



Michigan Fowl Fest

OCTOBER 10-11, 2026

Chesaning, Michigan



The officers and members of the Michigan Poultry Fanciers would like to extend to you an invitation to attend our show, The Fowl Fest! This will be a two day show in Chesaning, Michigan on Saturday, October 10th and Sunday (morning), October 11th, 2026. Come join us for a couple days of fun poultry fellowship.

The Michigan Poultry Fanciers, formally the Bay City Poultry club, has been in existence since 1921. Our club's mission is to encourage the exhibition of standard bred poultry in Michigan by presenting our Fowl Fest poultry show.

The club's website, fowlfest.org, includes all club information.

You are invited to include MPF club membership dues when sending in the entry form. Membership is \$5 annually, from January 1st thru December 31st. Officers are elected for two year terms by majority vote.

Officers/Board of Directors

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Special thanks to everyone that has donated their time to help put on the show and make it possible!

Show Judges

Dave Adkins (Ohio)
Phil Bartz (Illinois)
Conor Keegan (California)
Mike Wasylkowski (Deleware)



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Club Table

Exhibitors must check in at the Michigan Poultry Fanciers club table before cooping-in. You will be assigned your exhibitors number and receive an exhibitor list. We can also help you with information on the Chesaning area.

Sale Cages

Sale cages are available for \$5.00 each.

Only exhibitors and/or MPF members may rent sale cages.

Sale cages are limited to 4 LF or 6 Bantams per cage.

Sale cages may be ordered on your entry form or purchased at the show.

All transactions are private -- The MPF has no involvement in any sales.

SHOW RULES

- The Michigan Poultry Fanciers (MPF) is a member of the APA & ABA. Our poultry show is sanctioned by these organizations. Birds will be judged by their standards and the show will be governed by the Official APA & ABA Poultry Show Rules.
- Health requirements are regulated by the State of Michigan. Exhibitors of all poultry (except waterfowl) must provide a parent flock NPIP certification number, VS9-2, VS9-3, or MDA state pullorum test certificate before bringing birds into the show hall (for the exhibition show, sale area, or showmanship). Exhibitors are highly encouraged to have their birds tested before arriving at the show. Certified testers will be available to test birds at the show during coop-in times only. A \$1 per bird donation will be accepted for this service.
- All APA classes of poultry will be accepted: Chickens, Ducks, Geese, Turkeys and Guinea Fowl.
- Chicken entries must be marked Bantam or Large Fowl.
- **Entries (including payment) must be received by the show secretary by**

September 28, 2026.

- The show will be held at the Saginaw County Fairgrounds in Chesaning, Michigan. The building will be open to accept birds on Friday from 4 till 9pm and again Saturday morning from 7 till 9 am. Please...no cooping in before 4pm on Friday.
- The Saginaw County Fairgrounds prohibits any alcoholic beverages on the grounds.
- All birds must remain on exhibit and in their assigned coops until the show concludes.
- Leg bands are recommended but not required for all birds entered in the show.





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- Exhibitors are responsible for feeding & watering their own birds. The MPF will provide feed & water.
- Judges shall not be interrupted while judging. Please give them plenty of room to do their job.
- The judges have the option not to award 1st Place to a bird not worthy of the placement.
- All classes will be judged at least through 5th place.
- The MPF will not be responsible for distributing awards offered by others.
- Age of young males and young females: less than 1 year.
- A DISPLAY consists of at least one old male, old female, young male, young female, and one trio (young or old).
- An OLD TRIO consists of one old male and two old females. A YOUNG TRIO consists of one young male and two young females. Please note that trios are judged as a group of three, not as individual birds. However, individual birds from trios may be chosen as best/reserve of variety, breed, class, etc.

The Michigan Poultry Fanciers will not be responsible for any losses, accidents, damages, injury or sickness. Your participation constitutes your agreement to our rules and to hold harmless the Michigan Poultry Fanciers (and/or its members) and the Saginaw County Fairgrounds from any and all claims and losses related to this event. All reasonable precautions will be taken to protect the exhibits.

