Market Broiler Pen Instructions – ENTRY DEADLINE JUNE 15

Submit declarations at: canyonsale.fairwire.com

Step 1: Reserve Chicks - Contact Dunlap Hatchery

- Call Dunlap Hatchery at 208-459-9088 to reserve chicks.
- Deadline to reserve chicks: **Wednesday, March 31**
- Reserve 5-10 Cornish Cross chicks (10 recommended).
- Hatch date for chicks is between May 26-June 2.
- If you source birds from another supplier, ensure the hatch date is between May 26-June 2.

Step 2: Chick Pick-Up Day

- Pick-Up Date: **Wednesday, June 2**, between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Pick-Up Location:
  Dunlap Hatchery
  4703 Cleveland Blvd.
  Caldwell, Idaho 83605
- If sourcing birds from another supplier, chicks must be in your possession no later than Wednesday, June 2.

Step 3: Register

- Go to canyonsale.fairwire.com
- Click on the number one "Register" icon above the word "Welcome"



- Enter livestock exhibitor's first and last name
  - **Please make sure the exhibitor name is spelled correctly.**
- Select "I am a new exhibitor or have yet to register this year"
- Select "Continue"
- You will be prompted to fill out your exhibitor information.
- Once you've completed the exhibitor information form, select "Continue".
- Review entry information and select "Continue" if it is accurate.

Step 4: Entries

Quality

- **Department:** select "Poultry"
- **Division:** select "Market Broiler"
- **Class:** select "Market Broiler Pen"
- **Breed:** Type in poultry breed (Cornish Cross)
- **Club:** Select your club (or chapter) name
- Select "**Add One Entry to Cart**" and select "Continue" when you are finished. (There is $5.00 fee for Market Broiler Pen)

Showmanship

Showmanship is required for each species entered. Market Broiler Exhibitors must bring 1 additional bird, separate from their pen for showmanship. Additional bird information will be entered under the showmanship class.

- **Department:** select "Poultry"
- **Division:** select "Showmanship"
- **Class:** select "Exhibitors Age Class"
- **Bird:** Type in poultry breed, variety, birth date, sex, and band number.

Step 5: Review

- Review the items in your cart
- Select "Check out"

Step 6: Confirm

- Review and type YES in the signature box
- Click "Submit"

Step 7: Finish

- Your Entry is complete and will be processed by the Canyon County Fair.

Market Animal Care and Wellness Compliance

- Complete your Market Animal Care and Wellness Compliance Form. Link will be emailed to you after entry is made OR go to: www.canyoncountyfair.org/market-compliance/. Form must be submitted in order to sale.

TIPS TO PRODUCING BROILERS FOR SHOW

This guide was adapted for the Canyon County Fair from the originally authored version by Keith Staggs.

MUST DO'S:

• Observe and follow all show rules and regulations regarding the purchasing and showing of Broilers • Purchase Pullorum-Typhoid clean broiler chicks • Use quality feed • Follow recommended management practices during the entire brooding and growing period • Keep records on all expenses and receipts • Cull birds closely and select the show entry properly

HOUSE SET-UP AND PRE-BROOD RECOMMENDATIONS

♦ Inform the feed dealer 2 weeks prior to your needs

♦ Inform your dealer of your feed program/feed types and at which age you will need them. This allows the dealer to plan his order and ensure fresh, quality, feed throughout the grow-out period

♦ Allow two square feet per bird

♦ Supply one feeder for every 25 broilers

♦ Supply one waterer for every 15 broilers

♦ Place at least 4 inches of litter (pine shavings) throughout the house & maintain throughout growing period

♦ Place a cardboard brooder guard around feed, water, and heat lamps for the first 5-7 days - meaning, help reduce the area your chicks need to cover to get to food and water during those first crucial days.

♦ Adequate house lighting is needed - 24 hour light is necessary for constant growth

♦ A 10' X 12' building should have a minimum of four 40 watt bulbs

♦ Place 2-125 watt heat lamps per 50 broilers

♦ Have house set-up complete and begin heating the house 3 days prior to receipt of the broilers

♦ Brood temperature (litter temperature) should be 90° F at floor level, 10" from the brooder lamp

♦ Water temperature should be 85° F for the first 3 days.

♦ Bird performance will be negatively impacted if the broilers become too warm or cold

♦ Keep fresh air in the houses but avoid cold drafty air on the broilers

♦ Time spent in the broiler house is a major key to the success of your project!!

♦ **The more the birds are stimulated, the better performance you gain at the show**

♦ Broilers do not know they are supposed to eat as much as they can and grow as big as they can

♦ You (along with the help of family members) have to make them do it!!

