

The San Diego County Fair’s Poultry Egg Competition invites local and regional poultry enthusiasts to put their best eggs forward and shine! This juried contest celebrates excellence in egg production, offering participants the chance to win cash prizes and the rare opportunity to have their beautiful eggs admired by thousands of fairgoers.

Exhibition Timeline

Entry Deadline.....Sunday June 28, 2026 AT 5 PM
Entry Delivery.....Tuesday, June 30, 2026 1 pm – 6 pm
Judging..... Tuesday June 30, 2026
Fair Dates.....Wednesday, June 10 – Sunday, July 5
(closed Mondays and Tuesdays)

Eligibility

Adult Divisions: Open to Southern California (San Diego, Riverside, and Imperial Counties) residents, ages 18 or older.

Youth Divisions: Open to youth ages 5-17 (by June 10) who live in Southern California (San Diego, Riverside, or Imperial Counties).

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Competition Rules

2026 Local Rules

1. Completion of online entry registration shall be deemed acceptance of all rules and permission to use your name, photograph, and images and description of entries in print, digital, and other media.
2. Online registration is required for all competitions and one-day contests. Online entries and any required image/document uploads are accepted until the

published deadline, which specifies a date and time. Late entries will not be accepted.

3. Once registered, the exhibitor's name, entry description, title, and price may not be changed. Substitutions will only be allowed in accordance with current State Rules. Fair Management is not responsible for errors on entry forms, which may lead to elimination or disqualification of an entry.
4. Processing fees must be paid online at the time of registration. Processing fees are non-refundable.
5. Exhibitors must be living at the time the online entry is submitted.
6. All non-livestock/non-agricultural entries must be the creative work of the exhibitor (whose name appears on the entry registration), be in good taste, and suitable for family viewing. Fair Management reserves the right to disqualify any entry/exhibit it deems objectionable or not in accordance with competition standards.
7. If an entry is disqualified after judging is complete, no changes will be made to the status of awards given for other entries.
8. Exhibitors are responsible for obtaining necessary permission from models and/or for using material in their entry that is considered copyrighted.
9. No entry will be accepted should the exhibitor describe the conditions under which he/she will exhibit, or the exhibit will be displayed.
10. Judges are selected for their expertise in the divisions or classes they evaluate. New judges may be appointed each year, and judging assignments may vary annually based on the needs of each competition
11. If a coordinator or judge deems an entry to be in the incorrect category, division, class, etc., he or she may direct the Entry Office to move that entry as appropriate. The Entry Office may combine divisions or classes to create an adequate judging pool.
12. Fair Management reserves the right to limit entries and display thereof, to facilities available, and to cancel any division or class in which, in its judgment, the entries are insufficient to secure adequate competition.

13. Entries must be delivered on the date(s) and times specified. Entries will not be accepted before or after the stated entry delivery date. All accepted exhibits must remain on display and shall not be removed until the stated entry pick up date. Any exhibit not picked up on the specified date becomes the property of the San Diego County Fair and will be disposed of promptly.
14. All exhibits are entered and shown at the owner's risk. Reasonable care will be taken to prevent loss or damage to exhibits, but in no event will the 22nd District Agricultural Association (San Diego County Fair) be responsible for any injury or loss which may occur or for the actions of third parties. Insurance, if desired, should be obtained by the exhibitor at his/her own expense.
15. Any person who violates any Local, State, or Department rule or displays unethical conduct will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the 22nd District Agricultural Association (San Diego County Fair) may order.
16. To ensure reliable award notification, exhibitors are responsible for submitting all address, phone number, and email address updates promptly in writing to entry@sdfair.com or Entry Department, 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd, Del Mar, CA 92014.
17. Premium money will be paid per the recorded placings in the official judging reports rather than the ribbon attached to the exhibit.
18. Donated Award recipients will be selected per the instructions given on the Donated Award Confirmation Form submitted by the donor.
19. Premium, donated cash award, and auction checks will be made payable to the exhibitor as listed on the online entry registration. Checks will be mailed within 30 days after the close of the Fair to the address shown on the online entry registration, or as updated by the exhibitor via written notification to the Entry Office. Checks not cashed within six (6) months from the date of issue will be forfeited. Replacement checks may be subject to a stop payment fee.
20. The 22nd District Agricultural Association (San Diego County Fair) is required by the Internal Revenue Service to report any premium payments totaling \$600 or

more. Exhibitors whose awards meet or exceed this amount must submit a W-9 form before their check can be issued.

21. The 22nd District Agricultural Association (San Diego County Fair) management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and assumes no liability or responsibility not herein expressed.

California State Rules apply and are available [here](#).

Entry Limit

Entering multiple Divisions and Classes is allowed. Multiple entries per Class are not allowed. ***If multiple entries are submitted by the same exhibitor in the same Class, they will be disqualified.***

The same item cannot be re-entered in subsequent competitions, neither under the original nor a different exhibitor's name.

Entry Fees

Adult Divisions: \$10.00 per entry.

Youth Divisions: \$7.00 per entry

Entry fees are payable online with a credit card and are not refundable.

Fair Tickets

Each exhibitor will receive two (2) Exhibitor Access Pass.

How to Enter

1. Click [here](#) to go to the entry homepage.
2. Register as an exhibitor.
3. Input your entries under the proper department, division, and class, along with other required information. See "Divisions" for a list of all divisions and classes. Limit descriptions to 120 characters XXXXXXXX.
4. Review your entry before completing registration to ensure that you have entered the correct division and class for each entry, and titles match the uploaded images.
5. Click the check-out button and pay for all entries.

