

Illinois Association of Vocational Agricultural Teachers

Poultry Career Development Event

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Eligibility

Any student is eligible who is under 21 years of age at the time of the event, who has not had more than four years training (two years junior high school and four years high school) in any approved course in vocational agriculture of less than college grade, and is enrolled in a high school class in vocational agriculture or has had all of the vocational agriculture offered and is carrying at least three units of regular high school work. The exception is that a person who has participated previously in any official national FFA poultry judging event is ineligible. If an ineligible student is entered in any event, that student's team will be declared ineligible. The winning team represents Illinois in the National FFA Poultry Career Development Event.

2. Team

Five team members from each school are permitted to judge. The three individuals earning the highest total scores constitute the team score (a school may compete with three members). The lowest member of the five, in total points, is the alternate and is ineligible for any award.

A school may enter less than a full team, but then the member(s) will compete only as individuals.

No substitution is permitted in any division after judging has started and **extra students** are not permitted to judge.

Handling of live birds (in Rings 1 – 4) is not permitted. Handling of eggs is permitted only in Ring 6.

Each participant should have a pencil. In addition to the placing cards provided by the event superintendent, a clipboard (optional) may be used, and also a piece of paper (4 x 6 inches or less) may be used to record placings for the participant's use. There should be no written material on paper or clipboard at the start of the event.

Students are not required to give reasons on any rings.

Every possible effort is made in computing the results to prevent errors. If, however, after the precautionary measures have been taken and the results announced, errors do show up, the results will stand as announced and will not be corrected at a later date.

3. Additional Information

Refer to the "General Rules" section for the current year for information concerning **Entry Fees, Registration** and **Location** of the event.

4. Awards

Ribbons are awarded to all teams that participate. Those teams whose score places them in the upper sixth of the teams judging receive purple awards, those in the next sixth of the teams receive blue ribbon awards, those in the next third receive red ribbons and those in the lowest third receive white ribbons.

Ribbons are given to each individual that participates. Individuals whose score places them in the upper sixth receive purple ribbon awards, those in the next sixth receive blue ribbon awards, those in the next third receive red ribbons and those in the lowest third receive white ribbons.

A rotating trophy is presented to the winning team. The school and year are engraved on the trophy and it is in the possession of the winning school until the next event. A school must win the event three times to permanently retain the trophy.

5. Immediately after the event, the official placings for the rings are given.
6. It is anticipated that the results will be announced shortly (within one hour) after the placings are given. However, if time does not permit rechecking the cards to eliminate all possible errors, the announcement will be delayed until the following week.
7. Coaches and participants are not permitted in the rooms where the rings are located prior to the event. Non-participants should observe the rings after the event is completed.

B. EVENT FORMAT AND CARDS USED

Rings 1 – 4 Production: 50 points per ring – 10 minutes per ring. Use **Regular Placing Card** shown below.

Each ring of four (4) birds will be egg production stock (White Leghorns). The birds are judged by comparison and placed in the order of past production.

The Hormel Grading System will be used. In general, the amount of cut made in a participant's grade for exchanging pairs varies, a smaller cut is made for reversing pairs that the official judge indicates are close.

TEAM NUMBER	PARTICIPANT NUMBER	RING NUMBER

DIRECTIONS – Below are all the possible placings for a ring of 4 individuals. Draw a circle around the placing which you consider correct for the ring you are judging.

A=1-2-3-4	G=2-1-3-4	M=3-1-2-4	S=4-1-2-3
B=1-2-4-3	H=2-1-4-3	N=3-1-4-2	T=4-1-3-2
C=1-3-2-4	I=2-3-1-4	O=3-2-1-4	U=4-2-1-3
D=1-3-4-2	J=2-3-4-1	P=3-2-4-1	V=4-2-3-1
E=1-4-2-3	K=2-4-1-3	Q=3-4-1-2	W=4-3-1-2
F=1-4-3-2	L=2-4-3-1	R=3-4-2-1	X=4-3-2-1

Aid for ordering this card:

No. of teams x No. of participants per team x No. of rings = No. of cards needed,
 i.e., 20 teams x 5 participants per team x 4 ring(s) = 400 cards needed.

My event: _____ teams x _____ participants per team x _____ ring(s) = _____ cards.

The same defect may be found on more than one egg per dozen; the penalty points would be based on the number of eggs involved (2 eggs with major defect or color represent 6 penalty points.) Defects of different penalties may be used within each dozen (2 critical defects = 10 penalty points; minor + critical = 9 penalty points.) The dozen eggs with the lowest number of penalty points ranks first. In cases where the total penalty points for two dozen eggs are the same, the dozen with the more severe defect is the poorer of the two.

