

DEPARTMENT 107 & 207

POLUTRY EXHIBITION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Superintendent: Ted Costa

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IMPORTANT DATES

Entry Form Due: Friday, September 15th, 2023

Entry Receiving: Friday, September 29th, 2023 (11-8:00pm)

Entry Pick Up: Monday, October 9th, 2023 (6-8:00pm)

Entry Fee: (see each section), (**online only**) **\$3.00 per exhibitor**

POULTRY EXHIBITION GENERAL INFO

ALL ENTRANTS MUST PRESENT FLOCK ID CARD OR BLOOD TEST RESULTS BEFORE BIRDS WILL BE ACCEPTED INTO SHOW (exception being pigeon and waterfowl classes; photocopies accepted). Testing is a free service offered by the Commonwealth.

NO BIRDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 8:00PM ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th, 2023.

For any questions, please reach out via email:
tf.entry.poultry@gmail.com - *We are happy to help!*

Competition open to all standard breeds and guineas.

Exhibitors wishing to sell their birds may do so by placing a card, **provided by the Poultry office**, with name, telephone number, and price on the cage of the bird to be sold. **See Section 12: Selling Birds During the Fair for further rules and instructions.**

COURT OF HONOR

After the Champion birds in the main classes are selected, these various specimens will occupy the Court of Honor for the duration of the Topsfield Fair. Each Court of Honor winner will receive an additional \$10.00 from the Poultry Committee.

FFA AUCTION

There will be a poultry auction on **Sunday, October 15th, 2023 at 12:00PM** at the Poultry Building on the Topsfield Fairgrounds to benefit the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School FFA. (25% of sales will go to FFA). All birds must be blood tested.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- All birds except waterfowl and pigeons MUST BE BLOOD-TESTED BEFORE BEING EXHIBITED AT THE TOPSFIELD FAIR. BLOOD TESTS ARE FREE OF CHARGE.** The proper time for testing is after June 1st. FLOCK I.D. CARD OR BLOOD TEST RESULTS MUST BE TURNED IN WITH APPLICATION. The test is good for one calendar year. All birds in flock must be tested - not just show birds. Birds must be 16 wks. old to be tested. Birds under 16 wks. may be entered if they are a prodigy of tested bird. Paperwork may be obtained at the place you purchased your chicks. It is your responsibility to get documentation. All birds must have current leg bands. **BEFORE AUGUST 1st, 2023: Contact Bureau of Animal Health - (617) 626-1798.** Any sick bird will be removed from exhibition and the owner will be notified; if not picked up, the bird will be disposed of and State Department of Animal Health will be notified.
- Fill out entry form or enter online. If Youth is checked, fill in age of exhibitor.** Fill out entry forms to show: Breed, Variety, Sex, Age (old or young), as well as Class Number. Due to limitations of space, entries (including eggs) will be accepted according to date received. **ENTRIES WILL POSITIVELY CLOSE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 2023.**
 - All entries are final. No refunds or changes.**
- All entries competing for a prize must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor, otherwise prizes will be forfeited.
- The Poultry Committee reserves the right to reject entries.**
- Specimens not regularly entered will not be allowed in the building unless a permit is granted by the superintendent.
- With the exception of Guineas and Non-Standard varieties, the American Standard of Perfection will be the guide on judging. This authority will be used in breaking ties. Only worthy specimens will be awarded a prize.
- Judges are empowered to withhold prizes when, in their opinion, the specimens are not of sufficient merit.
- The judge's decision shall be final except in case of fraud.
- During the Topsfield Fair no birds can be removed from exhibition except by consent of the Superintendent.
- Ribbons will be awarded at the window of the Superintendent's office at the close of the Topsfield Fair.
- The building will be open to receive birds at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 29th, 2023 until 8:00PM. No birds will be accepted on Saturday, September 30th, 2023.**

