

Hello Everyone! Here is a breakdown of what happens in the Poultry Barn at the Boulder County!

As a safety precaution there will be NO FOOD ALLOWED in any barn. There will be designated areas around the fair grounds to enjoy your food. Please do not bring any food into the Poultry Barn and remember to wash your hands every time you handle any of your birds before you eat.

1-Poultry Set Up 9am-3pm on Tuesday August 4th. It requires a lot of help to get things in place and set up with the number of birds we have coming into the barn. If you have a couple hours to help that would be great. We will be getting all cages out, set up, and put in order. Jail crew will be there to do the brunt of the heavy lifting in the morning, but they are not enough, so I will need some extra hands. The help is greatly appreciated!

2-Fair Check In will be from 3pm-6pm on Tuesday August 4th. The CSU vet team will be there to check every bird. Check In includes all show poultry, breeding, and market birds together at the same time. This takes some time. While you are waiting for your turn, please sign up for a poultry herdsman shift, swap leg bands if needed, and get your record books checked. At least one shift per poultry member is required for herdsman. At least one adult and at least one kid per shift. There will be a herdsman ship award at the end of fair. **Record books need to be up to date!** Once, birds have passed the vet check, you have a herdsman shift, and record books are checked you may precede to take your birds into the barn and find their cages. There will be helpers on hand if you need help finding your cages. Feed and water your birds at this time. All gear needs to fit under the Poultry cages. Go to the herdsman ship sign up link you will be sent before fair and sign up ahead of time. Please remember to bring one bag of shavings per family. A second sign up genius will go around for Adult Volunteer help throughout fair. With so much going on in a short period time, it will take several volunteers to make everything go smoothly. Please sign up!!

3-Market Weigh In will be Tuesday August 4th at 6:00pm after check-in. You are invited to be a part of the weigh in for your market birds. If you have another event, no worries we will be there taking care of them.

4-There is a Poultry sink in the wash rack area for any of you who need to wash your birds before the shows. Please transport your birds in cages and only take them directly there and then back to the barn.

5-Egg Judging will be done Wednesday August 5th at 10:00am. This is a fun educational class. Please bring three identical eggs, for example: three Rhode Island Red eggs, cleaned and ready to be judged. Please consider being present during the judging as the judge will discuss what is being looked for.

6-Egg Production/Market Judging will be Thursday August 5th starting at 11:00am. Please have your Egg Production records handed into me before then. If your chickens are still young and not yet laying, please still print out the form, fill it out, and state that on the form. (Anyone in Egg Production please save one or two dozen eggs for the Product Sale, if your chickens are laying.) Market members please come see me after the judging so those who intend to sale can get their intent to sale forms and we can work out getting pictures done.

7-Showmanship will be Wednesday August 5th starting a 1:00pm in the outdoor show ring of Barn A. There will be a free ice cream certificate from the dairy bar for those who participate in showmanship. Please wear long pants, nice collared shirt, and closed toed shoes. PeeWee Showmanship will be starting at this same time!

8-Poultry Judging will take place Thursday August 6th starting at 9:00am. Please be in early to feed and water your birds and have your cages cleaned. You do not need to be in the barn for judging. Depending on how the judge's day has progressed you may have an opportunity to speak with the judge once he/she is done. We will not know until that day. If an aisle is blocked off with a Closed for Judging sign, please do not enter until it has been removed. That means the judge is currently working in that aisle and we do not want to disturb them, it takes a long time to go through that many birds.

9-Market Photos will be taken for those kids intending to sell their market birds on August 6th in Barn A (TBD). Please have your showmanship clothes on hand that day, as you will need to have them to take your photos. We will be taking the photos ourselves, so we have some flexibility on the time.

10-Fun photo contest will be done Thursday August 6th TBD. Please make sure all photos are turned in by August 5th by the time the barn closes at 9:00pm.

11-Poultry Costume Contest will be Friday August 7th starting at 9:00am in the Fair Garden. You will be judged in one large group in age classes starting with PeeWee, then Junior, then Intermediate, and last the Seniors. Please be ready on time.

12-Poultry Agility Course will start immediately after the costume contest on August 7th around 10:00am in the Fair Garden. We will have two consecutive courses running at the same time, starting with Juniors and Intermediates. As soon as one of those groups have finished the Seniors will begin.

13-Poultry Sale will be Friday August 7th from 1-4pm. Signs can go on the cages an hour before the sale. No phone numbers please. Each pullet should be placed for sale at \$30. Roosters you may set your own price. The standard is \$5 or \$10 depending on whether it is for breeding or if you are willing to let it go for meat. Yes, we get a lot of people coming into the sale wanting to buy your roosters for meat. It is okay to ask them what they intend to use it for and if you are not okay with selling it for meat, just politely tell them no thank you. If you do not want your rooster to go for meat, it is advised to set it at a higher price. It is a first come first serve basis, please no presales. This means at 1:00pm please walk by each of your cages that are for sale. People will stand by your cage until you get there and then the sale transaction can take place. Once the bird is sold, please remove the leg band, place the bird in a box, and walk them to one of the exits. An adult member will be at the doors to verify who you sold the bird too and to collect leg bands. Due to participants being involved in multiple projects I know it has been a problem for some of you to be there. If this is a problem for you, please come speak with me and I will help you set up for the sale. Please no phone numbers on the for-sale signs. It has been posted on Facebook, craigslist, and in several feed stores, if you think of anywhere else it could be advertised, we could use the help in getting the word out.

