

2026 Washington State Spring Fair Washington Junior Poultry Exposition Rules & Regulations

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PURPOSE: To provide youth (8-18) with a chance to raise a small flock of meat birds for a six (6) week period and to experience the process of rearing and selecting quality fryers such as those produced by our Washington fryer industry. Fryer chicks will be obtained through the Washington Junior Poultry Exposition. Five birds will be issued per contestant and three birds will be submitted. Sex will not be considered.

ENTRY: Please enter the contest by emailing wajrpoultryexpo@hotmail.com by January 15, 2026 to secure your place in the Fryer Contest.

JUDGING: Three (3) leg bands will be issued at exposition check-in. The birds will be weighed in to see that they meet the minimum weight of four (4) pounds each bird. Weights will be recorded for judging and payment. The judges will score the birds as blue, red or white ribbons based on the total of the scores. Blue ribbon entries will be further evaluated for special awards.

RECORD BOOKS: The record book will be judged on completeness of labor records (self & hired), mortality records, fryer management records, expense statements, feed conversion records, profit & loss statements and the project story based on the participant's growing experiences. (Project stories will be judged on accuracy, neatness, and legibility.) Typed or computer-generated records are preferred but NOT a requirement. Please put your record book in a binder or folder with brads so it is easy for the committee to page through and keep together.

POSTER: Each exhibitor is required to enter an educational poster. Posters must follow the requirements on page 14 of the 2026 Spring Fair Washington Junior Poultry Exposition Premium Guide.

BIRDSMANSHIP: All exhibitors must do two, one-hour shifts of Birdsmanship or their premiums will be withheld. Each shift requires two exhibitors, plus a parent, leader, or instructor. Sign up will be at Coop-In unless contacted by the manager prior.

Profit & Loss statements should be calculated based on \$1.25 per pound. Extra credit is available for books that include photography and expense receipts.

WASHINGTON JUNIOR POULTRY RULES & REGULATIONS CONTINUED:

AWARDS: Blue —20 Red - 15 White - 10

SCORING: The record books will be judged with the following considerations:

0- 30 pts.	Record book & project story (Accuracy & legibility)
0- 10 pts.	Percentage of mortality
0- 10 pts.	Live weight of 3 birds as confirmed by group leaders. (Minimum requirement of 4 lbs. ea)
0- 10 pts.	Live weight of 3 birds submitted at Jr. Poultry Expo. (Minimum requirement of 4 lbs. ea)
0 - 20 pts.	Total weight of fryers at check in
0- 10 pts.	Feed conversion rate @ 28 days
0- 10 pts.	Feed conversion rate @ 43 days
100 pts.	Total — Final Judging (Heaviest entry used to break ties.)

RECORD BOOK Premium Points

PLACING:	1st Place — 20 pts.	4th Place—8 pts.
	2nd Place — 16 pts.	5th Place — 4 pts.
	3rd Place — 12 pts.	

LIVE FRYER JUDGING

0-10 pts	Average Bird Weight
0-20 pts.	Total Bird Weight
0-35 pts.	Uniformity of Weight & Conformation
0-35 pts..	Fleshing, Fat Covering, Vigor, Cleanliness, Good Feathering
100 .	Total — Final Judging (Heaviest entry used to break ties.)

LIVE FRYER Placing

:	1st Place —30 pts.	4th Place — 12 pts.
	2nd Place — 24 pts.	5th Place— 6 pts.
	3rd Place — 18 pts.	

AWARDS: Blue — 30 Red— 24 White- 18

CHAMPION AWARDS:

Fryer scores and record book scores will be weighted in judging, respectively.

EXPOSITION RULES:

1. Fryer contracts must be returned to Washington Junior Poultry with the record book on 4/16/2026 at Vet Check.
2. All chicks will be ordered and paid for by Washington Junior Poultry.
3. Contest participants will sign an agreement stating that he/she will abide by the rules of the exposition, and if unable to submit three (3) six (6) week-old-fryers acceptable for the commercial market (at a minimum weight of four (4) pounds per bird), he/she will reimburse the exposition a fee in the amount of \$25 to cover chick expenses.

