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## From the Editor . . .

Some issues of this publication are just harder to finish up and get published than others. We would like to have had this issue online and at our printers (for the hard copy subscriptions) about 2 weeks ago. But a not-so-little storm named Hurricane Laura had other plans for us.

We all like to think we are ready when these periodic natural events occur but this one was a first for my home state of Louisiana. We prepared—spent a few days stocking up, getting work caught up to date, setting up generators, making sure gas cans were full, and thought we were prepared for the tropical storms and/or heavy rains that usually arrive this far inland as a hurricane hits our coast. But Laura brought in something never before seen in this state—it was still a category 2 by the time the eye was about 30 miles West of us and she maintained hurricane strength as she crossed into Arkansas. That just does not happen! Or so we thought. At least those are the circumstances as told to us by the news. We just know that we had no power for 8 days (except for the generator). Generator fuel was really hard to come by for a few days, water was out for a while, and our local cell phone tower was damaged, not functioning properly, and is still being worked on. That meant phones, or internet were sporadic and slow at best. And the excessive heat advisories!

So if you are reading this issue online right now you will know we overcame these obstacles are back to work.

With COVID-19, the horrible fires in the west, and those who still have no power, water (or homes) due to Hurricane Laura, we all just have to do what we do—keep on keeping on.

A last minute bonus of being late with this issue is that we could include the information on the Ohio National's first ever virtual show.

Oh, and don't think ALL shows are canceled this year because of COVID-19. There are still some to attend if you are so inclined.

Ann Charles  
Editor



## **APA News—September 2020**

What a different world we live in today! Nothing even close to what would be a normal summer for me here in Ohio. Some time ago I cancelled all of my fair judging assignments due to the coronavirus situation. I know most of the Junior Fair shows are still going on but I made the only decision I could make that was right for me. My main concern was and remains the fear that I might be carrying the virus and inadvertently give it to someone else. I realize these shows are going on and that someone is judging the birds and I hope for nothing but the best for everyone. We all have to make decisions about how we try to live with this virus in our communities and I respect whatever choice each individual makes. It is a tough call no matter which way you go.

Despite the lack of shows and fairs things with the APA remain busy. I sent the mailing list for the 2020 Yearbooks to the mailing service we use in California on June 15<sup>th</sup>. If anyone renewed or joined after that date, I kept a list so I would know how to send a copy to once I had the extras. At the end of July I received 6 boxes of the books and began sending out a copy to those members. I was surprised to notice that of the more than eighty I mailed, sixty were going to new members! Yes, that's ten new members a week for six weeks! While I am on the subject of the Yearbook, a big thank you to all of the workers and advertisers who help to make it possible. It is another great edition and I hope you have

yours by now. The single copy mailed to me still has not arrived as of this date (8/10/20) but I am sure it will show up any day. For cost reasons they are mailed bulk rate and so delivery can be slow. I know it is also slow to get them in the hands of our Canadian members but rest assured yours should also be there soon. If you have not received your copy, please contact the office and we will get it taken care of.

Going back to all of these new members, we believe that many of these individuals may not be people who currently have an interest in showing birds but are very much interested in raising birds for their own purposes such as eggs and meat. A new committee is at work to make sure these individuals are being served through their APA membership with information that will help them in their flock raising efforts. Bryan Shelton is the Chair of this committee and I am sure he would welcome any ideas you may have.

As a reminder, please notify the office if there is any change in your contact information. I do my best to keep the records accurate but always need your help. All of the information for the Yearbook such as addresses, phone numbers of judges, etc. is sent to the printer from the office and so notifying someone other than myself may or may not result in your information being correct. I also mess up sometimes and forget to update all of the necessary records I keep and so I appreciate your patience and understanding.

Time to close and get this sent off to the presses. Have a good autumn and stay safe out there!

**Advertising and article submission deadline for our 'Holiday Issue'**

**(November/December 2020) is October 15th.**

# APA Quarterly Conference

The APA's Board of Directors held its quarterly conference call this past Wednesday, July 8th. It was a very productive call and I wanted to take a moment and give an update on a couple of high-profile items.

