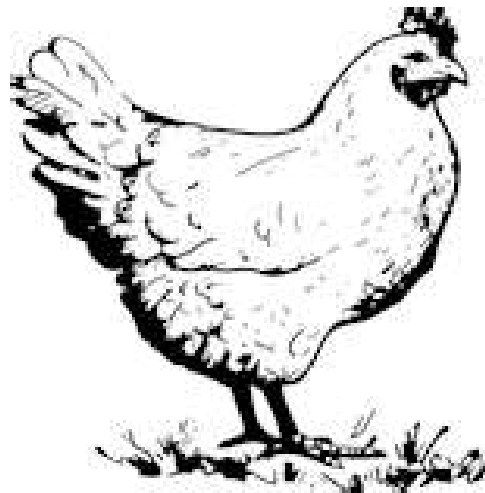
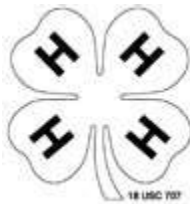


2026 Mercer County 4-H Fair  
Invitational Poultry Show  
Open to all 4-H Members

Sponsored by Clever Clovers 4-H Club



Sunday, July 26, 2026  
9:00 – 9:30 a.m. – check-in  
10:00 a.m. – show begins  
Howell Living History Farm  
70 Woodens Lane  
Hopewell Twp, New Jersey

**\*\*NO DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES! \***

Club Leader: Dr. Melissa Beck: spike217713@aol.com

**SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Member Eligibility**

This event is open to 4-H members enrolled in a Poultry 4-H Project. Youth must have been enrolled in grades K-13 (one year out of high school) as of September 2025 and registered as a 4-H member by January 1, 2026.

**All participants must complete a showmanship class.**

**Poultry Eligibility**

1. All animals must be owned by the exhibitor 60 days prior to the show.
2. Poultry must be 12 weeks old (3 months) to be shown.

**Entering the Show**

1. Please pay close attention to the deadlines on the entry forms and send in your entries as early as possible. No phone entries and no day of show entries will be accepted. All information must be included on your entry form.
2. The entry fee is \$6.00 per animal. The entry fee will assist in covering the cost of running the show. Entries must be **postmarked by July 13, 2026.**
3. Please make all checks payable to **Clever Clovers 4-H Club**. Entry fees are still due for poultry that are scratched from the show or who are excused by the judge or who fail the health check.
4. The show will take place outside in a tent with a grass floor. Exhibitors should be prepared for extreme summer weather or rain.
5. **Please bring poultry in individual see-through cages with solid bottoms.**

**Health Requirements:**

1. All animals entering the show must have the New Jersey Department of Agriculture 4-H Poultry Health Form. The New Jersey Department of Agriculture Pullorum Form must be presented at registration.
2. All animals will be subject to a health check prior to showing.
3. Any animal suspected of having a health problem by a judge or the show

superintendent must be removed from the show grounds **immediately**.

**4. If the weather is extremely hot, the show committee recommends packing frozen ice bottles, remaining with the animals to monitor their condition, and if necessary, removing them from the show grounds to a cooler environment.**

**General Show Information:**

1. Chickens in individual cages must be set up where directed on day of show **no later than 9:30 a.m.** You may arrive starting at 8:00 a.m.

2. Exhibitors are responsible for their own exhibits, including grooming and carrying to and from tables. Exhibitors must be present at the show when the animal is being judged. Another 4-H member may carry an animal to the table if the member is being judged with another animal.

3. Cloverbuds will be in their own showmanship class, and their birds will not be judged – but they will be recognized for participation.

4. Showmanship classes will be broken into Cloverbuds (participation only), junior, and senior classes – with consideration given to grade and the # of years of experience in the project.

5. All poultry will be judged according to APA standards. Judge's decisions are FINAL.

**6. This is a carrying cage show. Bring poultry in individual see-through cages with solid bottoms. All animals must be adequately caged.** All entrants are responsible for their own equipment and clean-up.

7. The Show Committee reserves the right to substitute and/or add judges.

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Classes

Bantams

Class 1- Rooster

Class 2- Hen

Class 3- Backyard Rooster (mixed)

Class 4- Backyard Hen (mixed)

Standards

Class 5- Rooster

Class 6- Hen

Class 7- Cockerel

Class 8- Pullet

Class 9- Backyard Rooster (mixed)

Class 10- Backyard Hen (mixed)

Trios

Class 11- Any 1 male, 2 female birds of same species, same variety, same age, etc. (for example: Rhode Island Red chickens, 1 rooster, 2 hens, all the same age)

Showmanship

Class 12- Cloverbud (participation only)

Class 13- Junior

Class 14- Senior

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Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Cloverbud Y / N # of years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_ # of years in poultry project: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Entries: \$6/bird= \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Bird & class #	Gender	Age	Breed	Date of hatch or purchase/ownership

**Instructions:**

\*Type, breed, sex and age must be filled in.

\*Entries are \$6.00 per bird.

\*Postmarked by July 13, 2026.

\*Make checks payable to: Clever Clovers 4-H Club.

**Mail form & payment:** Emily Cappiello, 34 Hluchy Road, Robbinsville NJ, 08691