State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest

*Thursday August 10, 2023*

*2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

*Building 26, Illinois State Fair Grounds*

*Springfield, Illinois*

**Participation:** A county may enter any number of 4-H participants. A county team may be made up of three or four contestants with no limit on the number of teams or individuals. The scores of the three highest scoring individuals from each team will be totaled to determine each team score. All contestants will be eligible for all individual honors. The four highest senior 4-H’ers will be selected to participate on the state team. A senior 4-H’er is one who is 14-18 years of age by January 1 of the current year. The individuals that score the highest will be invited to participate in the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference during the third week of November in Louisville, KY.

**Registration:** Beginning at 1:30 p.m. on August 10, 2023.

**Classes:** Two classes of past egg production hens, reasons will be given on one of these classes; two classes of ready-to-cook fryers (8 per class); one class of ready to cook poultry parts (10); one class of 10 broken out eggs; two classes of shell eggs (candled) (20 per class), and two classes of exterior egg quality (20 per class).

Ten (10) minutes will be allowed for placing a class.

**Resources:** The following resource may be used for training 4-H’ers in Poultry Judging.

**National 4-H Poultry Judging Manual:**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EsqZ4YmQtWWYnS_JiTr1BKTRpSr1Ax6J/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EsqZ4YmQtWWYnS_JiTr1BKTRpSr1Ax6J/view?usp=sharing)

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