Any case or condition not provided for in these rules will be referred to the MPF Board of Directors for a decision. Any protest must be presented to the Show Superintendent in writing as soon as possible, before awards are handed out, and accompanied by a deposit as per APA & ABA rules. If the protest is denied the protest fee shall be retained by Michigan Poultry Fanciers.

Cooping

- Bantam chickens and ducks will be assigned a bantam size cage.
- Large tail bantam roosters will be assigned a large size bantam cage.
- Large fowl chickens, ducks and guinea fowl will be assigned large fowl size cages.
- Double coops (double size large fowl cages) may be purchased for large fowl.
- Geese and turkeys will be placed in goose or turkey coops. The MPF reserves the right to coop geese in pairs (same variety and exhibitor). Geese may also be cooped in pairs by request of the exhibitor.

Entry Fees – Non Refundable

- Entry Fee - \$8 per bird. (Double Show)
- Double coops for large fowl - \$4 each.
- Showmanship - \$3 Per competitor
- Egg Show – Not offered for 2026
- Backyard Show – Not offered for 2026
- Sale Cages - \$5 Each



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Junior Show

- Junior exhibitors that check the box on the Entry Form indicating they will be 18 or under on the show dates will compete against each other in the separate Junior show.
- Junior show birds will be allowed to coop-out at the conclusion of the Junior show awards.
- Junior exhibitors may enter birds in the open show by completing a separate open show entry form. Individual birds may not compete in both open and junior shows.

How to Enter

- Entry forms may be printed from the fowlfest.org website or obtained by requesting a show catalog from the MPF.
- Completed hardcopy forms may be mailed, shipped, or delivered to the MPF show secretary. Hardcopy forms can also be scanned and e-mailed.
 - Regular mail: Mail in entries via first class regular mail must be received by the show secretary by the entry deadline. Sorry but we are not responsible for entries delayed, lost or otherwise messed up by the USPS. *Include a self-addressed stamped postcard or envelope if you would like confirmation of your entry.*
 - Express delivery: Entries may be sent via special guaranteed delivery (Fedex or similar).
 - E-mail: You may email your completed form as an attachment to entries@fowlfest.org. Sorry, but we are not responsible for e-mail entries lost or corrupted in "cyberspace". *Email entries will receive a simple reply acknowledgement once they are processed.*
- Payments: We accept check, money order, cash and Paypal.
 - Check or Money order: You may send in a check or money order with your paper entry form via regular mail or guaranteed delivery service. You may also send in a check or money order even if you send an electronic form via e-mail. Make checks payable to the "Michigan Poultry Fanciers".
 - Paypal: Online payments may be made via [paypal.com](https://www.paypal.com). There is a 5% surcharge to help cover the cost of this service. Payments must be made (using the "send money" option) to the account "entries@fowlfest.org". You may use this payment option whether you send in a paper form or an electronic form.
- Mailing address:

Matt Boensch, Show Secretary
Michigan Poultry Fanciers
9577 W. Saginaw Rd.
Reese, MI 48757
entries@fowlfest.org

- Entry Deadline: All show entries, complete with payment, must be **received** by the show secretary by **September 28, 2026**.
- No verbal/phone entries will be accepted.
- Entries will not be considered complete until payment is received in full.
- Any entries not received (or paid in full) by the entry deadline will be refused.



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Location

**Saginaw County Fairgrounds
11350 Peet Rd.
Chesaning, MI 48616**



Lodging

Motels & Hotels...

**The Pine; Country Inn
989-723-9000
1730 East M-21 (East Main Street), Owosso,
48867**

Chesaning INN & Suites– 5 miles, 989-845-2333
12898 W Brady Road, Chesaning, 48616

Comstock Inn & Conference Center - 14 ½ miles, 989-725-0999
300 East Main Street, Owosso, 48867

The Stone House Inn – 2 miles, 989-845-4440
405 W Broad Street, Chesaning 48616

Birch Run has many hotels, about 25 miles away.

