

Check-In Process:

You will be bringing your birds to the Fair on Sunday, July 31 starting at 3:00 p.m. Birds will be checked in until 7:00 p.m.

Market Chickens and Market Turkeys will be checked in 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 31. The market chickens will be weighed by the superintendents and fairboard members on Monday, August 1 at 8:00 a.m. Enter the Fairgrounds by the Humane Society and precede back to Barn A (East side). You may park in the loading/unloading area long enough to unload your birds/equipment – then you need to park in the parking lot.

We will have a vet team from CSU there to check every bird – so check-in takes time – please get in line and be patient (thank you!)

The CSU vet team will check every bird before it enters the barn – they ask for flock information from the exhibitor/parent. IF they find lice/mites or eggs – the birds WILL NOT be allowed into the barn – no exceptions.

Once the birds pass vet check you can precede into Barn A. The Barn will have all the cages (with shavings in them) set up for all the birds we are expecting. The cages are set up in class order and there will be people in the barn to help you find where your cage is.

Once you find your cage, place the bird in. Continue this until all your birds are in their cages and then **take the cages you used to bring your birds to Fair out of the building and back to your vehicle.**

Next, place a small amount of food/water in each cage. NOW is a good time to start saving soup cans, vegetable cans, etc. Punch two holes at the top where you can zip tie the cans to the cages ONCE sorting is done. PLEASE DO NOT zip tie cans on check-in day or the following day. That is it for Day One.

Monday, August 1 – the barn will be locked to the general public this day – so you will only be able to enter through the east side of the building. Today, as with each day the birds are at Fair – you need to come in and feed and water – once in the morning and once at night. On Monday, the birds will be sorted. This is a process where we move birds to the correct class (always for the exhibitors benefit) so that when the judge comes all the same birds are together.

When you come in Monday evening to water and your bird is not where you originally put it, don't worry, it has just moved to a different cage. We can help you find it if necessary.

Tuesday, August 2 – now you can zip tie your feed and water cans to the cage. **Turkey, duck and goose exhibitors – you need gallon size cans or something that is not easily tipped over. NO GLASS.**

Wednesday, August 3 – Judging Day. Please be in early to feed and water your birds. You can clean your cages if you want, but remember all dirty shaving MUST be removed from the barn and deposited next to the concrete barriers at the end of Barn A. NOT in trash cans. Also – DO NOT clean your birds, feeders, or water containers in the bathroom. For birds, if you want to clean them, take a moist towel/rag and wipe them off in the Barn.

Judging – You do NOT need to be in the Barn for judging – **we rope off the area where the judge and clerk are so they can inspect the birds with no interruptions.** After a section is judged, there will be a placing on the tag, but all judging is not concluded until the end of the day. Depending on the judge and **how his/her** day has progressed, you may or may not have the opportunity to talk with **her** – we won't know until **she is** done.

No birds may leave Barn A for any reason during the Fair, they may not come out to show them to friends or the general public. **Birds must stay in their cages and can be handled only by their owners and families.** Exceptions are: Showmanship and Market Sale – but you will be given instructions on when to remove your bird from its cage.

When cleaning water cans – used water may **ONLY** be dumped on the north side of Barn A – in the concrete drain that runs next to the fence. Not in the side street, back in the goat area, or any other side of the Barn except the north side.

We encourage all poultry exhibitors to stay in the barn and talk with the public. This is a great way to teach the public about poultry.

Finally – as always – any questions – please ask – Clare, Madeline, or Marsha.

This only covers the first few days. For the rest of Fair, we will be posting information on the West side of Barn A (inside) – so please check there **every day** for information.

MOST IMPORTANT FAIR PREPRATION - REVIEW ALL RULES OUTLINED IN THE FAIRBOOK AND THE 4-H CODE OF CONDUCT:

The Livestock Fairbook is available at BoulderCountyFair.org, click on Exhibitors, Livestock Fairbook. Review all General Fair Rules and Livestock Rules, as well as Poultry Department Rules.

Multiple violations of Fair rules will result in forfeiture of all premium money.