Aid for ordering Exterior Quality Egg Grading Card (Ring 7)
 No. of teams x No. of participants per team x No. of rings = No. of cards needed,
 i.e., 20 teams x 5 participants per team x 1 ring(s) = 100 cards needed.
 My event: _____ teams x _____ participants per team x _____ ring(s) = _____ cards.

Aid for ordering Interior Quality Egg Grading Card (Ring 8)
 No. of teams x No. of participants per team x No. of rings = No. of cards needed,
 i.e., 20 teams x 5 participants per team x 1 ring(s) = 100 cards needed.
 My event: _____ teams x _____ participants per team x _____ ring(s) = _____ cards.

Ring 9: Identification of Chicken Parts: 50 points – 10 minutes. Use Identification of Chicken Parts Card.* Please note the new parts list.

Twenty-three chicken parts are identified as:

- Breast with ribs
- Breast without ribs
- Wishbone
- Breast tenderloin
- Boneless, skinless whole breast
- Boneless, skinless breast half
- Drumstick
- Thigh
- Skinless, boneless thigh
- Leg
- Wing
- Wing, mid-joint (flat)
- Back
- Half
- Breast quarter
- Breast quarter without wing
- Leg quarter
- Thigh with back
- Drummette
- Liver
- Gizzard
- Heart
- Neck

IDENTIFICATION OF CHICKEN PARTS										
Directions: Check the part of the chicken that you consider correct for each item.										
Part No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Breast with ribs										
Breast without ribs										
Wishbone										
Breast tenderloin										
Boneless, skinless whole breast										
Boneless, skinless breast, half										
Drumstick										
Thigh										
Skinless, boneless thigh										
Leg										
Wing										
Wing, mid-joint (flat)										
Back										
Half										
Breast quarter										
Breast quarter without wing										
Leg quarter										
Thigh with back										
Drummette										
Liver										
Gizzard										
Heart										
Neck										

Scoring 50 Points — 5 Points Each
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Ring 10: Written Poultry Test: 20 to 50 points – 10 to 15 minutes.

The test will consist of 10 to 25 multiple choice questions. Questions on the exam will be taken from the information in VAS Unit 1052, *Caring for the Small Laying Flock*; J120b, *Judging and Grading Poultry and Eggs*; and *Poultry Science Manual for National FFA Contest*, No. 0418-3 third edition. The latter can be purchased from IMS, Texas A & M University (409) 845-6601.

Ring 11: Breaded Chicken Patties: 50 points placing, 50 points written reasons.

Each participant will place a class of four precooked, breaded chicken patties. Criteria for placing will be batter/breading texture and color, meat color and texture, patty shape and size and evidence of foreign material. The participant may not touch any patty; doing so will result in disqualification.

TEAM NUMBER	PARTICIPANT NUMBER	RING NUMBER	
			Breaded Chicken Patties
<p>Directions: Below are all possible placings for a ring of 4 individuals. Draw a circle around the placing which you consider correct for the ring you are judging.</p>			
A =1-2-3-4	G =2-1-3-4	M =3-1-2-4	S =4-1-2-3
B =1-2-4-3	H =2-1-4-3	N =3-1-4-2	T =4-1-3-2
C =1-3-2-4	I =2-3-1-4	O =3-2-1-4	U =4-2-1-3
D =1-3-4-2	J =2-3-4-1	P =3-2-4-1	V = 4-2-3-1
E =1-4-2-3	K =2-4-1-3	Q =3-4-1-2	W =4-3-1-2
F =1-4-3-2	L =2-4-3-1	R =3-4-2-1	X =4-3-2-1
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Breaded Chicken Patty Reasons Scorecard				
Critical factors are unacceptable and shall place last.				
Directions: Check the exterior quality/qualities that you consider a factor for placing the breast patty.				
Patty No.	1	2	3	4
Meat Color				
Meat Texture				
Broken Patty				
Batter/Breading Color				
Foreign Material				
Shape/Size				
No Defect				

Each participant will present written factors for the placing of the class of cooked, breaded chicken patties. Written factors will relate to the criteria used for placing the patties. Use the **Breaded Chicken Patty Card**.

C. SUGGESTED REFERENCES

Judging Booklet

J120b – *Judging and Grading Poultry and Eggs*, Vocational Agriculture Service, 1401 S. Maryland Drive, Urbana, IL 61801 (217) 333-3871 Fax (217) 333-0005.

Additional References

U1052, *Caring for the Small Laying Block*, Vocational Agriculture Service, 1401 S. Maryland Drive, Urbana, IL 61801 (217) 333-3871 Fax (217) 333-0005.

Poultry Science Manual for National FFA Contest, No. 0418-3 third edition, available from IMS, Texas A & M University.

*Agriculture Handbook No. 31 and No. 75 are available from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.