Camping....



Saginaw county fair grounds. 62 sites with (30A) electrical outlets. Rustic sites are also available. No water or sewer connections are available, however a dumping station with potable water is available adjacent to the campground. We do offer our dumping station for non-guest use. There is a \$5 dumping fee and it is a self-service station. Please note the application below is not for camping during the Fair. 989-845-2143

<https://www.campspot.com/book/saginaw-county-fairgrounds>



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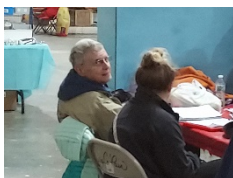
A Double Show?

By John W Blehm

Several years ago our Michigan Poultry Fanciers (MPF) show club put on two shows a year for a few years. Well, this year we are doing it again! Back then the two shows were on different weekends and known as our Fowl Fest Spring and Fall shows. This time both shows will take place at the same venue...sharing the same weekend, building and show coops. These twofers are often called a "double show" and even though we are kind of stuck with the title it is misleading. I remember one guy trying to explain a double show as one show being judged twice, but that just isn't true.

We will have two separate shows, with separately sanctioned APA and ABA meets, separate breed club meets, separate judging, awards, etc. Two coop cards will be hung on each exhibition coop, one for each show. These cards will be of different colors, such as white and yellow, to designate which show they represent and after judging they will be flipped over on the tops of the coops so judges from one show aren't influenced by the judging of the other. One show may immediately follow the other, but often both shows take place simultaneously with perhaps the bantams of one show being judged while the large fowl of the other show are judged. Some shows refer to these as Show #1 and Show #2, but since different colored coop cards are used for the two shows the shows are sometimes named for those colors, like the White Card Show and the Yellow Card Show to make it easier to distinguish between the two shows.

Two shows at one Fowl Fest saves setting up and taking down cooping twice compared to two shows on different weekends and it saves the show club the cost of a second rental fee for the facility. This means the combined entry fee per bird at double shows is less than paying the full fee twice. The paperwork for the show superintendent is pretty much doubled though and it generally takes twice the number of judges and clerks. For exhibitors that are into earning points from their wins with the APA, ABA and breed clubs these events are great opportunities. Exhibitors also have a chance to win double the number of awards on one weekend. Of course since these two shows are completely separate of each other when it comes to judging theoretically a disqualified bird in one show could be a winner in the other, just as those things can happen when some of the same birds compete at different shows on different dates. Please remember that a double show is really two different shows and although the same birds are in both shows the wins and results of one show have nothing to do with the other.





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Schedule of Events

Friday, October 9

8am – 4pm, setup – Need Many Helpers!!

4pm – 9pm, early coop-in time
– avoid the Saturday rush!

Saturday, October 10

7am – 9am, coop-in

9am, judging begins

10am, Showmanship

Competition begins

3pm, Silent Auction at Raffle

Tables concludes

3pm (approx), present

Showmanship awards

4pm (approx), present Junior

show awards

5pm, junior birds released,
building closed for the night

Sunday, October 11

7am, building opens

8am, final judging – open show

10:00am (or sooner), present

Open Show awards

11am (or sooner), Birds released,
clean up.

Many Helpers Needed!!!

Take Down

Immediately after birds are released we begin to take down cages and clean the buildings.

Any assistance that you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Raffle/Silent Auction

Many great prizes are being donated by individuals and businesses for our annual fund-raising raffle and silent auction.

You do not have to be present during the drawing to win raffle prizes, but winners that do not pick up their prizes during the show must pay the postage to have items sent or make arrangements to pick them up

within 30 days after the show. The silent auction will end at 3pm on Saturday. All donations are welcome! Contact Kim Aldrich if you have something to donate.