♦ **Each time** someone enters the house, shake the feeders, and slowly walk around the house (stirring the litter), and making the birds get up and eat/drink/exercise. The more time spent in the house, the better the birds perform. It takes TIME, TIME, TIME!!

Pre-brood Dates

• Check with your feed dealer about feeding plans and vitamin/electrolyte availability

• Set-up and equip the broiler house with litter and all equipment. Test all equipment including lights, heat lamps, feeders, waterers, etc.

• Begin heating the broiler house – the key to a good start

• Check progress of pre-brood temperatures. Make final adjustments if needed.

• *NOTE: 12 hours prior to receiving birds, add feed to feeders*

• Prepare vitamin/electrolyte solution and place in waterer. Remember water temperature needs to be 85o F

Week 1

• Maintain brood temperature at 90o F

• Feeding a Turkey/Game Bird starter initially will help deliver optimal protein nutrition to build growth foundation.

• Change water 48 hours after placement of birds and every 24 hours after that (at a minimum.

• Add vitamin/electrolytes to water @ recommended dosage on package.

Week 2

- Maintain brood temperature at 85o F
- Continue Turkey/Game Bird feed
- Keep fresh, clean water available at all times.
- Add vitamin electrolytes to water at recommended dose.
- Discontinue vitamin use at 14 days of age.
- Weather permitting allow fresh air into the house.
- May need to stir the air with fan if weather does not permit you to ventilate with fresh air. Avoid creating a cool draft on the birds at this age.

Week 3

- Maintain house temperature at 80o F, reducing to 75o F toward end of week.
- Feed recommendation: Mix 50% Turkey Starter/Game Bird with 50% Broiler and full feed.
- Keep fresh water available at all times
- Weather permitting allow fresh air into the house. If weather does not permit fresh air ventilation, stir air with fan. Avoid creating a cool draft on the birds.
- Plan a day for week 4 to cull birds if size of show flock allows. Culling allows for best growing birds to continue to have full access to resources in the pen.
- Look at litter condition – Add 2-3 additional bags or clean entire house out and replace with minimal 4" deep throughout house.

Week 4

- Maintain house temperature at 75o F
- Mix 25% Turkey Starter/Game Bird with 75% Broiler and full feed.
- Keep fresh water available at all times
- Weather permitting allow fresh air ventilation. Stir the air with a fan. Avoid creating cool draft on the birds.
- On or before 28 days of age, cull birds down to approximately 3 birds for every bird that will be entered in the show. Example: 1 pen of 3 birds shown - Cull down to 9-15 birds.

Week 5

- Maintain house temperature at 70o F
- Feed Broiler feed selection from now thru show time.
- Keep fresh water available at all times
- Weather permitting allow fresh air ventilation. Stir the air with a fan. Avoid creating a cool draft on the birds.
- Begin finish feeding no sooner than 33 days of age
- (33 days of age for 49 days of age broilers at time of show, 35-37 days of age for all broilers older than 50 days of age at time of show)
- Read show rules, regulations and guidelines to showing broilers.

Week 6

- Maintain house temperature at 70o F
- Continue with Broiler feed selection
- Keep fresh water available at all times
- Weather permitting, allow fresh air ventilation. Stir the air with a fan. Avoid creating cool draft on the birds.
- Look at litter condition - clean house completely out if not done at three weeks of age. Add 3-4 additional bags of litter if the house was cleaned out at 3 weeks of age (depending on litter condition).

Looking Ahead:

- Begin to prepare for transport of birds to the show. Locate card board box and purchase fresh shavings (shavings from house not recommended unless they are exceptionally clean)
- Ensure availability of additional people to assist in holding birds for pen selection. If it is a morning show, select birds the night before. If it is an afternoon/evening show, select birds the morning of the show in cool weather only. If hot weather persists, select birds after 9:00 p.m. prior to show.

Week 7

- Maintain house temperature at 70o F
- Feed Honor® Show Chow® Broiler
- Keep fresh water available at all times.
- Weather permitting, allow fresh air ventilation. Stir the air with a fan. Avoid creating cool draft on the birds.
- Monitor litter condition – ***the cleaner the house litter, the cleaner the birds will be at time of show.***

Pen Selection Tips

- Do not over handle the birds. Too much feeling, squeezing, and hanging upside down creates stress on the birds and causes birds to soften and possibly die.
- Remember, prior to pen selection look for defects that would result in disqualification. Remove those birds if any and select the top birds for a pen to show.
- Mark bird on the leg with magic/paint marker. Mark the first choice pen of birds all the same. Mark alternate birds with a different color or mark for quick identification. Avoid tie wraps, string or leg bands for identification purposes (these can fall off and cost you dearly with reselecting a bird.

Week 8

SHOW TIME - GOOD LUCK!!