

2026 SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH FAIR CHICKEN/POULTRY SHOW

- **COORDINATOR:** Linda Graham (352)445-4552
- **ASSISTANT COORDINATOR:** Terri Wisham (352) 425-2754
- **IMPORTANT DATES:** Refer to Calendar of Events for all important dates
- **JUDGING:** Times will be determined after all animals are checked in.
- **SKILL-A-THON:** If you have a conflict because you are participating in another show that day, please contact coordinator so arrangements can be made before the contest.

1. The SEYF General Rules & Regulations apply to this show.
2. There is a mandatory information meeting for ALL participants in the chicken show.
3. Record books are due in the Southeastern Youth Fair by deadline posted on Calendar of Events.
4. Exhibitors must have leg bands on entry form by entry deadline. All birds will be banded prior to acceptance into the show.
5. Any bird awarded a prior year's trophy will not be eligible to show.
6. Each exhibitor may show a maximum of eight (8) birds, in any combination of breeds accepted by the APA or ABA.
7. Crossbred birds, geese, and guineas are not eligible.
8. All birds must be 5 months of age at time of show.
9. Once entries are received any substitution must be submitted by written and verbal notice to the Coordinator by December 15, 2026. Linda Graham, 352 445-4552, P.O. Box 6749, Ocala, FL 34478, or email grahatiger@gmail.com.
10. Incomplete or inaccurate entries are subject to a penalty. -5 points deducted off the exhibitor's mandatory showmanship score.
11. The SEYF will provide cages, feeders, feed and water.
12. Once checked in, no birds may be removed until the pick-up date without the consent of the Show Coordinator. A \$10.00 fee per animal will be charged for any special arrangements requested. Early removal of animals without the Show Coordinators consent will result in the forfeiture of all awards and will prevent the exhibitor from participating in the following year's fair.
13. Exhibitor birds not picked up on the day and times listed above will be charged a \$25.00 per day fee up to three (3) days at which time awards will be forfeited and birds will become the property of the SEYF.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

14. All birds will be checked for external parasites, diseases, and poor condition (underweight). Any birds failing inspection must be removed immediately from the fairgrounds.
15. The state inspector's office will provide free testing of birds prior to the Fair. Contact the Division of Animal Industries at (352) 620-3441 for more information.
16. Any birds not pre-tested will be tested by a Florida Department of Agriculture Representative at the Fair before they are allowed to enter the barn.

SALE OF ANIMALS

17. Anyone wishing to sell their animals should notify the Barn Committee upon completion of judging. There will be a tag placed on the cage stating that the animal is for sale with the price.
18. All animal sales, transactions will be done through the coordinator. A 10% commission to the SEYF will be deducted before payment is made to the exhibitor at check out.

CLASSES

19. All birds must be entered in either the Standard, Bantam, Commercial Division (Egg Layers) or Waterfowl Division and *Turkeys.
20. Use the following codes for all Standard Classes:
 - a. American = AM
 - b. Asiatic = AS
 - c. English = EG
 - d. Mediterranean = MD
 - e. Continental = CO
 - f. All others = AOSB
21. Use the following codes for all Bantam Classes:
 - a. Feather leg = FL
 - b. Game = GA
 - d. Single Comb, Clean Legged = SC
 - e. All others, Clean Legged = AOCL

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- c. Rose Comb, Clean Legged = RC
- 22. Use the following codes for all Commercial (Egg Layers) – Only accepted:
 - a. Commercial Rhode Island Red = COM
 - b. White Leghorn = COM
 - c. Plymouth Rocks = COM
- 23. Use the following codes for all Water Fowl Division*
 - a. Bantam Ducks = BD
 - b. Medium Ducks = MD
 - c. Heavy Ducks = HD
 - d. Light Ducks = LD
- 24. Use the following codes for all Turkeys
 - a. Turkey = TK

JUDGING CRITERIA

- 25. The show will be judged according to the Danish System. The birds will be judged according to the American Standard of Perfection. APA and ABA
- 26. For the safety of the judge – all toenails and spurs must be trimmed.
- 27. No clipped wings allowed.

