

Department Q



Entry Deadline: August 26, 2026

Check-in: Wednesday September 2, in place by 4:00 pm

Location: Agriculture Barn

Judging: September 2,

Wednesday 6:00 pm

Release: 8:00 pm

Poultry Showmanship Contest

- 1) The **Poultry Showmanship Contest** is open to all junior exhibitors who participate in the **Junior Laying Hen Show**.
- 2) To be held September 2 at 6:00 pm.

PREMIUM SCHEDULE

CLASS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
Peewee (6 & Under)	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
Novice (7-8)	\$25	\$22	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10
Junior (9 – 11)	\$25	\$22	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10
Intermediate (12- 14)	\$25	\$22	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10
Senior (15 – 18)	\$25	\$22	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10
Senior Plus (19 -21)	\$25	\$22	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10

Intermediate Champion – Rosette

Reserve Intermediate Champion – Rosette

Senior Champion – Rosette

Reserve Champion – Rosette

Junior Laying Hen Show

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Competition is open to all North Carolina youth residents under the age of 21 as of January 1, 2026.
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 per class division per exhibitor. Hens should be at least 12 weeks old.

SHOW DAY AND JUDGING

1. Class will be determined egg color and further divided by age of hen. Judging begins immediately after Showmanship Contest.
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 and release.
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

White egg layers

Pullets: 12 weeks-1 year

Hens: >1 year

Brown egg layers

Pullets: 12 weeks-1 year

Hens: >1 year

Green & blue egg layers

Pullets: 12 weeks-1 year

Hens: >1 year

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\$20	\$15	\$15	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10

Class Placing - Ribbons

Grand champions - \$25.00 and Rosette

Reserve Grand Champions - \$20.00 and Rosette

