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TO: County Extension Directors and 4-H Agents
FROM: Ben Mather, Extension Poultry Specialist Emeritus (retired)
DATE: April 23, 2009
RE: **2009 State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest**

The State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest will be held in Gainesville on Monday, June 1, 2009. Registration will begin at 9:15 AM and the event will start at 10:00 AM. Please give a copy of this information to the Agent(s) or volunteer(s) who are training your County's poultry judging teams. There are three items enclosed: 1) a copy of the rules and regulations, 2) details relative to classes, and 3) a registration form. If your county plans to participate in this Judging Contest, please return the Registration Form by **May 21**. Contact us for a free Poultry Judging CD. A fact sheet on Guidelines for the Florida 4-H Poultry Judging Contest is at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/PS011>, and a link for the Contest at <http://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/Youth/poultry/>.

The Contest will be conducted in the Meats Lab and classrooms of the Animal Sciences Building (#459) on Shealy Drive, as done the past few years. Directions: Take Exit 384, SR 24 (Archer Road), off of I-75 and go east toward UF. After passing SW 34th St., get in the right-hand lane and continue on Archer Road. Follow the signs for Highway 226 as it branches off to the right and becomes SW 16th Avenue. Continue on SW 16th Avenue about 100 yards to the traffic light at Shealy Drive and turn right (south). The UF Livestock Pavilion will be on the right side after you turn. Continue on Shealy Drive to the next to the last building on the right side (west). There is a driveway to the building just after the Nutrition Lab and another driveway if you go to the end of Shealy Drive, turn right and then quickly turn right into the parking lot. The Meats Lab and classrooms are in the NW corner of Building # 459 (the north building of the two side-by-side buildings). (A map of the area can be viewed by entering the intersection **Shealy Dr & SW 16th Ave**, Gainesville, FL 32608, US on www.mapquest.com, or a simple version is here, <http://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/Youth/resources/DirectionsANS.shtml>)

The National Poultry Judging Manual was revised in 1999 (blue cover) and slight changes were made in 2002 (green cover); these will be used as the official manual. Copies of the new manual (4-H 460) can be obtained at \$6.00 each plus shipping from: Extension Publications, IANR Communications & Information Technology, PO Box 830918, Lincoln, NE 68583-0918; phone, (402) 472-9713; Fax, (402) 472-0542. Or, purchase online here, <http://4h.unl.edu/curriculumextras/4h460/4h460.html>. The National Poultry Judging Contest is described on the following web site: <http://national4hpoultryandegg.psu.edu/>

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this Contest. Please let me know if I can help you.

NOTE: If you are unable to contact me, please first contact Dr. Chad Carr, Assistant Professor & Extension Meat Specialist (chadcarr@ufl.edu & 352-392-2454) and/or Wendy DeVito, Animal Sciences Youth Extension (wtaylor@ufl.edu & 352-392-1912) for assistance. They will try to help you, however, they are not familiar with some aspects of this Contest.

Enclosures

cc: Jordan Barney, 4-H Events Coordinator
Dr. Marilyn Norman, Assistant Dean for 4-H
Dr. Chad Carr, Extension Meat Specialist
Wendy DeVito, Animal Sciences Youth Extension

2009 STATE 4-H POULTRY JUDGING EVENT

Monday, June 1, 2009

9:15 AM - Registration

10:00 AM - Event Begins

Animal Sciences Building (#459) on Shealy Drive

University of Florida, Gainesville

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All contestants must be bonafide 4-H Club members.
2. There will be two judging divisions:
 - a) **Senior Division** - Contestant must be 14 years old on or before September 1 and must not have graduated or passed their 19th birthday on or before September 1 of the current 4-H program year. A contestant can not have competed in the National Poultry Judging Contest. A team will consist of three or four members. Only the total scores of the three highest-scoring members will be used for team awards. (A county is allowed to have only one Senior Team.)
 - b) **Junior Division** - Contestants must be 8-13 years old as of September 1 of the current 4-H program year. A team will consist of three or four members. Only the total scores of the three highest-scoring members will be used for team awards. (A county is allowed to have as many Junior Teams as they wish.)