12. **Exhibits will remain in place until 6:00PM on Monday, October 9th, 2023.** All birds must be removed by 8:00PM. Exhibitor must be accompanied by a Poultry Committee Member to remove birds. The Poultry Committee will not be responsible for any birds not removed or any losses or damage from any cause.
13. In the event of non-arrival of birds formally entered, the entry fee will be forfeited, except where the Poultry Committee is at fault.
14. Every exhibitor whose entry fees amount to \$20.00 or more will be granted a three-day pass. Those whose entry is below \$20.00 will be granted a one-day pass. Admission tickets will be given out at the window of the Superintendent's office.
15. The original entry will be final.
16. All birds raised in the current year are considered young. Anything over 12 months should be considered old.
17. **ALL BIRDS SUBJECT TO INSPECTION AND MUST NOT BE PLACED IN CAGES UNTIL INSPECTED BY A COMMITTEE MEMBER. ALL BIRDS, EXCEPT WATER FOWL AND PIGEONS, MUST HAVE A CURRENT STATE INSPECTION BAND.**
18. Only clean birds will be accepted for exhibition.
19. Pinion birds in the mallard and call waterfowl class will not be disqualified.
20. All spotted calls will be judged as snowey.
21. All bird carriers **MUST** be taken home after birds are placed in cage; any remaining carriers will be disposed.
22. Entrants can email any questions to: tf.entry.poultry@gmail.com
23. **Bird Definitions:** Cock (Male) or Hen (Female) if over 12 months old; Cockerel (Male) or Pullet (Female) if under 12 months old.

SECTION 1: YOUTH

(Age 16 and under)

All children exhibiting in this section must fill out a regular Poultry Exhibition entry form or enter online. Please fill in your age on the form. Under **Section**, please indicate **1** for Youth, but also indicate a sub-section for what you are entering. For instance, if you are entering a Bantam, the section box would read **1, 4**.

Entry fee will be charged in all classes.

Awards:	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
One in a class	\$2.00		
Two in a class	\$3.00	\$1.00	
Three in a class	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$1.00

SECTION 2: DUCKS & GEESE

Chairperson: Tim Rennie

All entrants will be able to add breed info once entry is complete.

Entry Fee: Ducks \$2.00 and Geese \$3.00

Awards:	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH
1. DUCKS				
One in a class	\$2.00			
Two in a class	\$3.00	\$2.00		
Three in a class	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	Ribbon
2. GEESE				
One in a class	\$4.00			
Two in a class	\$6.00	\$5.00		
Three in a class	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	Ribbon

ROSETTE FOR CHAMPION WATERFOWL

SECTION 1

1. Ducks

SECTION 2

2. Geese

SECTION 3A: STANDARD POULTRY

Chairperson: Christopher Grant

Entry Fee: Single Specimens \$2.00

All entrants will be able to add breed info once entry is complete.

Awards:	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH
One in a class	\$2.00			
Two in a class	\$3.00	\$2.00		
Three + in a class	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	

ROSETTE FOR CHAMPION STANDARD BIRD

SECTION 3A

1. Enter Standard Poultry Competition

SECTION 3B: EGG PRODUCTION

Chairman: William Boice

Entry Fee: Single Specimens \$2.00

All entrants will be able to add breed info once entry is complete.

SEX LINK TYPES - HENS ONLY

SECTION 3B

- 1. Buff Sex Links
- 2. Black Sex Links
- 3. Other Sex Links

PURE BRED TYPES - HENS ONLY

SECTION 3B

- 4. Rhode Island Red
- 5. White Plymouth Rock
- 6. Barred Rock
- 7. Leghorn
- 8. Any other Egg Producing Type

SECTION 4: BANTAMS

Chairman: Sophia Costa

Entry Fee: Single Specimens \$2.00

Competition is open to all recognized breeds and varieties. Fill out entry forms to show left of class - this will ensure your entry in the Bantam class and not in Large Fowl. Section 4, Breed, Variety, Sex, Age (Cock, Hen if over 12 months old; Cockerel or Pullet if under 12 months old.). No Bantam trios to be exhibited; non-dubbed birds are now allowed.

