

POULTRY JUDGING

Contest Description:	Poultry Judging teaches 4-H'ers how to judge live hens, grade eggs, grade ready to cook poultry, and identify poultry parts. It also provides experience in organizing thoughts and defending decisions with oral reasons. The contest will consist of three parts: Egg production class, market class, and egg class.
Superintendent(s):	David Boldt
Award:	National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville KY.
Grade/Age Requirement(s):	Must be enrolled in 8 th to 12 th Grade as of August 1, 2021.
Team or Individual Contest:	Individual
Number of Entries Per Parish:	Each parish can enter one (1) to eight (8) individuals for a judging contest.

Contest Rules:

1. Refer to Louisiana 4-H University General Rules and Guidelines for a complete set of event rules and guidelines. Explanation of team structure can be found on pages 8-9.
2. The contest shall consist of:
 - a. Egg Production Class
 - i. Judge two (2) classes of four (4) birds each for egg production, all leghorn type birds.
 - ii. Give oral reasons on two (2) classes of birds judged for egg production.
 - b. Market Class
 - i. Judge one classes of ten (10) dressed fryers according to US Grades.
 - ii. Judge one class of ten (10) dressed hens according to US Grades.
 - iii. Judge one class of ten (10) ready-to-cook parts to US Grades. **(New)**
 - iv. Identify broiler parts – one class of ten (10) parts.
 - v. Judge one class of ten (10) breaded, boneless, processed poultry products. **(New)**
 - c. Egg Class
 - i. Broken out eggs – judge one class of ten (10).
 - ii. Grade and candle one class of 20 eggs (white shell) for interior quality.
 - iii. Judge two (2) classes of 20 eggs for exterior quality.
3. Rules and standards for all judging classes to follow “NATIONAL 4-H POULTRY JUDGING CONTEST MANUAL” 2021 revised edition. Click on link for manual: (<https://national4hpoultry.ca.uky.edu/poultry-judging-manual>)
4. The highest scoring parish team will be designated as state winners to participate in the national contest.
5. National Rule – also applies to state – contestants in national 4-H competitive events must not have participated in official post-secondary (university, college, junior college or technical school) competitive events for a similar nature and in the same subject matter area. (For example, a contestant who has competed in an official collegiate poultry-judging contest is ineligible to compete in the national 4-H poultry- judging contest.)

Contest Resource(s):

- Louisiana 4-H Publication, “*Understanding the 4-H Judging Contest Process*”. 2022 Ed.
- New Poultry Judging Manual - <https://national4hpoultry.ca.uky.edu/poultry-judging-manual>