Food

Concessions will be available at the show.



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Health Requirements

Check the State of Michigan website for the most up-to-date and complete health requirements:

POULTRY – from Michigan

(Chickens, guinea fowl, turkeys, waterfowl...)

1. All poultry except waterfowl...shown at public exhibition in this state shall meet one or more of the following requirements:
 - a. Originate directly from a U.S. pullorum-typhoid clean flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and all amendments to that publication thereafter adopted pursuant to rules that the director may promulgate, OR
 - b. Have a negative official test for salmonella pullorum-typhoid within 90 days before the fair, exhibition, exposition, or show facility and remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive salmonella pullorum-typhoid test status.
2. Individual birds originating from non-National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) qualified flocks may be tested at the show or exhibition prior to being caged and housed with other poultry and if negative, be allowed to participate in the show or exhibition.
3. Documentation of birds originating from a certified NPIP flock must be presented at the show or exhibition (parent flock NPIP certification number, V59-2, V59-3, or Michigan Department of Agriculture state pullorum test certificate).

POULTRY – Imported

(Chickens, guinea fowl, turkeys, waterfowl...)

1. All poultry and other birds for exhibition imported into this state require an official interstate health certificate or certificate of veterinary inspection issued by an accredited veterinarian from the state of origin.
2. Poultry vaccinated for Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT) shall not be imported into this state unless permission from the director is granted. All restrictions placed by the director on the import of the poultry shall be followed.
 3. All poultry imported into this state for exhibition shall meet one or both of the following requirements:
 - a. Originate directly from a U.S. pullorum-typhoid clean flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and all amendments to that publication thereafter adopted pursuant to rules that the director may promulgate.
 - b. Have a negative official test for salmonella pullorum-typhoid within 90 days before importation and remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive salmonella pullorum-typhoid test status.
4. Documentation of birds originating from a certified NPIP flock must be presented at the show or exhibition (parent flock NPIP certification number, V59-2, V59-3, or Michigan Department of Agriculture state pullorum test certificate).

Awards

There will be awards for all class champions and reserve champions for all shows.

Also Show Champion and Reserve Show Champion for all shows.

Open – White and Green Card, Junior – Yellow and Blue Card

(Some of the 2024 Awards Pictured Below)





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Youth Showmanship Competition

**** Thanks to Chicken Haven for donating the Showmanship Trophies ****

- The showmanship competition is open to all youth 18 and under.
- We encourage all youth to participate in Showmanship, including those who are involved in 4H and FFA.
- Contestants are judged on poultry knowledge, handling skills, appearance of the bird and attitude and appearance of the show person.
- Allie Purves will supervise the Showmanship Competition.
- The Michigan Poultry Fanciers is offering awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each level of competition.
- Categories are Novice (7 and under), Junior (8 – 10), Intermediate (11 – 13) and Senior (14 – 18). Ages listed are the usual ages for each category, however, the Youth Director reserves the right to assign competitor categories at her discretion, in an attempt to balance class sizes.
- There is a \$3 Showmanship fee.
- Please pre-register by filling out the Entry Form, checking the showmanship box and entering your age.
- You do not have to be a show exhibitor to compete in Showmanship.
- If you do not want your bird judged in its cage, please do not list the bird on the Entry Form. "Showmanship-only" birds will be provided cages near the Showmanship competition.
- It is strongly recommended that birds that ARE entered for show exhibition not be used for Showmanship. The bird will not be judged (in the exhibition show) if it is absent from its assigned exhibition cage when the exhibition show judge arrives to judge the variety.
- MPF will provide feed and water - participants must care for their own birds.
- Please note the health requirements.





