

**POULTRY DEPARTMENT 7**  
**INCLUDING CAGE AND GAME BIRDS (Pigeons, Doves, Game Birds, Cage Birds)**  
(Also including Chickens, Ducks, Geese, Turkeys and Domestic Fowl)

1. Read General Rules, Livestock Rules and Health Regulations carefully.
2. OWNERSHIP OF BIRDS: All birds entered must have been owned by the exhibitor before June 1st of this year.
3. **PULLORUM TESTING POULTRY FOR FAIRS: A copy of the Negative Pullorum Certificate must be sent in with your entries.** Testing: All birds must be over 16 weeks to be blood tested. If they are too young, it might read a false positive. All poultry exhibited at fairs must be from flocks certified by the State as "Pullorum and Fowl Typhoid Clean." To be certified, **all birds in the flock**, not just those to be exhibited, must be blood tested and found negative for the disease. Blood samples are collected by inspectors from the Pullorum Testing Lab. To get your poultry tested, call Esther Wegman, Animal Health Division at 617-626-1795 or email at [esther.wegman@state.ma.us](mailto:esther.wegman@state.ma.us). The test must be done every year for valid certification. **NOTE: All birds** need to be tested with the exception of Waterfowl, Pigeons, Doves and Cage Birds.
4. CARE OF BIRDS: Exhibitors are responsible for watering and feeding their birds during the Fair. Water and feed dishes must be provided by the exhibitor. **NOTE: Steward duties will be arranged so that an exhibitor is on duty in the building at all times. The Fair Management and the Department shall take all due precautions but cannot be responsible for the loss of any bird.**
5. Sex-links and recognized Cross-Breeds may be entered only in **Class F, Lot 22-24** and **Class H, Lot 29-32** since this is the reason for cross-breeding.
6. Lots: Different breeds and varieties may be entered in each lot with a total maximum of 15 birds entered.
7. Entry Fees: \$1.00 for each bird entered in Lots 01-36. \$2.00 one-time entry fee for static displays in lots 37-41. No fee for entries in Lots 42-47.
8. ENTRY FORMS: Include the class letter, lot#, breed, sex, color, bred & raised by you and entry fee. Do not give the nickname of a bird, birthday, or band number. **NOTE: Bred by owner premium applies to lots in classes A-I only.** In order to qualify as bred by owner, the parents of the bird entered must have been under the care of the exhibitor. If the bird qualifies, check the appropriate space on the entry form (you must have hatched the eggs to qualify).
9. Judging times and other department activities will be posted in the Poultry Barn on Thursday evening.
10. Cage birds, Pheasants and Quail **MUST** provide their own cages and coverings. This is for the safety of your bird.
11. During the Fair, there will be several contests with ribbons and trophies as appropriate.
  - A. Feathers for Fly-tying: All birds in the Poultry and Cage and Game Bird departments will be judged on the quality and usefulness of their feathers for fly-tying.
  - B. Cock Crowing: Birds will compete once or twice during the Fair. They will be scored on the number of crows in a given length of time. The exhibitor must be present during this contest and use their own bird.
12. All exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning up the Poultry Department area at the close of the Fair Sunday evening. **NO BIRDS CAN LEAVE THE FAIRGROUNDS UNTIL AFTER THE CLOSING CEREMONIES.** Please empty feed and water dishes, take your coop tags and close coop doors.

**CLASSES A - H Breeding Premium**

**Purebred animals that are bred and owned by the exhibitor (all lots in Classes A through H only) are eligible for additional prize money awards. In order to qualify as bred by owner, the parents of the bird entered must have been under the care of the exhibitor. Sufficient records to establish the parentage, hatching and rearing may be required. If in doubt, contact the Department Chairman prior to the Fair. Please check the "Bred and Raised by You" box on the Livestock Entry form to show eligibility.**

**CLASS A - Standard Size Fowl All Breeds**

All breeds competing together unless competition warrants divisions.

