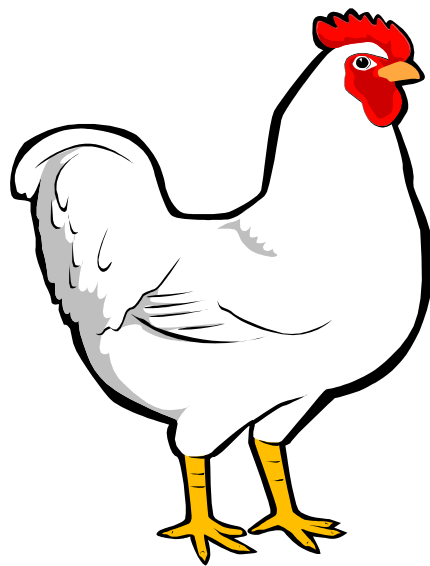


Newaygo County Agricultural Fair

Poultry Area

9-19 year olds



Name _____ Age _____

Age as of 1-1 of current year

4- H club _____

How long have you been in this club? _____

Pictures of your birds

Housing

What type of housing do you have for your chickens?

What do you use for litter? _____

What do you do with the dirty litter? _____

How often do you clean the litter or clean chicken area? _____

Do your birds have an area to run around outside?

What would you change in your Chicken area if you could?

Food

What kind of food do you feed your chickens?

Do your Chickens get anything other than their main food?

Please list what else you feed _____

Do you offer Grit or Oystershell? _____ If so which one do you provide for your birds? _____

Why is it important for chickens to have grit available? _____

Write down to ingredients in order from your feed bag, or tape the feed indredient tag here.

Examining a new bird

When you do showmanship, you have to do an examination. This is something you should do for each bird to buy or add to your flock. The following areas of the chicken are things you look at during examination. Tell me the reason you are looking at each area I will do the first one for you. These are the steps of showmanship.

Remove the bird from coop. Be sure the bird comes out head first. Reach in carefully and put one hand under the bird and one hand on top so it comes out easily. This prevents the chicken struggling and getting away. It shows you have control.

Hold the bird. Hold the bird by spreading your fingers and placing your hand palm side up under the bird's breast as it faces you. As your palm touches the breast, you will find that the bird's legs will be in between your fingers. As you lift the bird, gently close your fingers so they hold the legs. You can now lift the bird or move it without it being squirmy and fighting to get away.

Examine head. Hold head of the bird alert by prodding at the region of the wattles. _____

Examine wings. Open either wing with your free hand. To open the other wing, merely pass hand palm up over to that side. Grasp wing bow and fan out wing. (there is no need to transfer bird to other hand)

Examine body plumage. Over back, on breast and body.

Examine tail plumage. Give the tail a quick flip up and down.

Examine shanks and feet. Place free hand on the back of bird. Turn bird upside down. Back of bird should rest in the palm of your hand.

Examine Body. Hold the bird upside down yet like the last step.

Hand the bird to judge. Turn the bird back right side up. Still setting on your palm, make sure the tail feathers and wings are in the correct position. Hand to the Judge head first.

Return bird to coop head first. Make sure it poses head first toward the door. Close door and wait for the Judges instruction.

Stand beside the closed coop keeping your bird alert. If the bird starts walking around open the cage and re pose, until judge has made a decision.

Tell me what disqualification means? _____

Tell me what an elimination means? _____

Will you do the poultry project again? _____

List 5 things you need to do to get ready for fair. _____

I certify that the answers in this book are the best I can do.

Books are due to the superintendent on the day you check in.

Exhibitors name _____ date _____

4-H Leader or Parent _____ date _____

Superintendent _____ date _____

Feel free to add more pages if you choose. Each year the same book will be filled out as the exhibitor learns more, the answers will be better. Have fun with your project!

