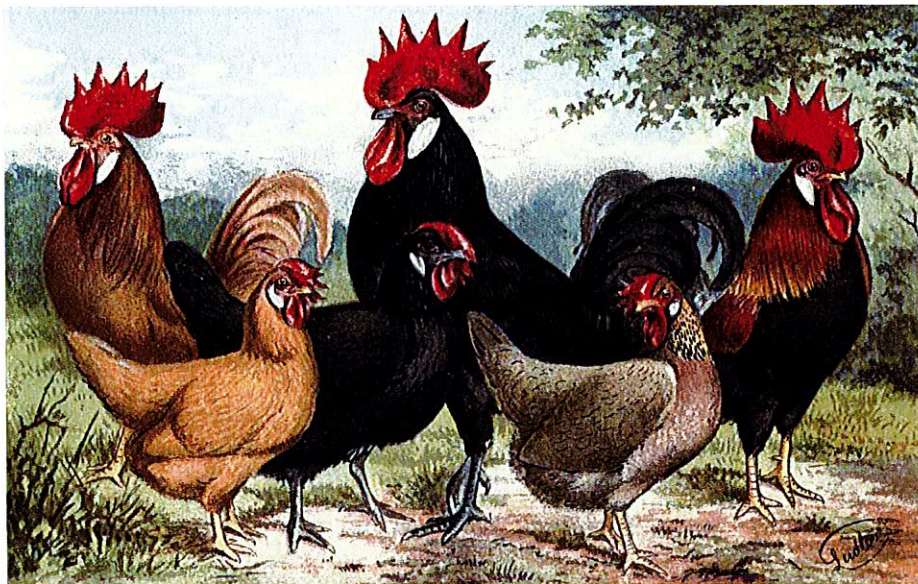


2025
CALAVERAS COUNTY FAIR
AVIAN BOWL

Wednesday May 14, 2025

Calaveras County Fairgrounds Poultry Show Tent



Team Check- in	9:00 AM
Introductions	9:15 AM
Competition Begins	9:30AM

Entry Deadline: April 18, 2025

Avian Bowl

PURPOSE OF THE CONTEST:

1. To encourage youth to expand their knowledge of avian facts, and become proficient in poultry management, and related subjects.
2. To serve as an award activity for youth who have achieved superior levels of performance in this competition and thus stimulate their learning processes, interest, and enthusiasm.
3. To help youth with career guidance, and to promote the poultry industry, by stimulating their interest in poultry and other avian species.
4. To make learning fun.

THE 2025 STUDY PACKET:

All questions and answers will come from the following material in the 2023/24 version of the Avian Bowl Manual:

- Prologue to the Avian Bowl Manual
- Poultry judging (Examining hens for pigment loss through Comparing a good and bad layer) ... pages 10d-10g
- Avian Systems (Respiratory and Digestive Systems plus The Feather) 41-43
- Breeds, varieties, and strains (English, Mediterranean and Continental only) ... pages 73-77
- Eggyclopedia (Nutrient-enhanced eggs through Zeaxanthin) ... pages 136-151b
- Biosecurity 179-180
- Avian Influenza 185-186
- Poultry Genetics (Poultry Genetics through Toe Number Genetics) 203-208
- Contributions of individuals from industry, academia, and the government to the advancement of poultry science (1965 through 1968 only) ... pages 217-218

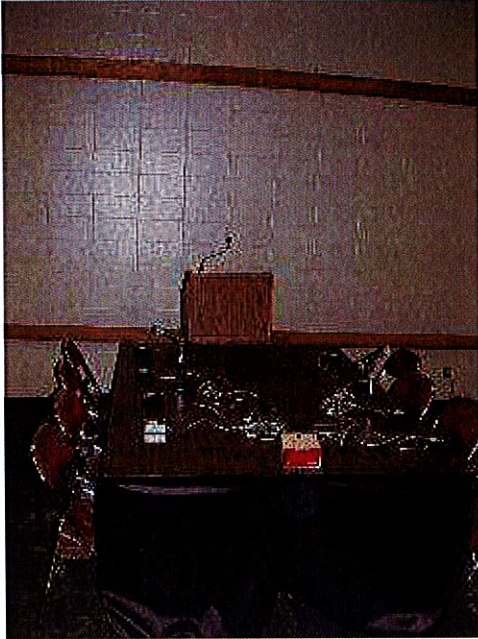
Note: The above study material came from the National 4-H Avian Bowl Manual revised in 2023/24.

To order the printed copy, the link is [National 4-H Avian Bowl Manual](#)

An ADA-complaint downloaded version (pdf) is available for \$20. The link is [Avian Bowl Manual PDF](#)

RULES AND INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO THE AVIAN BOWL CONTEST:

1. Each team will consist of three (3) members. Team members are determined by age only. Any member may come from any organization (4H, FFA, Independent)
2. Jr team- Grade 4th- 8th Sr team- 9th – 12th
3. Questions will be fill-in-the-blank (short answer), multiple-choice, and True/False.
4. The Game Layout is shown below.



5. The audience is required at all times to refrain from providing answers to any team member. Disciplinary action for violations will be at the discretion of the Avian Bowl Contest judges.
6. In the event an odd number of teams register, a "bye" will be awarded, as necessary, in order to allow all teams to participate.
7. No pictures will be allowed during the contest. No recording of any kind (tape recorders, videos, or written transcription) will be allowed.

