

# 2024 COLORADO STATE FAIR MARKET CHICKENS

DEPARTMENT 804.3001

Entry Fee: \$10 per Pen of 3

ENTRIES DUE (Online Only) .....Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>  
ALL Market Chickens begin arrival ..... Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 a.m.  
ALL Market Chickens IN PLACE ..... Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:00 p.m.  
Weight Nomination DUE - Market Chickens ..... Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.  
Market Meat Pen Chicken Judging ..... Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 a.m.  
Grand Champion Chicken Selections ..... Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> following show

## LIMIT OF FOUR MARKET CHICKEN PENS PER EXHIBITOR

### Competition Requirements:

1. This show is terminal for all poultry showing at the 2024 Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition ("Fair"). A buyback consignment will be offered through the Colorado State Fair Authority ("Authority").
2. ALL Market Chicken exhibitors will need to provide a health certificate listing all birds being brought to the fairgrounds. The health certificate must be dated no more than seven (7) days prior to the arrival at the fairgrounds. Any bird showing signs of illness or mortality will not be allowed on the fairgrounds.
3. During the Market Chicken show, the Authority will have a veterinarian on-call to help monitor the health of the birds. Any bird that becomes ill while on the fairgrounds will be immediately quarantined and reported to the Colorado State Veterinarian's Office. The on-call veterinarian will discuss further steps to be taken with the State Veterinarian's Office at that time.
4. ALL entrants must have read and be familiar with the Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements, General Livestock Competition Requirements, Junior Livestock Competition Requirements, Junior Livestock Sale Participation Requirements, Health Requirements, Animal Welfare Policy, and Drug Residue Avoidance Guidelines. Exhibitors in this division must have completed a required Meat Quality Assurance program and comply with IAFE Code of Ethics.
5. All exhibitors in Open, Junior Breeding and Market shows must submit a premises identification (PID) number at the time of entry. PID may be obtained by calling 303-869-9130 or online at [www.coloradodepartmentofagriculture/animals-ag.colorado.gov](http://www.coloradodepartmentofagriculture/animals-ag.colorado.gov).

6. ALL Market Chickens must have been nominated through CSU Extension office; any chickens not nominated ARE NOT eligible to show. Any entries that have not been nominated will be rejected and no refund will be issued.
7. Each bird in the Market Pen must have a numbered leg or wing band.
8. A scale will be available for exhibitors to weigh prior to turning in the weight nomination forms. Band numbers must be designated on the card at the time of weight nomination. Each chicken within the pen must have an individual leg band. No changes of leg band numbers or weights will be allowed after 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 23, 2024.
9. Market Chicken exhibitors are required to carry their own birds to the judging table and shall remain at the table until their market pen is dismissed by the judge. Exhibitors who have more than one pen in a class may designate another 4-H/FFA member in good standing who is also exhibiting to assist them with their birds. Exhibitors must report this name either to the office or to the Superintendent at the judging table. No parent or adult will be allowed to carry market pen chickens to or from the judging table. Entry will be disqualified if this takes place.
10. Any market animal that has been sold at a county sale, district sale, or premium sale after the specified ownership date is not eligible for competition at the current year's fair. That sale is considered consummated when the animal is sold at auction.
11. An exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents (if a minor) are required to fill out a Meat Quality Assurance form, which the exhibitor shall turn in at the time of weigh-in.
12. **JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE QUALIFIERS:** The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Chicken Pens will qualify for the Junior Livestock Sale. All Junior Livestock Sale Participation Requirements apply to qualifying Market Chicken pens. Sale qualifiers are required to attend a meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 8:30 a.m., at the Southwest Motors Events Center.

## MARKET CHICKEN CLASSES

**(Leg Bands must be on birds at time of cooping and remain throughout the Show)**

**Class No. 1115 – Market Fryer Pen (3) Chickens - Same Breed**

Ideal weight 3.5 lb. to 7 lb. per bird live weight at weigh-in (cannot be over 8 weeks of age).

Birds will be judged on uniformity of weight, shape, type, and fleshing.

**Class No. 1119 – Market Broiler Pen (3) Chickens – Same Breed**

Ideal weight 7 lb. to 12 lb. per bird live weight at weigh-in (cannot be over 20 weeks of age).

Birds will be judged on uniformity of weight, shape, type, and fleshing.

Rosettes to the Champion and Reserve Champion in each Class – Colorado State Fair Authority

### GRAND CHAMPION MARKET CHICKEN PEN

Class 1124 GRAND CHAMPION MARKET CHICKEN PEN ..... Buckle sponsored by Rutledge Farms

Class 1125 RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION MARKET CHICKEN PEN .... Buckle sponsored by Colorado State Fair Authority

**PREMIUMS:**

No. of Entries (per Class)

	<u>1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup></u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>5<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>6<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>7<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>8<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>9<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>10<sup>th</sup></u>
1-----	\$5									
2-----	6	3								
3-----	7	5	4							
4-----	8	6	5	4						
5-----	9	7	6	5	4					
6-7-----	10	8	7	6	5	4				
8-9-----	11	9	8	7	6	5	4			
10-11-----	12	10	9	8	7	6	5	4		
12-14 -----	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	
15 or more---	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4

### MARKET MEAT PEN OF CHICKEN SPECIAL AWARDS

**RUTLEDGE FARMS**, Yuma, CO, sponsors the buckle awarded to the Grand Champion Market Pen of 3 Chickens.

**COLORADO STATE FAIR AUTHORITY** sponsors an award for the Reserve Grand Champion Market Pen of 3 Chickens.

**MARKET POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP**

**Division 804.025**

**Saturday, August 24, 2024 following Grand Champion Selection**

**Competition Requirements:**

1. No pre-entry or entry fee required. Exhibitors may sign up at the time of weight declaration.
2. Classes are limited to exhibitors with Market n entries. Exhibitors must show the exhibitors' own bird.
3. Age divisions are based on exhibitor age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year.
4. Show order will be: Junior – Intermediate – Senior
5. The judge will consider the appearance of the bird, showmanship ability of the exhibitor, and the exhibitor's appearance, courtesy, and knowledge.
6. Rosettes will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place in each division. No premiums will be paid for Showmanship.

7001. Junior Division (8-10 yrs. of age).....Award by **NEED SPONSOR**  
7002. Intermediate Division (11-13 yrs. of age) .....Award by **NEED SPONSOR**  
7003. Senior Division (14-18 yrs. of age) .....Award by **NEED SPONSOR**