All entrants will be able to add breed info once entry is complete.

Awards	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH
One in a class	\$2.00			
Two in a class	\$3.00	\$2.00		
Three+ in a class	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	

SECTION 4

- 1. Enter Bantam Competition

SECTION 7: TURKEYS

Chairperson: Darcie Condelli

Entry Fee: \$5.00

All entrants will be able to add breed info once entry is complete.

SECTION 7

- 1. Turkey
- 2. Turkey, Young

Awards:	FIRST
One in a class	\$5.00
Two in a class	\$6.00
Three+ in a class	\$7.00

SECTION 8: PIGEONS

Chairman: Rick Martel

Entry Fee: Single Specimens \$2.00

All entrants will be able to add breed info once entry is complete.

SECTION 8

- 1. Fancy Pigeons:
All breeds will be judged old cock, old hen, young cock, young hen.
Classes will be open for all breeds. No bird will be accepted unless banded with seamless bands.
- 2. Flyers - Non Record

	Cock	Hen
Non Record Flyer - Old	25	26
Non Record Flyer - Young	27	28

Awards	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH
One in a class	\$2.00			
Two in a class	\$3.00	\$2.00		
Three+ in a class	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	

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SECTION 5: COCK CROWING CONTEST

Chairman: Ann Marie DiPaolo & Sophia DiPaolo

Entry Fee: Single Specimens \$2.00

Contest to be held Saturday, October 7th, 2023 at 11AM in the Essex County Farmyard at the Topsfield Fair.

All entrants will be able to add breed info once entry is complete.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Any male bird may be eligible.
2. Number of crows in given length of time will determine winner.
3. **If bird is double-entered, please indicate.**
4. Please state breed.
5. **Poultry Department, Topsfield Fair and Essex Agricultural Society are not responsible for birds.**
6. **Exhibitor entries may be limited.**

Awards:

FIRST \$5.00 AND SILVER PLATE
SECOND \$3.00
THIRD \$2.00

SECTION 5

1. Enter Cock Crowing Contest

SECTION 6: HEN FLYING COMPETITIONS

Chairman: Ann Marie DiPaolo & Sophia DiPaolo

Entry Fee: Single Specimens \$2.00

Contest to be held Saturday, October 7th, 2023 at 11AM in the Essex County Farmyard at the Topsfield Fair.

All entrants will be able to add breed info once entry is complete.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Hen-thrower must handle birds.
2. Birds must be hand held - thrown into the air - hands not to be over the throwers head.
3. Birds must fly within boundaries -- length of flight will be marked where bird leaves boundary.

4. Judge's decision will be final.
5. Prizes are first, second and third for each class.
6. Poultry Department, Topsfield Fair and Essex Agricultural Society are not responsible for birds.
7. Please state breed.
8. Committee may limit entries because of space.

Awards:

FIRST \$5.00 AND SILVER PLATE
SECOND \$3.00
THIRD \$2.00
FOURTH & FIFTH RIBBON ONLY

SECTION 6

1. Bantams
2. Standard

SECTION 10: POSTERS

Theme: 2023 Fair Official Theme “A Whole Lot of Happy”

Entry Form and Exhibits must be received by the Topsfield Fair Administration Building no later than **Friday, September 22nd, 2023 at 4:00PM.**

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Posters may be decorated in any manner keeping in mind the theme, using original artwork - no computer art.
2. The posters should be no larger than 36" x 36". Any variation of the theme is acceptable. The poster must be delivered ready to hang.
3. The posters will be judged for use of theme, creativity, color and public eye-appeal.
4. No poster will be hung if the committee feels it may be offensive to the public. Prizes will be awarded as the judge deems worthy.
5. An exhibitor may enter only once in any given class.
6. You must send your entry form in by the date requested and follow all the rules and deadlines.
7. The fair is not responsible for damaged or lost items.
8. Any entry not believed to be completed by the child will be disqualified.
9. Each poster must be marked clearly with the name and age of entrant and address on the back of their poster.