14-Small Animal Round Robin will be Saturday August 8th at 8:00am. This will be for the top two in each age division of showmanship. Please dress appropriately, white collared shirts, jeans, and closed toe shoes.

15-Product Sale will be Saturday August 8th at 11am near the Exhibit Building. This will be for the overall winner of the Egg Production division. You will take at least one dozen eggs and some kind of poultry related item for the auction and they will sell it to the highest bidder. Examples of what has sold in the past: Gift basket with eggs and other cooking items/Chicken wind chimes/Poultry products etc....

16-In the fun class photo contest, two overall photos, will be chosen amongst the three age divisions and taken to the Market Sale BBQ to participate in a silent auction. The Market Sale BBQ will be at 12:00pm and the winners will be announced at the beginning of the market sale auction starting at 2:00pm. All money raised will be divided amongst all departments to go towards awards next year.

17-Market sale will be Saturday August 8th. This is for poultry members that are participating in the market department. The parade of Champions is at 1:30pm with the sale beginning at 2:00pm. Please be dressed appropriately. Poultry is now required to follow the same rules as all market sale animals. This means it is a terminal sale. Please read the following info and contact me with any questions. Every bird sold will be tagged with paint and transported to processing after the sale and the meat will be donated to Our Center. If your buyer wants their birds, please make sure they specify that so their birds can be tagged a different color. Once the sale is final the bird is no longer yours, we will move them to a different cage, and we will take care of them from there. If you would like your bird back, you must go to the fair office within one hour of the sale and buy your bird back. The buyback fee will be \$20. Once that is done, please bring me your receipt and you can help me take your birds from holding and move them back to their cage. Birds will still be separated and tagged so we know which one yours until it is transported. R & C Custom Processing will do all our processing for the market sale birds on Sunday or Monday after the sale. I will transport the Market sale birds. Those who need processing for birds that did not go to sale or that you have at home are scheduled in August. Still waiting on the final date but will get that to you ASAP. You will need to transport your birds there and return to pick them up.

18-Awards will be Sunday August 9th at 10:00am in Barn B. Note the location. Even if you do not think you won an award please show up anyway, we don't announce all of the awards until that day. It is also the only time our entire poultry group is together, so it is very informational and a lot of fun!

19-Release and Barn Clean Up will be Sunday August 9th at 2:00pm. Please bring wheel barrels, shovels, and brooms to cleanup. Award money will be passed out once the barn is cleaned. THERE ARE NO EARLY RELEASES!! I know since you are all there for the awards you want to start taking your birds home, but please leave them until 2:00pm. You can haul your feed and gear out early. Help break down cages that are empty due to the Poultry and Market Sale, but please leave the birds until the required time. This is so we do not disrupt other events that day.

Fun Stuff-This year we will have the chicken photo booth set up again. You can take your bird out of the cage and take a picture of them, maybe with the ribbon they won. Or you can dress them up with one of the lovely props and take a picture of them looking their best.

Pee-Wee Showmanship. Any younger siblings of 4-H and FFA members or Clover Buds under 8 years old may participate in Peewee Showmanship. Please borrow a chicken from a family member or friend in the barn that you can hold. Sign up to do pee wee showmanship at Poultry Check In. Pee Wee Showmanship will be as the same time as regular check in.

Wall of Fame-To decorate the walls of the poultry barn we are having a poultry photo contest. Please bring a copy of a photo size 3 X 5 or 4x 6 of your favorite poultry photo you have taken of one of your feathery friends. You may each have two entries. Please put your last name, first initial, and age group on the back. Bring it during check in. They will be judged by age division and there will be an award for the first-place photo in each division!! These will all be put on the wall in the poultry barn on our Wall of Fame. In the fun class photo contest, two overall photos will be chosen amongst the three age divisions

and taken to the Market Sale BBQ to participate in a silent auction. All money raised will be divided amongst all departments to go towards awards next year.

Not so Fun Stuff-For poultry members with waterfowl and market projects, please clean your cages daily. Since they like to play in the water and make a mess, their cages can get quite smelly. Cleaning them daily will help keep our barn cleaner. For the rest of the Poultry, please spot clean or clean on an as needed basis. You may all use the pine shavings stacked against the wall. Thank you!

We encourage all poultry members to hang out in the poultry barn and speak with the public. This is a fantastic opportunity to teach the public about poultry. You may get your well-mannered birds out of their cages to share with the public. Once they are checked in the barn, they may not leave the barn until check out. Please do not take them out of the barn at all, except to bath or compete, and only handle your own birds. There will be a white board in the barn that will have schedules and who is on herdsman that day. Please feel free to contact me anytime now or during fair. I will be in the barn every day during fair, just look for the lady in the chicken shirt! 😊