6. Read the confirmation statement and type YES. Do not click multiple times, as it will charge you each time.
7. Upload your images AFTER you pay. Digital images of entries must be submitted before the deadline (see Photography Tips for Tier 1 Judging).

For additional help, review this detailed step-by-step guide:

· [Entry Tutorial](#)

Still have questions? Please call or email the Entry Office.

Phone: (858) 792-4207, Monday-Friday, 10 am-4 pm

Email: entry@sdfair.com

If you have questions about sales procedures. No sales are allowed during the Fair. The San Diego County Fair has absolutely no involvement in the sale or purchase of any entry displayed. All sales will be handled by the exhibitor and the buyer.

Entry Display

After judging, entries will be displayed for 1 week in the Farm 2U Exhibit. Stickers of ribbons will be attached to the entry tags to identify the awards given.

There are no guarantees that an entry will be displayed. Entries will be discarded if breakage occurs. Fair staff is not responsible for any broken eggs.

Judging

Unless otherwise stated in the Division Description, all judging will be conducted using the Danish Judging System, in which each entry is evaluated individually against a standard rather than in comparison to other entries. Multiple first, second, and third place awards may be given within each Class based on the following scoring system.

1ST PLACE = 90 – 100 POINTS

2ND PLACE = 80-89 POINTS

3RD PLACE = 70-79 POINTS

HONORABLE MENTION GIVEN AT JUDGES DISCRETION TO ENTRIES AWARDED 69 POINTS AND BELOW.

Entries receiving a First Place designation will then be considered under the American Judging System for special awards, including Best of Class, Best of Division, and Best of Show.

Judging will take place anonymously in a closed session. Exhibitors may not be present in or around the judging area during the process; failure to comply may result in disqualification. Once judging begins, entries may not be moved to another division or class.

Judges' decisions are final. Upon completion of judging, all entries become the property of the San Diego County Fair. Refer to division descriptions for division-specific judging criteria.

After judging, entries may be displayed for up to one (1) Fair week in the Farm 2U Exhibit. Ribbon stickers will be attached to entry tags to indicate awards received. Items will be discarded as they deteriorate, and display is not guaranteed. Results will be posted on the San Diego County Fair's website two weeks following the last day of the Fair. Exhibitors wanting ribbons must notify the Fair at entry check-in. Award checks will be mailed within 30 days after the Fair closes.

Disqualified entries

If an entry is disqualified after judging is complete, the judge will not change the status of awards given for other entries.

Judges reserve the right to remove or disqualify any entry in violation of the rules, in poor taste, or not in accordance with the competition standards.

Disqualifications may include the following:

- Entries incorrectly entered/identified.
- Entries in incorrect containers.
- Any cracked, broken, or leaking egg
- Entries that fall into "non-gradable" as defined by USDA exterior quality standards

Reassignment of the entry division or class

Judges and/or the program coordinator have the option of reassigning an entry to a more appropriate division or class or combining divisions or classes to create an adequate judging pool. Nevertheless, it is the responsibility of exhibitors to enter work in the appropriate class. Failure to enter the appropriate class may result in disqualification.

Entry Delivery & Pickup

Entries should be delivered to Farm 2U.

Only entries accepted for judging may be delivered to the Fairgrounds. Please refer to the Exhibition Timeline for in-person delivery dates. An email with delivery instructions will be sent to the exhibitor prior to the delivery date.

How to Prepare Your Entry for Delivery

1. All egg products must be from the exhibitor's own flock.
2. Entries must consist of **one dozen (12) eggs** of the same variety, size, and color.
3. Eggs must be exhibited in a **clean, undamaged carton**. Cartons with water damage, discoloration, or markings will not be accepted.
4. All eggs must be **clean, uniform in size, shape, and color**, and free of defects
5. Each exhibitor may enter **one entry per class**.

Awards

Award checks will be available at entry pick-up. Checks not picked up will be mailed within 30 days.

Adult Divisions

The following will be awarded in each class:

1st Place	\$15.00 and Rosette
2nd Place	\$12 and Rosette
3rd Place	\$10 and Rosette
Best of Show	\$30 and Rosette

A Best of Show is selected from 1st Place winners in all classes and is awarded in each division

Divisions and Classes

Adult Divisions

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Division 001 – Open Chicken Eggs

Class 001: Brown

Class 002: Blue/Green

Class 003: White

Class 004: Bantam

Division 002 – Open All Other Poultry Eggs

Class 001: Duck Eggs

Class 003: Quail Eggs

Class 002: Turkey Eggs

Youth Divisions

- Entries must consist of **one dozen (12) eggs** of the same variety, size, and color.
- Eggs must be exhibited in a **clean, undamaged carton**. Cartons with water damage, discoloration, or markings will not be accepted.
- All eggs must be **clean, uniform in size, shape, and color**, and free of defects.
- Each exhibitor may enter **one entry per class**.
- Youth exhibitors must be age **5–18 years** as of entry day.

Division 003 – Youth Chicken Eggs

Class 001: Brown

Class 003: White

Class 002: Blue/Green

Class 004: Bantam

Division 004 – Youth All Other Poultry Eggs

Class 001: Duck Eggs

Class 003: Quail Eggs

Class 002: Turkey Eggs