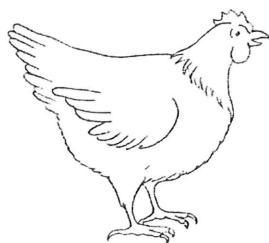


10 Things to Know Before You Show



1. What project are you taking?

It is important to be aware of the project that you are enrolled in and its requirements.

2. Breed of Bird

Know what breed you are showing. Be aware of disqualifications and defects. The Standard of Perfection is a great reference. A broiler is NOT a breed. ☺

3. Sex of your bird

What is the proper term for a male? For a female?

Example: Drake (Male), Hen (Female)

4. History of breed

Where did your breed originate? What is its purpose?

5. Place of purchase or how you acquired your project

Did your project come from hatchery? Did you hatch your own?

6. Age of bird

How old is your bird? How long until market?

7. Weight

Especially important for market projects! Know the weight of individual birds and cage weight.

Also, be aware of the ideal weight for your project

8. Housing Set-Up

What type of bedding do you use? How many birds do you house in your coop? Are they free range?

9. Feeding Plan

What did you start your project on? Did you use a grower/ finisher? Know the main ingredients in your bird's food and percent protein.

10. Diseases

Internal vs. External, examples of each
How is it spread, Ways to treat, Prevention

Showmanship Tips & Tricks



Your appearance matters!!!

Wear appropriate attire.

Example: Long sleeves/Lab coat, closed toe shoes, no dangling jewelry, pants without holes.

Do NOT chew gum.

Be prepared.

Wash your bird 1-2 days prior to show, spot clean day of show.

Always remember remove your bird from the cage head first.

Close the cage securely after removing your bird.

Keep your bird between you and the judge.

Keep eye contact.

Stay focused.

Be confident!