4. All chicks will be picked up on the date that is emailed to the contestants.
5. Record books will be provided and must be submitted with the entry Vet Check. All forms should be completed in an accurate, legible manner.
6. Fryers and record books will be judged separately.
7. Birds with lice or mites in poor condition or dirty will be rejected. Wash and dust your birds 14 days before show date.
8. Judging will be broken into age group categories: 4H Cloverbuds, 4H Juniors, 4H Intermediates, 4H Seniors, FFA grades 9-10, FFA grades 11-12 and Youth Open Class.
9. Points to consider when selecting birds for judging:
 - Uniformity — Select birds that weigh the same (within 1/4 pound), with same body type.
 - Size — Pick the three largest birds.
 - Health & Vigor — Select birds that are healthy with bright red combs, yellow shanks, bright eyes and free from any visible signs of respiratory trouble.
 - Conformation — Select birds with broad, long, well rounded and well-fleshed breasts, with plump, meaty legs (thigh & drumsticks). Birds with crooked, dimpled, blistered or bruised breasts should not be considered for competition entry.
 - Fleshing — birds should be well fleshed and have good fat covering. The skin should be yellow, soft and pliable.
 - Feathering — Select birds well covered with feathers.
 - Defects — Select birds with no evidence of skin tears, scratches, calluses or broken bones.

Frequently Asked Questions

What should I include in my project story?

- ✓ Take notes throughout the project and use these observations to help write your project story. The notes that you take should be written on the "notes" pages in the record book and should include what you saw and learned throughout the growing period. The project story should be written on separate paper and entered with the record book.

What else do I need to include in the record book?

- ✓ Be sure to keep track of feed and other supplies purchased for the birds, and also record the time that it takes to care for your flock. There are appropriate forms in the book for this information. Be sure that your book is complete when you turn it in at the show, including signatures from your parents and your leader/teacher, when required. If you include photography and receipts, you will be eligible for extra credit.

When do I weigh the birds?

- ✓ Weigh your birds on April 2 to calculate the 28 day feed conversion. Then, weigh your birds right before coming to the show on April 13 or 14 and use these weights for the 43 day feed conversion. The birds will also be weighed and checked by a veterinarian when you check in at the show.

When do I bring my birds and record book to the fryer show?

- ✓ Bring your birds and record books to Barn A to Vet Check. Vet Check will take place at Barn A on Thursday, 4/16, from 7 am – 10 am.
- ✓ Each exhibitor is required to participate in three birdsman'ship duties during the show. Birdsman'ship duties are assigned in shifts, and the sign-up sheet is available when you check in.

Who should I ask if I have more questions?

- ✓ If you have questions, ask your parents, teacher or 4-H leader first. If they can't answer your questions, call the Superintendent, Kandi Dodrill at 206-226-1784 or wajrpoultryexpo@hotmail.com. No calls after 7 pm, please

FRYER GROWING PROJECT RECORD SHEET

Name: _____ Age: _____ 4-H FFA Open

Group: _____ Phone _____

Instructor/Leader: _____ Phone _____

GENERAL INFORMATION:

No. of Chicks started: _____ Breed & Variety: Cornish Cross

Please check management practice used:

Brooder	Plate	Bulbs
Feeder	Trough	Tube
Litter	Shavings	Sawdust
Feed		
Starter	Developer	Finisher
Vaccinations		
Medications		
Pen Size	X =	Sq ft

Labor	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	6 th Week	7 th Week	Total Labor
Self								
Hired								

(In hours and minutes)

FEED RECORD

[illegible]

FEED CONVERSION

Use the average weight of four (4) birds at 28 days and 43 days:
 You may use pounds and ounces or decimal points to figure feed conversion.
 Please be consistent with one format (i.e. 6 lbs. 10 oz. or 6.625#)

28 Days

43 Days

#1		#1	
#2		#2	
#3		#3	
Add Subtotal		Add Subtotal	
Divide Subtotal by 3		Divide Subtotal by 3	
Avg Weight per bird		Avg Weight per bird	
Multiply by total # of live birds		Multiply by total # of live birds	
Total Live Birds lb		Total Live Birds lb	
Total Feed Used		Total Feed Used	
Feed Conversion Rate		Feed Conversion Rate	

To Calculate Feed Conversion Rate:

Multiply the number of live birds at the end of project by the average bird weight (of 3 birds) to determine the total live pounds; then calculate feed used to date. Divide total pounds of feed used by total live bird weight to find pounds of feed per pound of weight gain (Feed Conversion Rate).

Record this information on the Fryer Contest Score Card in the back of the book.

