement Requirements
https://www.fdacs.gov/Agriculture-Industry/Livestock/Animal-Movement/Poultry-Movement-Requirements

Photography Release
Photographs will be taken during these events and the images will be used to help promote the fair and educate the public about our different programs and competitions.

I authorize the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair or their assignees to record and photograph my image and/or voice (or that of my child if under 18) for use in research, educational and promotional programs. I also recognize that these audio, video and image recordings are the property of the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair.

If anyone has an objection to the use of their child's image, please send a request to livestock@jacksonvillefair.com.