OFFICIALS:

- Moderator - Assumes complete direction of the contest, asks all questions, designates contestants to answer questions, acts as the referee judge, and is IN CHARGE at all times.
- Referee Judge - May rule on the acceptability of an answer.
- Timekeeper - Records total elapsed time for each contest and indicates to the moderator the expiration of total time or the expiration of the time allowed in which to answer questions.
- Score Keepers - Two individuals shall keep scores on each contest. One score should be kept so that all points awarded or taken away in penalties may be checked. The second score is kept maintaining scores visible to the moderator, the contestants, and, so far as possible, the viewing audience.

QUESTIONS:

- The degree of difficulty and choice of questions will depend upon the contestants' level of knowledge and grade level.
- Questions may be in the form of written words.
- Number of Questions. Each set of teams within a single round will have the same number of questions. Bonus questions will have the same point value in each game within a single round.
- Types of Questions. There are three types of questions:
 1. Regular Questions.
 2. Bonus Questions - A bonus question is usually a question requiring a several-part answer or a difficult answer. See the point system summary for point values. Bonus questions WILL NOT be passed on to the other team in the event of an incorrect answer. When a team member answers a regular question correctly, a colored card in front of that team member will be turned over by the moderator. Three (3) questions must be answered correctly by the team before a Bonus Question is earned. There will only be one bonus question per team per game.
 3. Tie-breaker Questions - A tie-breaker question is used to replace a question thrown out by the judges. It is also used for the extra questions needed to break a tie between teams.

POINT SYSTEM:

- Correct Answer ----- plus 5 points
- Incorrect Answer----- MINUS 5 points
- Acknowledgment Penalty----- MINUS 5 points
- Bonus Question ----- plus 10 points

5 points per correct answer on multi-answer questions or bonus value on regular answers. NO loss of points for an incorrect answer on bonus questions. The value of the bonus questions will be announced by the moderator before the question is read.

Tied Games. In the event that two teams have a tied score in games involving placings, the tie will be broken by asking an additional five (5) questions. The running score will be maintained through the tiebreaker. Questions answered correctly during the tiebreaker can go toward the awarding of a bonus question if the team has not already received a bonus question during that game.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

Competing teams should know well in advance the specific sources from which questions are taken. Questions will be taken from the revised 2023/24 National 4-H Avian Bowl Manual. Study sections are listed above.

MECHANICS OF PLAY:

1. Format
 - A double-elimination tournament-style format will be followed. Any team which loses two games will be eliminated from the contest. The contest will continue until only one team remains with less than two losses.
2. Pairings, Byes, Order of Play, and Placings
 - Team pairings will be randomized by a blind drawing.
 - The contest will be a classic double-elimination contest and will be run as such by an individual versed in contest organization.
3. The moderator will ask a question. The first person whose light flashes must start to answer the question within five (5) seconds after being acknowledged, or LOSE five (5) points.
 - Any member answering a question without being acknowledged will LOSE five (5) points.
 - It will be the responsibility of the judges to determine that an answer was started within the five (5) seconds allowed. It should be noted that repeating the question does not constitute the initiation of an answer.
 - If an incorrect answer is given, the team will LOSE five (5) points.
 - If the question has been completely read, the moderator will not repeat the question, but the other team will have the opportunity to ring in within five (5) seconds.
 - Timing will begin when the question is complete and when a signal is activated.
4. When a signal is activated before the question is completely read, the moderator shall stop reading the question, then the contestant has five (5) seconds to start the answer based on that portion of the question.
 - If the answer is correct, the team will receive five (5) points.
 - If the answer is incorrect or incomplete, the team will LOSE five (5) points.

- If the question was interrupted, the judge may NOT ask the contestant to be more specific, expand, or explain in any way their answer.
 - If an interrupted question is answered incorrectly--the question shall then be completely reread and the other team will have the opportunity to answer it.
5. If neither team can offer an answer to the question within 10 seconds, the moderator will give the answer and the question will be dropped and neither team will forfeit points.
 6. The ONLY discussion allowed between team members will be on BONUS questions. The answers MUST come from the team captain.
 - Only the number of answers required by the bonus question will be accepted. Example: If the bonus has a four-part answer--the first four answers given by the team captain will be accepted.
 - On a bonus question, the team may have ten (10) seconds to consult. Time will be called at the end of ten (10) seconds--the Captain must start the answer within five (5) seconds.
 - Once the Captain starts the answers, he/she will have thirty (30) seconds to complete the answers required.

DECISIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS:

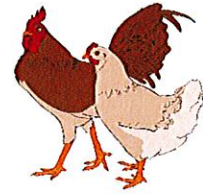
Answers and interpretations of questions will be the sole responsibility and final recall of the judge. All decisions of the judge, scorekeepers, and referee-timers are FINAL.

1. A team member will have the privilege to ask the judge to verify an answer that he/she feels is correct.
2. If a coach challenges the judge's decision--the coach must call "time out" immediately (before the next question is read). A decision made by the judge after the answer is verified will be FINAL.
3. Only answers contained in the Avian Bowl Manual will be acceptable to the Judge.

Calaveras County Fair Avian Bowl



Team Entry Form



Entries Due by April 18, 2025

The teams are comprised of 3 players. Teams may consist of players from any organization (4H, FFA, Independent) grade level in school will determine a team's classification (JR or SR)

Please Circle your team Category:

JR- 4th- 8th Grade

SR- 9th- 12th Grade

"X" for Team Captain	Player Name	Grade Level

- Team Captain is responsible for answering bonus questions.

Team Name _____

Coach name _____

Email _____

Show Questions? Contact Kasey Musachia: kasey@frogtown.org