

December 2018

Dear Exhibitor:

I am accepting your poultry entries for exhibit in the 2019 Pennsylvania Farm Show, subject to the rules as stated in the Premium List.

The show will be held in the East Hall at the Farm Show Complex. Check-in will be from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, January 4, 2019. All entries must be checked in by the PDA health official by 6:00 p.m. on January 4, 2019. Any birds NOT cooped by 6:30 p.m. on January 4, 2019, will not be allowed in the show, and NO exceptions will be made. All birds will be strictly observed for general health at check-in. Birds that demonstrate any of the following symptoms will be denied entry into the show:

- Respiratory problems (sneezing, coughing, gasping, putrid odor to eye or nasal discharge, or excessive nasal discharge).
- Signs of scaly leg mites or external parasites.
- Frozen comb or toes.
- Birds that are extremely dirty or in poor feather condition. The final decision on entry will be made by the Show Superintendent and PDA health official.

The birds may only be cooped in by the exhibitors once they are released by the PDA health official. IT IS THE EXHIBITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY to get their birds in the correct coop. Show supervision will be available to assist upon request.

Once the veterinarian checks you in, the next available official Poultry Department helper will check in your birds.

Remember Rule #1 under Health Requirements of the Department 9 Premium List: “All Pennsylvania poultry, waterfowl, upland game birds, and ratites entering an exhibition must bear a unique individual identification leg band (an official PDA leg band is required for all birds entering the show, and these bands are available free of charge through your PDA regional veterinarian)”.

As in the past, the enclosed Poultry Health Certificate must accompany all birds to the Farm Show. **In addition, please pay special attention to the additional testing requirements explained in Health Requirements of the Department 9 Premium List.**

Judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday January 5, 2019, in the East Hall. Placement awards and premiums for the exhibitor's ENTIRE entry in Department 9 will be forfeited if the required cooped animal is removed from the Farm Show Complex.

All birds will be released on Saturday January 12, 2019, starting at 5:00 p.m. and must be removed by 7:00 p.m. Birds must be cooped out under the supervision of Show Management.

An awards program and exhibitor meeting will be held in the show area at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2019, to share concerns with the Farm Show leadership and the show chair.

All birds must be checked out by an official poultry show helper. No one can remove or sell any birds until they are officially checked out. This is to ensure that everyone takes the right birds and the correct number of birds go home. Removal of birds from the cage without proper checkout will result in premium forfeiture.

If you have questions, feel free to contact the Farm Show Office at 717-787-2905.

Your interest is greatly appreciated. I look forward to having you exhibit the poultry, posters, and scrapbooks that you have entered.

Sincerely,

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Show Manager

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