Awards: SPECIAL AWARD ROSETTES will be awarded to the best individual and group posters in the show (as judge deems worthy).

Awards:

FIRST \$10.00

SECOND \$5.00

THIRD \$3.00

SECTION 10

1. 4-6 yrs.
2. 7-9 yrs.
3. 10-12 yrs.
4. 13 -15 yrs.
5. 16-19 yrs.
6. 20-100 yrs.

(If a class enters individual category, the name of each child and their age must be listed on the entry form. This must be registered and delivered to Fair Office by **Friday, September 22nd, 2023 at 4:00PM.**)

SECTION 11: EGG CLASSES

Chairperson: Judy Capron

Entry Fee: \$1.00

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. One dozen eggs constitutes one entry. Please designate size and color on entry form, for judging purpose.
2. Each dozen will be judged for uniformity of size, weight, shape, color, texture, and in cases of ties, internal quality.
3. Standard weights are 27-30 oz. for extra large; 24-27 oz. for large; 21-24 oz. for medium size and 18-21 oz. for pullet size, **but** uniformity of actual size will rate higher, other factors being equal.
4. **Eggs in competition will remain the property of the exhibitor.**
5. **All eggs must be pre-entered.**

Small Flocks - 50 or Less

Awards:

FIRST \$3.00

SECOND \$2.00

THIRD \$1.00

SECTION 11

WHITE EGGS

CLASS XA

1. Jumbo (30 oz. +)
2. Extra Large (27-30 oz.)
3. Large (24-27 oz.)
4. Medium (21-24 oz.)
5. Pullet (18-21 oz.)

BROWN EGGS

CLASS XB

1. Jumbo (30 oz. +)
2. Extra Large (27-30 oz.)
3. Large (24-27 oz.)
4. Medium (21-24 oz.)
5. Pullet (18-21 oz.)

BANTAM EGGS

CLASS XC

1. Bantam Eggs

DUCK EGGS

CLASS XD: Duck Eggs

1. Duck Eggs

GREEN ARACAUNA EGGS

CLASS XE

1. Green Aracauna Eggs

ANY OTHER EGGS

CLASS XF

1. Other Eggs

SECTION 12: SELLING BIRDS DURING THE FAIR

Chairperson: Topsfield Fair Poultry Committee Members

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. A seller **MUST** be an exhibitor.
2. Exhibitors wishing to sell birds they've entered into the show may do so by placing a card, **provided by the Poultry Office**, with their name, phone number,

and the price on the cage of the bird to be sold. No other cards or signs may be used. These birds are to remain in the show until the close of the Topsfield Fair. No cards on cages before judging.

3. Exhibitors with non-show birds to sell during the fair indicate this on their entry form. These birds may be sold at any time during the Fair by placing a card, **provided by the Poultry Office**, with their name and the price on the cage. The Poultry Committee will conduct these transactions for you during the Fair. **These birds will not be judged.**
4. The exhibitor can set the price. A small fee will be added to the cost to cover related expenses. 20% of each sale will go to the *Essex Agricultural Society*.
5. When a bird is sold a sales slip will be given to the buyer; the exhibitor will receive one after the Fair. A committee member must accompany the buyer to the cage to remove the noted bird and place it in the box provided by the Fair. The purchaser has until the Fair closes for the day to return and take the bird home. Birds may **not** be carried around the Fair grounds.
6. No birds from the Court of Honor may be removed until after the Fair is over.
7. **ALL SALES ARE FINAL!**

