

Poultry:

Hello Arapahoe County Poultry Members,

There are many changes to the 2020 Arapahoe County Fair and specific changes to the poultry project. Julianna and Garrett Brockelman are now co-superintendents for the poultry project and hope to add their many years of experience to this project. Listed below are the changes that have been planned on, but with the constant changing environment surrounding COVID-19 there may be more. We hope this list will give you an idea of what to expect for fair this year to help you prepare and have the best time possible.

- The poultry show and showmanship will be **Monday July 20th**.
- The poultry show and showmanship will be held in the East Wing. Parking will be allowed in the spots lining the East Wing and following the available signage.
- Load-in will begin at 7 AM. As soon as all birds are checked in, showmanship will begin. The poultry show judging will start after showmanship.
- There will be a limited number of cages set up (20-30) and birds will rotate through while being judged. This will limit the amount of set-up, clean up, and tear down that is needed as well as keep members engaged throughout the day.
- **There will not be a cage set up for every bird that is brought in.**
- **You must bring in carriers that can hold your birds all day and provide them with food and water. Cardboard boxes are not ideal and should be avoided at all costs!**
- **Carriers will be allowed to stay in the East Wing all day on the concrete floor. We will have access to fans to help keep birds cool.**
- There will be pens set up for turkeys and geese (2 birds per pen) that may stay in them all day.
- Birds will be checked vigilantly before they are allowed to be placed in a cage for judging (please dust and check your birds as often as possible).
- When it is your breed's turn to be judged you will be called up to place your bird in the cage. There will be a row of cages that is being judged and a row for holding the upcoming class. This will ensure that judging is not slowed waiting for birds to arrive in cages. **You are responsible for cleaning any mess in the cage after you remove your bird.**
- We are asking each family to bring in one bag of shavings to help bed down the cages. If you are bringing turkeys or geese please bring in enough shavings to bed your pens for all day. Shavings are not being provided this year and we do not want birds in slick cages or pens.
- There will be a sign-up sheet for showmanship so exhibitors will not be called alphabetically or by age group. However, when the person in front of you is done with showmanship you must be ready to proceed with your showmanship.

- Showmanship will also include more elements of general poultry knowledge as well as breed specifics.
- Market poultry will have their picture taken for the sale catalog after the market class has been judged.
- Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and all declared market poultry will be leg banded with Arapahoe County leg bands to ensure the correct birds are brought back to the fairgrounds after the auction.
- All market birds sold in the online auction will need to be brought back to the fairgrounds on Saturday, July 25th between 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM for load-out to the buyers.
- The Premier Exhibitor test will be given at the end of the day to any poultry member who signed up.
- Please be prepared to stay in your car quite often throughout the day. Only members and their families will be allowed in the East Wing if their birds are being judged or are the class waiting to be judged. **We must limit the number of people in the East Wing as much as possible.** A PA system is in the works so everyone in vehicles can hear as well.
- We advise all members to **ONLY BRING YOUR BEST BIRDS** as you will have to handle them multiple times throughout the day and be very watchful of when they will be judged. Unhealthy/sick birds will not be allowed to be judged just as in years past.
- **Everyone at the Fairgrounds will be required to wear a face mask! This is not an option. You must also bring your signed COVID release form with you to the East Wing.**
- Exhibitors will be required to wear show attire during showmanship and for sale catalog pictures, but should look presentable at all other times. **There will be a judge in the East Wing at all times.**

We know these are a lot of changes, but we are trying to make our one day show the best that we can. We have all day to put on the best poultry show so members will not be rushed, and we hope to enjoy our time there. If you have any questions, concerns, please reach out to Julianna or Garrett Brockelman.

Thank you! We cannot wait to see you all at fair. Hope you are all staying safe and well

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