



# *Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association*

## *Common Ground Country Fair* 2021 Poultry Show & Exhibit Invitation

Dear Beloved and Patient Friends,

What a year it has been. Enclosed is an information packet for exhibiting poultry/waterfowl at the 2021 Common Ground Country Fair. The show is on September 24, 25, and 26.

In an effort to have more varieties and types available for the public to view, we will have an exhibit only option. We encourage you to bring your best show quality birds including layers, broilers, dual-purpose, doves, turkeys, waterfowl, quail, commercial and fancy breeds.

Note: Pullorum testing for both waterfowl and poultry is required by the state of Maine. (a copy of the hatchery/breeder pullorum certificate is OK) A list of testers is available for your convenience.

Only participants with an entry in the show may sell birds in the designated sale area at the Fair. Boxes **MUST** be supplied for transport for all sale birds. Each sale bird must have concise breed and price information posted, and if entered in show cannot leave until Sunday afternoon. Please arrange for supervision of your birds and collection of funds when you are not in the poultry area.

**\*\*\*All Sale Birds Must Be Inspected, The Same As Show & Exhibit Birds!\*\*\***

We will have a designated area for Junior Exhibitors. There is room to exhibit their posters/Poultry Projects along with their birds. \*Please indicate if your display needs to be by your bird.

All entries must be residents of Maine. Please read the packet and send/fax/email the completed form to the Common Ground Country Fair Office by September 17, 2021.

Coop in is Thursday night 9/23 from 4-8pm. It is impossible to coop in Friday morning unless you are there by 0600.

Questions? Please contact Gayle at 322-8744 (cell) can text or email at [sheepblacksheepfarm@gmail.com](mailto:sheepblacksheepfarm@gmail.com).

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# COMMON GROUND COUNTRY FAIR POULTRY SHOW

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### SEPTEMBER 24– 26, 2021

1. Fowl exhibited, including waterfowl, must be blood-tested and rated Pullorum Typhoid clean, or be first generation from stock meeting this requirement. Exhibitors must show proof of testing. Pigeons do not need to be state tested. Any bird showing signs of disease or vermin shall be removed from the show immediately.
2. There are no restrictions this year on the numbers of birds entered per exhibitor. We hope to have enough cages to accommodate all entries.
3. Classes: Old Male, Old Female, Young Male, Young Female, Cock, Hen, Cockerel, Pullet. Varieties: Layer, Broiler, Barnyard
4. Birds may be handled by the exhibitor, the judge, judge's steward, and fair or show official.
5. Bantams will be judged by the latest ABA Standard and the Large Fowl by the APA Standard of Perfection.
6. PROTESTS: Must be filed with the Show Secretary within 30 minutes of judging the breed, along with a \$25.00 fee which will be returned if the protest is upheld.
7. Birds must be cooped in by 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 21st, to be eligible for competition. Early coop-in on Thursday, September 20th, may be done between the hours of 5:00 and 7:30 p.m.
8. All exhibitors must feed and water their birds at coop in. If you want to use your own feed instead of the donated organic feed, please bring it in a container with your name on it and the directions for feeding.
9. Show sponsor will not be responsible for loss or damage to birds, although all possible care will be taken by the show staff to insure the safety and welfare of your entries.
10. **Entry fee: \$1.50 per show bird. No charge for exhibition birds. Please include a copy of your Pullorum Typhoid test card with your entry form.**
11. Entry form and check must be mailed to MOFGA and received no later than September 14th. Space is limited so get your entries in early.
12. **Make checks payable to COMMON GROUND COUNTRY FAIR** and mail your entries to the Fair Office, PO Box 170, Unity ME 04988
13. **COOP OUT: Birds MAY NOT be removed from the show before 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 23rd, and must be removed by 6 p.m.**
14. Junior Showmanship will be judged on Sunday, September 23rd at 3 p.m. There is no entry fee for the Showmanship competition. Sign up ahead of time with the Fair Office.
15. **Please do NOT bring any birds that are in poor health or have vermin (bugs) to the fairgrounds.** You will be asked to remove any birds deemed to be in poor health or infested with bugs. The health and welfare of all the birds is our prime responsibility.
16. **SALE BIRDS:** If you are placing birds for sale at the Fair, please first see show staff. Sale birds will be housed in a tent adjacent to the Poultry Barn due to space issues. Available cages will be on a first come, first served basis to **exhibitors** only. It is recommended that you bring cages for your sale birds, as cages are still at a premium. Provide the show staff with prices and boxes to go with the birds when someone purchases them. **Please provide clear prices, type and sex of birds, and your name on all sale coops.** It is helpful if your sale tags are made of a substantial weight paper and securely attached to the cages. Provide your sale birds with proper feed and water when you coop them in.

**Questions? Please contact Gayle McKeige, CGCF Poultry Coordinator at 322-8744, or see her when you coop in.**

## *Premium List*

		<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
1.	4 birds or more	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00
2.	Less than 4 birds	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
3.	Best of Variety	\$5.00		
4.	Best of Breed	\$7.00		
5.	Class Champions of any ABA or APA Class with 9 or more birds in class.	\$10.00		
6.	Junior Exhibitor Educational Display	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
7.	Educational Display	\$20.00	\$10.00	
8.	People's Choice	T-shirt		
9.	Show Champion	\$25.00	\$20.00	

## *Pigeons/Doves*

1.	Less than 4 birds	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
2.	4 or more birds.	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
3.	Best of Breed (7 or more birds)	\$7.00		

**Above premiums are for Open and Junior Exhibitors. Birds for exhibit only will receive a minimum premium of \$2.00/bird.**

**Premium checks will be processed in November.**



## 2021 Independent Poultry Testers

Please allow adequate time to schedule a visit by a poultry tester before your event or expiration of your flock's NPIP certification. CONTACT YOUR TESTER EARLY. This service is provided in partnership with ME DACF Animal Health and is not the full-time commitment of any of the certified testers listed here. If you need assistance scheduling a farm visit with one of our testers, please call the DACF main office number: 207 287 3701

PLEASE NOTE: The individuals listed below are State certified Independent NPIP Testers. This means that each tester manages their own schedule and fees. Testing fees are often based on the distance a tester will need to travel to your farm and how long they need to spend at the farm. Please discuss with your tester beforehand what you will need to prepare for their arrival to minimize service time and fees.

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\*State-approved for Avian Influenza testing

**For questions or issues call the Maine Department of  
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Animal and Plant Health at 207-287- 3701.**

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