

# Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

## 2026 Market Chickens

- Entry Fee: \$10 per pen of 3
- Department 804.3001

Online Entries Due	Monday, July 27th
All Market Chickens Begin Arrival	Thursday, August 28th @ 7:00 A.M.
All Market Chickens in Place	Friday, August 28th @ 5:00 P.M.
Weight Nomination Due	Friday, August 28th @ 6:00 p.m.
Market Meat Pen Chicken Judging	Saturday, August 29th @ 8:30 a.m.
Grand Champion Chicken Selections	Saturday, August 29 <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 2026 Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition ("State Fair"). The Colorado State Fair Authority ("Authority") will offer a buyback consignment.
2. All Market Chicken exhibitors must submit their birds for inspection by the team of inspectors from the Avian Health Team, CSU College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences upon arrival on 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 an on-call veterinarian to help monitor the birds' health. 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 General Competition Requirements, Livestock and Small Animal Competition Requirements, Junior Livestock Competition Requirements, Junior Livestock Sale Participation Requirements, Livestock Health Requirements, Animal Welfare Policy, and Drug Residue Avoidance Guidelines. Exhibitors in this division must complete a Meat Quality Assurance program and comply with the 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 click on the following link: <https://ag.colorado.gov/animals/colorado-location-identification-lid-registration-premises>
6. All Market Chickens must have been nominated through the 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 before 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 leg band numbers, or weight changes will be allowed after 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 29, 2026.
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 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 must attend a meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 8:30 a.m., at the Southwest Motors Events Center.

## **Market Chicken Classes**

Leg Bands must be on birds during cooping and remain throughout the Show.

### **1115. Market Fryer Pen (3) Chickens - Same Breed**

- Ideal weight 3.5 lb. to 7 lb. per bird live weight at the weigh-in (cannot be over 8 weeks of age).
- Birds will be judged on uniformity of weight, shape, type, and fleshing.
- Classes will be divided into White and Bronze classes.

### **1119. Market Broiler Pen (3) Chickens – Same Breed**

- Ideal weight 7 lb. to 12 lb. per bird live weight at the weigh-in (cannot be over 20 weeks of age).
- Birds will be judged on uniformity of weight, shape, type, and fleshing.
- Classes will be divided into White and Bronze classes.

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

## **Grand Champion Market Chicken Pen**

### **1124. Grand Champion Market Chicken Pen**

- Buckle provided by Rutledge Farms

## 1125. Reserve Grand Champion Market Chicken Pen

- Buckle presented by Colorado State Fair Authority

### Premium Schedule

No. of Entries (per Class)	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1	\$5	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2	\$6	\$3	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3	\$7	\$5	\$4	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4	\$8	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5	\$9	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
6-7	\$10	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8-9	\$11	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$0	\$0	\$0
10-11	\$12	\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$0	\$0
12-14	\$13	\$11	\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$0
15 or more	\$14	\$12	\$11	\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$4

### Market Meat Pen of Chicken Special Awards

- Rutledge Farms, Yuma, CO, provides the buckle awarded to the Grand Champion Market Pen of 3 Chickens.
- Colorado State Fair Authority provides an award for the Reserve Grand Champion Market Pen of 3 Chickens.

### Market Poultry Showmanship

- Saturday, August 29, 2026, following the Grand Champion Selection
- Division 804.025

## **Competition Requirements:**

1. No pre-entry or entry fee is required. Exhibitors will sign up at the time of weight declaration
2. Classes are limited to exhibitors with Market 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 bird's appearance, the exhibitor's showmanship ability, 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 Award Donor

### **7002. Intermediate Division (11-13 Yrs. Of Age)**

- Award By Need Award Donor

### **7003. Senior Division (14-18 Yrs. Of Age)**

- Award By Need Award Donor