ASK ME BOOTH

- 28. A space will be set up for exhibitors to answer questions from visitors about this project.
- 29. Exhibitors will sign up for a specified time during check-in.
- 30. All times will be in 30-minute sessions. *It is mandatory to sign in and out and be signed off by a committee member.
- 31. Participation in this contest will count towards the High Point Award.
- 32. All Exhibitors are required to be in official dress.

HERDSMAN

- 33. Participants will be assigned duties upon signing in.
- 34. Award is based on assistance given to the Show Coordinator in the barn during the week of the Fair.
- 35. Participation in this contest will count towards the High Point Award.

GROOMING

- 36. Any grooming of chickens will be done before the start of judging. The barn will be open for grooming a ½ hour prior to judging.
- 37. Only exhibitors are allowed to groom their birds. Assistance will be available to exhibitors upon asking.

POSTER CONTEST

- 38. You must be entered in the Chicken Show to participate in this event.
- 39. Only one (1) poster per exhibitor. No Club/Chapter entries.
- 40. Posters must be on a 22" x 28" poster board (any color/no foam boards) and must describe the following with factual information. List at least 2 references on the front of the poster in the bottom right corner.

Junior – Pick your favorite Chicken breed and discuss its origin.

Intermediate – Discuss the different types of feathers on a chicken and type of combs.

Senior – Describe the birth of a Chicken from the formation of the egg to hatching.

- 41. Exhibitor's name, age and club must be clearly printed on the back of the poster in the bottom left corner.
- 42. Posters with food, hay, grass, eggshells, packaging, etc. will not be accepted.
- 43. Failure to follow these rules will result in your poster being disqualified.
- 44. Posters must be turned in during check-in of chickens. No late posters will be accepted.
- 45. Judging will be done by a committee appointed by the Show Coordinator.
- 46. Posters must be removed when checking out your animal. Any posters left after check-out time will be discarded.

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SHOWMANSHIP

47. Showmanship is mandatory for all exhibitors.
48. Appointment times will be assigned and given to the exhibitor at check-in.
49. Penalty for not doing showmanship is forfeiture of awards.
50. All exhibitors must be in official dress.
51. All animals are to be kept in their cages until your name is called.
52. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to get with the coordinator to resolve conflicting schedules.

SKILL-A-THON

53. Information will be posted on website. SEYFair.com
54. Participation in this contest will count towards the High Point Award.

BREED ID CONTEST

55. Breed ID will start at 5:30pm and all exhibitors will need to be in the barn no later than 5:30 pm.
56. Only exhibitors will be allowed in the barn while the contest is being conducted.
57. No cell phones are allowed in the barn during the contest. Cell phones will be held at the coordinators work area.
58. Participation in this contest will count towards the High Point Award.

HIGH POINT

59. This award will be based on the awards received for your bird(s), as well as your participation at the Ask Me Booth, Herdsman, Skill-A-Thon, Showmanship, Poster Contest and Breed ID Contest.

PICK UP OF ANIMALS

60. Mandatory thank you letters are required at check-out in self-addressed stamped envelopes according to the required list given at check-in.
61. All water and feed are to be discarded in marked containers, Feeders, water bottles and crocks are to be placed in the marked plastic containers.
62. Pull all clips and pins used to hold cups and tags to the check-out table and place in marked container.
63. Take all animals and the exhibit tags to the designated check-out area to pick up check-out packet and sign-out animals.
64. All sale animals must be brought to the check-out table before leaving the barn with the exhibitor tag.

AWARDS

65. **The Show Coordinator reserves the right to withhold awards if there is not sufficient competition.**
66. Premiums may be awarded after all sponsorship has been collected and all expenses have been paid on individual shows & events.

High Point – Belt Buckle
Grand Champion Bird – Premium or Award
Champion Standard, Bantam, Commercial (Egg Layers) and Water Fowl
Reserve Champion Standard, Bantam, Commercial (Egg Layers) and Water Fowl
Class Champion
Class Reserve Champion
Skill-A-Thon – 1st through 3rd places in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions
Showmanship – 1st through 3rd places in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions
Herdsman – 1st through 3rd places
Breed ID Contest – 1st through 3rd places in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions
Poster Contest – 1st through 3rd places in Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions
Record Books – 1st through 3rd places in Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions
All exhibitors will receive a participation ribbon