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

Estimated Total Live Bird lbs:		lbs/oz (or decimal)	
Multiply Market Price		x.60	
Estimated Total Receipts			
Minus Total Expenses			
Estimated Profit or Loss			

EXPENSE STATEMENT

FEED

Date of Purchase	Kind of Feed	Amount	Cost
		Total Feed Expenses	

OTHER EXPENSES

Date of Purchase	Item	Qty	Cost
		Total Other Expenses	
		Total All Expenses	

PROJECT STORY OUTLINE

Make an outline of your project story first. It should include what you have learned about your animal, what safety practices you used in your project, what you could do to improve your project, and the different skills that you used in your project. This is an outline form — complete sentences are not necessary. All outline subtopics must be complete to receive full points.

I. Introduction — Introduce your story and capture the reader's interest.

II. What did I learn:

A

B

C

III. What safety practices did I use?

A

B

C

IV. What improvements could I make:

A

B

C

V. What skills did I learn?

A

B

C

VI. Summary – Leave the reader with the idea or impression you want them to have:_____

Use this outline to write your story

PROJECT STORY

Your project story must be developed from your outline. Use stories to make a point- use examples or interesting facts or statistics. Remember your experiences and build strong images by using descriptive words. Be sure to use transition words to connect your ideas. (Examples- first, second, another, also, however, for instance, finally, for example, in conclusion, etc.) Spelling and neatness will be noticed by the judges. Type it on a computer and turn in a separate page.

MORTALITY RECORD

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Week 1							
Week 2							
Week 3							
Week 4							
Week 5							
Week 6							
Week 7							

Please explain any mortality below:

FRYER MANAGEMENT CHECK SHEET

(To be signed by an adult—leader, instructor, feed dealer, parent.)

Please rate the sections below are satisfactory or needs improvement. Thank you.

	First Visit	Second Visit
Brooding Facility		
Litter		
Feed		
Water		
Ventilation		
Sanitation		
Records		

1st VISIT COMMENTS:

Instructor/Leader Signature: _____ Date: _____

2nd VISIT COMMENTS:

Instructor/Leader Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Animal Project Exhibitor Commitment to Excellence

1. The purpose of my participation in the Washington Junior Poultry Exposition is to strengthen my own knowledge, ability and skill as a feeder, manager, trainer, caregiver, and exhibitor of animals, and to develop my sense of responsibility and good character. If my project includes food production animals, my goal is to produce safe and wholesome food.
2. I will do my own project work to the best of my ability.
3. I will not use, or allow to be used, abusive, fraudulent, or illegal practices or products in feeding, care, fitting, training, and showing of my animals.
4. I will not misrepresent my animals or myself in any way.
5. I will read, understand, and follow the rules of animal shows in which I am a participant and ask that my parents, my 4-H leader, and Ag instructors do the same.
6. My animal project is an example of how to accept what life has to offer, both good and bad, and how to live with the outcome. I will treat other people's animals with the same respect and care I give my own animals.
7. I realize that I am responsible for the proper care and safe, humane treatment of my animals, I realize that I am also responsible for demonstrating strong moral fiber and good character as an example to others.
8. I accept that failure to uphold this commitment could result in forfeiture of my right to participate in the Washington Junior Poultry Exposition.
9. I have owned the animal shown for 60 days except Fryers, which I received from stock from the Washington Junior Poultry Exposition.

Exhibitor

Date

I have read, understood, and will support this commitment.

Parent/Guardian

Date

WASHINGTON JR. POULTRY EXPOSITION FRYER CONTEST SCORE CARD

Name: _____

Age: _____

4-H

FFA

Open

Group: _____

Phone: _____

Mortality Calculation

Mortalities _____ (divide by) # Started _____ = % Mortality _____ (10 pts) _____

Weight Before Birds Leave Home

Bird #1 _____

Bird #2 _____

Bird #3 _____

Total weight _____ lbs

Avg. bird weight _____ lbs (divide by 3)

Leader Signature: _____ (10 pts) _____

(4H Leader or FFA Advisor/Instructor who verifies weighing of birds.)

Bird Weight at Show Check In

Band # Weight

Total weight _____ lbs (20 pts) _____

Avg. bird weight _____ lbs (divide by 3) (10 pts) _____

FEED CONVERSION CALCULATION (20 pts) _____

From Feed Conversion Chart, p5	28 Days	43 Days
Total Feed Used (see total feed record for all birds)		
Total lbs. Live Birds (total bird weight from above)		
Total Feed Conversion (feed divided by bird weight)		

Record Book & Project Story (30 pts) _____

Signatures _____ Labor Chart _____ Profit & Loss _____ Notes _____ Overall Completeness _____ (3 pts possible each)

Project Outline _____ 5 pts Possible Project Story _____ 10 pts possible

TOTAL POINTS (100 pts)