As in the past, counties can have individual contestants participate in the Contest (even if the county does not have a team) and the counties are encouraged to do so. There is no limit to the number of Senior Division or Junior Division contestants that a county can have participate in the Contest, as individuals.

All contestants (team members plus individuals) will participate in the Contest at the same time and will compete for the various individual awards. Only the teams will compete for the team awards.

3. Classes will be the same for all divisions: Past Production Hens, Ready-To-Cook, Parts Identification, Eggs, Oral Reasons (on 1 Past Production Hens Class).
4. The first place Senior Team will receive a grant for partial support of travel to Louisville, KY in November where they will represent Florida at the National 4-H Poultry Judging Contest. There is no contest beyond State for the first place Junior Team. However, the top-ranked Senior Division contestant (other than members of the first place Senior Team) will be eligible to compete in the National Contest, as an individual. Thus, Florida may take a Senior Team and a Senior Individual to the National Contest.
5. Funds for awards are mainly provided by the Florida Poultry Federation.

DETAILS RELATIVE TO CLASSES FOR STATE 4-H POULTRY JUDGING CONTEST

The National Poultry Judging Manual, revised in 1999 (blue cover) and slightly changed in 2002 (green cover), will be used as the official manual. The U.S.D.A. Standards and Grades used in this Contest are summarized in the Manual.

A. **Past Egg Production (2 classes)**

1. Each class will consist of four Single Comb White Leghorn hens.
2. The judging will be done by comparison.

B. **Oral Reasons (1 set)**

Oral Reasons will be required on one (1) class of past production hens.

C. **Ready-To-Cook Chickens (1 class)**

1. The class will be composed of ten 2.5 to 6 pound carcasses.
2. Each bird will be graded A, B or C. The U.S.D.A. Standards and Grades for Dressed Poultry will be the guide.

D. **Identification of Chicken Carcass Parts**

Ten chicken carcass parts will be identified.

E. **Eggs (1 class of each)**

1. **Exterior egg quality:**

Twenty eggs will be graded for exterior quality according to the U.S.D.A. standards namely, A, B and Dirty. Do not handle the eggs. The eggs will be white shelled.

2. **Interior egg quality:**

Twenty eggs will be graded by candling according to the U.S.D.A. standards namely, AA, A, B and inedible. The eggs will be white shelled.

3. **Broken-out egg quality:**

Ten eggs will be graded according to the U.S.D.A. standards namely, AA, A, B and inedible.

***NOTE:** Each class will have equal value of 100 points, thus there are 800 points total for the judging event for each individual and 2400 points total for a team.

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Or, purchase online here, <http://4h.unl.edu/curriculumextras/4h460/4h460.html>.

FLORIDA 4-H POULTRY

2009 STATE 4-H POULTRY JUDGING CONTEST REGISTRATION FORM

COUNTY _____

In the spaces below, indicate yes or no if you will have a Senior Team and the number of team members (3 or 4); indicate the same information for Junior Teams (you may have more than one Junior Team); indicate number of Seniors and Juniors who will be judging as individuals (there is no limit to the number of contestants who may participate as individuals).

DIVISION	YES	NO	No. of TEAM MEMBERS
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Senior Team _____

Junior Team _____

Junior Team _____

Junior Team _____

Junior Team _____

Junior Team _____

Number of Seniors

Number of Juniors

Individual contestants

NOTE: If you have any participants with special needs, please contact Dr. Ben Mather by May 21 to inform him and discuss the situation. Phone: 352-256-8540; FAX: 352-392-1913; email: ben99@ufl.edu

DEADLINE TO RETURN REGISTRATION FORM: MAY 21, 2009

Signature of Extension Agent

Return to: Ben Mather
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