**Lot 01.** Cock - over 1 year old

**Lot 03.** Cockerel - less than 1 year old

**Lot 02.** Hen - over 1 year old

**Lot 04.** Pullet - less than 1 year old

**CLASS B - Bantam Fowl All Breeds**

**Lot 05.** Cock - over 1 year old

**Lot 07.** Cockerel - less than 1 year old

**Lot 06.** Hen - over 1 year old

**Lot 08.** Pullet - less than 1 year old

**CLASS C - Domestic Ducks All Breeds (For wild varieties see Cage and Game Bird Dept.)**

**Lot 09.** Old Drake

**Lot 11.** Young Drake

**Lot 10.** Old Duck

**Lot 12.** Young Duck

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### CLASS D - Domestic Geese All Breeds

Lot 13. Old Gander

Lot 14. Old Goose

Lot 15. Young Gander

Lot 16. Young Goose

### CLASS E - Other Domestic Fowl

Lot 17. Guinea Fowl Cock - over 1year old

Lot 18. Guinea Fowl Hen - over 1year old

Lot 19. Guinea Fowl Cock - less than 1 yr. old

Lot 20. Guinea Fowl Hen - less than 1 yr. old

Lot 21. Other Fowl not listed above

### CLASS F - Live Market Poultry (Judged on meat basis and feather quality/must be well feathered.)

Lot 22. Single Fowl

Lot 23. Capon

Lot 24. Broiler

### CLASS G - Turkey All Breeds

Lot 25. Old Tom

Lot 26. Old Hen

Lot 27. Young Tom

Lot 28. Young Hen

### CLASS H - Crossbred Poultry (Classes judged on Production Points and feather quality/must be well feathered.)

Lot 29. Production Hen - Standard chickens only

Lot 30. Production Pullet - Standard chickens only

Lot 31. Meat Type Male – Standard chickens only

Lot 32. Meat Type Female – Standard chickens only

### CLASS I - Divisions

Lot 33. Pigeons: Homers, Rollers, Tumblers, Nuns, Fantails, Moderas, etc.

Lot 34. Doves: Ringnecks, white, diamond, crested, etc.

Lot 35. Game Birds: Pheasants, Wild Ducks, Peafowl, Quail, etc.

Lot 36. Cage Birds: Parrots, Parakeets, Canaries, Finches, etc.

### CLASS V - Displays

Lot 37. Table Eggs - Each dozen eggs will be judged for uniformity of size, shape, color, texture, exterior quality and cleanliness. **You must have (1) dozen clean eggs in a proper size egg carton point side down.** Eggs will be divided into 3 categories: Poultry eggs, Waterfowl eggs and Cage Bird eggs.

Lot 38. Poultry Craft/Art - Any craft or art made by poultry products or related to poultry. Examples: art work of poultry, scrapbook, shell or feather art. Use your imagination!!!

Lot 39. Usable Poultry Items-Make a useable item for your birds, such as nest boxes, feeders, incubators, etc.

Lot 40. Display Cage - You can enter any type of poultry in this lot. A display Cage consists of your choice of decorating, such as a natural habitat, or any theme you like. **There are only 3 spaces available;** this is for the 3 big cages or small bird cages from Class I. It is first come, first serve. You must contact the department chairman to reserve your space. You may bring your own display cage (it must be approved by the department chairman). *Birds entered in this lot will also be judged individually so you must also enter them separately in their appropriate classes and lots.* **NOTE:** Cage birds can also participate in this lot with your own cage.

Lot 41. Challenge Lot – 6 Decorated Eggs, see the Challenge Lots Section.

### CLASS W – Fitting and Showmanship (No Entry Fee Required)

Lot 42. You and your animal are judged on knowledge, cleanliness, tameness and determination.

### CLASS Z – Non-Premium Classes

Lot 43. Any bird may be entered in this class (standards, bantams, waterfowl, mixed breeds, etc.) This is a People's Choice Award. **Only one pet per exhibitor is allowed. This cannot be a bird that you have entered for any other judging; this bird can be used for showmanship.**

Lot 44. Dress up **you** and **your** chicken, duck, geese, turkey, etc. in your favorite theme costume. Use your imagination and have fun!!!

**The description and requirements for Lot 46, 47 and 48 will be handed out at coop-in.**

Lot 45. Senior Flocksman

Lot 46. Junior Flocksman

Lot 47. Cloverbud Flocksman

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### PREMIUMS

	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>
Classes A - I, Lots 01-36	5 PTS	4 PTS	3 PTS
Additional Breeding Premium for Lots 01-32	3 PTS	2 PTS	1 PT
(For Purebred animals which have been bred and raised by the exhibitor.)			
Class V, Lot 37-40	4 PTS	3 PTS	2 PTS
Class V, Lot 41 and Class W, Lot 42	5 PTS	4 PTS	3 PTS
Class Z, Lot 43-47	No Cash Award		

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