

**Broiler Project Rules**  
**St. Francois County Fair**  
**Poultry Superintendent: Amber Wampler**  
**Broiler Project Leader: Amber Wampler**

*The Broiler Project is an opportunity for a 4-H or FFA member to gain valuable experience in raising broiler chicks to full weight, and earning a return for your work by selling your broilers at the St. Francois County Fair Sale of Champions.*

**RULES**

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. You must be a 4-H Club member or FFA Chapter member in good standing in St. Francois County Missouri.
3. Exhibitors are limited to entering only ONE meat pen. The poultry must be a broiler type bird. There must be three birds in this pen.
4. All exhibitors must complete the required Show Me Quality Assurance (SMQA) training for their age in order to be eligible to sell their meat pen in the St. Francois County Fair Sale of Champions.
5. Sale of Champions: Exhibitors interested in selling a meat pen of broilers/roasters at the auction **must notify the superintendent at check-in**. All auction animals must be an exhibit at the current fair. Auction sign up will close TBD.
6. All exhibited animals must be free of any visible signs of infection, contagious disease or parasites. Exhibitors may be asked to remove any project animal not in good health. Dismissal will be at the discretion of the superintendent or judge.
7. Pullorum-Typhoid testing is not required for birds less than 4 months old.

**Before Fair**

1. Every year in December at a date and location TBD, The St. Francois County MU Extension Office in coordination with the Broiler Project leader, will host a meeting for interested 4-H and FFA members to join the county wide Broiler Project, also referred to as the St. Francois County Poultry Peeps.
2. A deposit must be paid to the St. Francois County MU Extension Office at a date TBD in December in order to join the Broiler Project.
3. Meetings that will cover topics related to raising, feeding, showing, etc. broiler chickens will commence the following year before the fair. Meetings are not a requirement, but are most certainly encouraged. However, in order for members to sell broilers at the fair, they must attend the majority (50% + 1) of meetings or events hosted by the 4-H Club they are affiliated with.
4. Each member who has joined the Broiler Project will receive 6 Cornish Cross chicks at a date and location TBD in April/May. Members may request to purchase more chicks in advance.
5. Exhibitors are not required to join the Boiler Project/St. Francois Country Poultry Peeps in order to show or sell at the fair.

- 6. Refer to the Poultry Rules for the St. Francois County Fair to be informed of the requirements of showing poultry at the fair.**
7. The dates, times, and locations of meetings will be posted on social media by the St. Francois County MU Extension Office and by 4-H Club leaders. Information will be disseminated as best as possible. Check social media platforms or contact the Broiler Project Leader, the St. Francois County MU Extension Office, or your 4-H Club leaders for updates.

### **Fair Check-In**

1. All birds will be weighed and examined for parasites and disease at fair check-in. Exhibitors may be asked to remove any animal not in good health. Dismissal will be at the discretion of the superintendent or judge.
2. Birds will be leg banded if they do not already have a band for identification. No birds can be caged in the Poultry/Rabbit barn until your birds have been through this process.
3. Broilers may be between 6-8 weeks of age and weigh between 3 ½ to 5 ½ pounds each at weigh in.
4. Roasters may be between 6-10 weeks of age and weigh between 5 ½ to 10 pounds each at weigh in. **(Bring four birds to be weighed just in case)**
- 5. Exhibitors will not be eligible to sell in the St. Francois County Sale of Champions if their birds do not meet the weight requirements.**

### **Fair Show Day**

1. Participants will exhibit only three of their best live broilers or roasters.
2. Exhibitors must exhibit their own poultry, but may be assisted by a family member or other 4-H/FFA member if necessary.
3. Broilers and roasters will be judged on the following criteria:
  - a. Cleanliness
  - b. Meatiness of breast, thigh and drumstick
  - c. Conformation/body structure (as close as possible to the ideal rectangular shape)
  - d. General health and freedom from defects
  - e. Uniformity of the 3 birds
4. Birds must be deserving of a blue ribbon to be eligible to receive a ribbon, this can be up to the judge's or superintendent's decision.

### **After The Sale of Champions**

1. Broilers are released from the fairgrounds after the St. Francois County Fair Sale of Champions.
2. The 4-H or FFA member is responsible for processing the birds. It can be done professionally or by the member, but must be discussed with the buyer and delivered in a timely manner or as directed by the buyer. If this is not done, the exhibitor must reimburse the buyer the amount the buyer paid for the birds.

3. **Ensure the birds that were sold at the fair are the exact birds being delivered to the buyer.** Leg bands will be placed on the birds during weigh-in if the birds do not already have a band.

### **Department Classes**

#### **Broiler & Roaster Classes**

**Class#**

J000: Pen of 3 Broilers

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*Best Pen of Broilers*

*Reserve Best Pen of Broilers*

*Best Pen of Roasters*

*Reserve Best Pen of Roasters*

***Grand Champion Meat Pen***

***Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pen***

#### **Broiler & Roaster Classification**

Cornish Cross Jersey Giant Red/Brown Broiler
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