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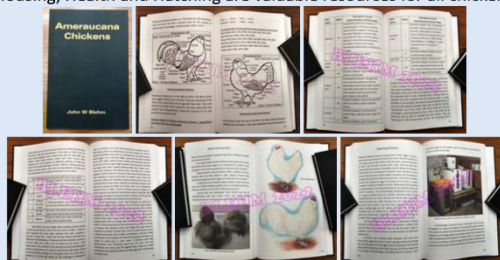


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<http://ameraucanachickens.org/>

Junior Show Awards

Every junior show entry will receive one award per show. Ribbons (or similar) will be available for best and reserve of breed, best and reserve of variety, and first through third place. Each entry will receive an award for its highest placing in each junior show.



Gallery 524



American Poultry Assn.
2026 District 3 Meet



Gallery 524



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Poultry Show 101 – The Path to the Champion

How is the judging of a poultry show organized? The entire show is broken up into 21 classes. There are 6 bantam chicken, 6 large fowl chicken, 4 duck, 3 goose, 1 turkey and 1 guinea fowl category. The APA show covers all 21 classes. The ABA show only consists of the 7 bantam classes (6 chicken plus 1 duck). Judging works in a sort of "pyramid" fashion.

1. First, each color variety of a breed is divided into 6 groups: Old males, old females, young males, young females, old trios and young trios. Each group is placed 1 through 5.
2. Next all the first place birds in the color variety are judged for best of variety (BV). Then, the three remaining first place birds, plus the bird that was second to the BV bird, are judged for reserve of variety (RV).
3. All the BV birds of the breed are judged to determine the best of breed (BB). Then, the remaining BV birds, plus the bird that was RV to the BB bird, are judged to determine the reserve of breed (RB).
4. All the BB birds in a class are judged to determine the best of class. Next, the remaining BB birds, plus the RB bird to the BB, are judged to determine the reserve of class. All class champions and reserves of classes make up the "champion row".
5. On champion row, the following are determined in a similar manner: Champion and reserve large fowl chicken, bantam chicken, duck and goose.
6. The champions of duck and goose are judged to determine champion waterfowl. The chickens, turkeys and guineas are judged to determine champion landfowl.
7. Then the landfowl and waterfowl are judged to determine a show champion.
8. Now, at the same time we are doing an ABA show. Everything happens the same except the ABA only has 7 classes, the bantam chickens plus the bantam ducks. So, on rare occasions it's odd because the champion bantam chicken is not actually the champion bantam (ABA) because the bantam duck was judged to be superior.
7. We are a double show, so all of this is done twice with a different team of judges. The junior show is completely separate from the open show and is judged in the same manner.



Any variety can be entered in the show. However, if it is not a APA or ABA accepted variety, it can win nothing higher than BV.



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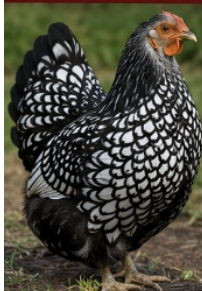
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2026 IWBA Eastern National Meet

An organization founded to promote the breeding and exhibition of fine waterfowl and where feathers Fanciers share their passion.

For membership information contact:

Val Barden at barvalfarm@gmail.com

or visit our website at
<https://officialiwba.weebly.com/>





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IWBA Membership Application Form

Return with membership fee to:
Valerie Barden
9419 Damrau Rd
Amherst, WI 54406
715-340-1261
barvalfarm@gmail.com

All non US Resident add \$5.00 US

- ☐ New member ☐ Renewal
☐ Junior Membership (16 and younger) \$15.00 US
☐ Individual Membership \$25.00 US
☐ Family Membership \$30.00 US
☐ Lifetime \$300 US

Name: _____

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Phone #: (_____) _____ ☐ Do not list in the directory!

E-mail: _____ ☐ Do not list in the directory!

Website: _____

Breed(S)/Varieties: _____

Do you sell: ☐ Hatching eggs ☐ Day old ducklings/gosling ☐ Started stock ☐ Breeder stock

Do you ship: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you require stock or Help: _____

Interest: ☐ Showing ☐ Breeding ☐ Laying Flock ☐ Pleasure