SPECIAL POULTRY PRIZES

Youth Awards

BOSTON POULTRY CLUB AWARD - Grand Champion of Show – Silver Plate
BOSTON POULTRY CLUB AWARD - Reserve Champion of Show – Silver Plate
NORTHEAST AVICULTURAL SOCIETY AWARD - Best Bird in Show – Silver Plate
NORTHEAST AVICULTURAL SOCIETY AWARD - Best Opposite Sex - Cash Award
NORTHEAST AVICULTURAL SOCIETY AWARD - Best Waterfowl - Cash Award
NORTHEAST AVICULTURAL SOCIETY AWARD - Largest Number of Entries Award - Cash Award
GRANT FAMILY FARM - Best Egg Production - \$50.00 Cash Award
KENNETH LAMB MEMORIAL AWARD - Best Bantam - Trophy
WILLIAM BOICE AWARD - Best Cochins - \$10.00 Cash Award
EDWARD WHITE AWARD - Best Eggs - \$10.00 Cash Award
JAMES P MULCAHEY MEMORIAL AWARD - Best Sex Link - Trophy
TED COSTA - JUDGE'S CHOICE AWARD - Youngest Male Competitor - Trophy

AL ROUSSEAU - JUDGE'S CHOICE AWARD - Youngest Female Competitor - Trophy

Ducks and Geese

COMMITTEE AWARD - Best Duck in Show - \$10.00 Cash Award

COMMITTEE AWARD - Best Goose in Show - \$10.00 Cash Award

DAVID KILLAM AWARD - Reserve Champion Goose - \$10.00 Cash Award

EMILY WHITE AWARD - Best Call Duck - \$15.00 Cash Award

ANTONIO DIPAOLO MEMORIAL AWARD - Best Mallard Duck - \$20.00 Cash Award

Eggs

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY - Best Dozen Eggs - Silver Bowl

Pigeons

C.E. LARNER, JR. MEMORIAL AWARD (Amesbury) - Best Young and Old Male and Female Fancy Pigeon - \$10.00 Cash Award Each

Bantams

BEST COCHIN IN SHOW AWARD - Trophy and Cash Award

NANCY BEGIN AWARD - Champion Bantam - Silver Bowl

VITO BUCCO MEMORIAL AWARD - Best Silver Sebright - \$20.00 Cash Award

VITO BUCCO MEMORIAL AWARD - Best Black Rose Comb - \$20.00 Cash Award

BEN MORRILL AWARD - Best Golden Sebright - \$10.00 Cash Award

BEN MORRILL AWARD - Best Silver Duckwing - \$10.00 Cash Award

Production and Standard

ESSEX COUNTY CO-OPERATIVE FARMING ASSOCIATION AWARD - Best Overall Bird with Exhibitor Competition - Silver Plate

ESSEX COUNTY CO-OPERATIVE FARMING ASSOCIATION AWARD - (5) 50 Lb. Bags Of Layer Pellets

AGWAY FEEDS, DANVERS AWARD - Best Bird in Show in Court Of Honor (Between Standard & Egg Production) - Silver Bowl

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – Best Grand

Champion - Silver Plate

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – Reserve Grand

Champion - Silver Plate

GRANT FAMILY FARM AWARD - Best Egg Production

Bird - \$50.00 Cash Award

NANCY BEGIN AWARD - Champion Utility Bird - \$20.00

Cash Award

JAMES P MULCAHEY MEMORIAL AWARD - Best

Sex Link - Trophy

JUDY CAPRON AWARD - Best Standard Bird - \$10.00

Cash Award

SUGAR MAPLE FARM AWARD - Best Blue Laced

Wyandotte- \$20.00- Cash Award

BARBARA HAYNES AWARD - Best Barred Rock-

\$10.00- Cash Award

Turkeys

DARCIE CONDELLI AWARD - Champion Turkey -

\$20.00 Cash Award

Special Competition

HEN FLYING (Layers) AWARD - Silver Plate

HEN FLYING (Bantam) AWARD - Silver Plate

COCK CROWING AWARD - Silver Plate

Special Committee Awards

MASTER MOORE FARM TROPHY - Committee Choice

- Best Bird

OFFICIAL RULES

Topsfield Fair General Rules & Information

Topsfield Fair General Livestock Rules & Information

Commonwealth of Massachusetts 2023 Fairs Animal Health
Rules – Health Certificates required