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Junior Laying Hen Show

Entry Deadline: August 20, 2025

Check-in: Wednesday August 27, in place by

4:00 pm

Location: Agriculture Barn

Judging: August 27, Wednesday 6:00 pm Release: After the conclusion of show



GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1. Competition is open to all North Carolina youth residents under the age of 21 as of January 1, 2024.
- 2. Entries may be limited. Register early.
- 3. Each exhibitor will bring laying hen entries and supply their own food and water. Show cages will be provided.
- 4. Limit two hens to each age class- Pullets and Hens. Hens should be at least 12 weeks old.
- 5. Classes may be further divided into divisions depending on number of entries.

SHOW DAY AND JUDGING

- 1. Class breaks will be determined by age of hen.
- 2. On judging day all exhibitors must check-in with their hens. Once checked in each exhibitor will be assigned a cage for each bird. It's the exhibitor's responsibility to maintain the cleanliness of the cages until judging time.
- 3. Judging of birds will be based on uniformity, body conformation, health characteristics, laying potential, and other aspects of the bird quality at the judge's discretion. During judging NO exhibitor is allowed to talk to the judge except when being asked by the judge. Exhibitors may watch but must save all questions until all judging is done. After the competition, exhibitors may ask the judge for clarification on decisions and areas of future improvements. Interfering with judging will be grounds for disqualification. These rules apply to anyone acting on behalf of the exhibitor.

CLASS

Pullets: 12 weeks- 1 year old

Hens: >1 year old

Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and 3rd-8th will be awarded in each age class.

PREMIUM SCHEDULE:

 Grand Champion- \$30
 6th- \$10

 Reserve Grand Champion- \$25
 7th- \$10

 3rd- \$20
 8th- \$10

4th- \$15 5th- \$15