First is the Strategic Planning Meeting. This meeting was scheduled to be held on 31 July and 1 August in Webster City Iowa. Based on the current uncertainty regarding the COVID-19 situation, the decision was made to postpone this event until November. The proposed plan is to hold meeting in Iowa either before or after the Master's Cup Show the weekend before Thanksgiving. With that said, part of the Strategic Planning Meeting was the review of the results of the member survey which was conducted early in 2020.

A committee consisting of John Monaco, Bruce Sherman, Jonathan Patterson, and 2 non APA members reviewed the survey and put the recommendations suggested by you, the members, into a condensed format suitable for further assessment and discussion by the full board. While the intent is still to review these at the November planning session for consideration of adoption into the strategic plan, because the meeting is delayed, we thought it would be a good idea to share this list with the membership now. The list follows.

The other item I would like to bring to your attention is the APA Board accepted a Marketing, Public Relations and Branding proposal presented by long time APA member and Judge Rip Stalvey. Rip has many years of experience the marketing and public relations field and we are looking forward to seeing the results generated from this program. Rip will have the title of APA Marketing and Public Relations Coordinator.

Stay well and, as always, feel free to contact me with any questions.

Mark Podgwaite  
APA President

## APA Survey Results Analysis

### Items the APA does well

*(By length of membership)*

#### **0-5 Years**

- 1) The information available from the Association and the website.
- 2) The sanctioning of shows and the Standard of Perfection.
- 3) Fellowship with other breeders.

#### **6-10 Years**

- 1) The organizational aspect of the Association.
- 2) Preserving the History of Standard Bred Poultry.
- 3) The Yearbook

#### **10 to 20 Years**

- 1) Looking to the future to keep the Fancy alive.
- 2) The Standard and the yearbook.
- 3) The sanctioning of shows that gives members the opportunity to display standard bred poultry and meet likeminded people with the same objectives.

#### **Over 20 years**

- 1) The Association is well organized and managed and is changing with the times.
- 2) It is a family.
- 3) The standard and the fact that it covers all standard bred poultry.

### Areas for Improvement.

- 1) Better communication between the organization and members.
- 2) The need for more education and training on line.
- 3) Standard of Perfection.
- 4) Social Media.
- 5) Outreach.
- 6) Lack of APA presence at local shows, especially District, State and Provincial Meets.
- 7) Youth program

### Committee Suggestions.

- 1) Update Mission Statement.
- 2) Improve communication.
  - A) Monthly e-blasts informing members of upcoming events and of the information that is now

available to them and where to find it.

B) Complete restructure of the News and Views. This responsibility should not be part of the secretary duties but a separate individual or committee.

C) Member Planet is very underused by most of the Directors. This is an easy way for Directors to communicate with the members in their District.

D) A visible presence at more local shows especially State and Provincial meets.

E) Social Media: Update Facebook description and closely monitor pages. Explore other forms of social media that are available and that could be beneficial.

3) Youth program.

A) Define the youth program. What are our goals for the youth program? What does the youth expect from the Association? How far do we go to embrace them as members? Do we take over the YEPA program or continue to support them?

4) Standard of Perfection

A) Continue discussions on the feasibility and financial impact of offering a digital standard and/or a pocket version.

5) New Members

A) In addition to the welcome letter they now receive new members should also be made aware of the information that is available to them and where it is located.

B) Have an area either on the APA Website or on the Education and Training Website especially for new members that contains information for the beginner in the Fancy.

It was very evident with everyone that looked at the survey that the number one issue is the lack of communication on both the National and especially the local level. It may be time to appoint a Communication Committee that would be responsible for the E-mail Blasts and to work with the Directors, the Website Committee and the Facebook Administrators to promote the Association.

On the education and training, much of what the members are looking for is already available and we are continuing to improve in this area. They may not know where to find these resources so we need

to promote the Education and Training website through social media, the APA website, the News and Views and on the local level with our State and Provincial Reps.

#### **Additional Non Member Comments**

1) Members should have more input on the selection of State and Provincial Reps.

2) Association should add a question and answer section to the website to address commonly asked questions.

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### ABA News September 2020

Hello all,

As I write this update, your yearbooks are on their way to you. We have completed our part and it is now in the hands of the USPS. Please be patient. I

would suggest giving till the end of September and if in that time – you have not received yours; we can send an additional one. Remember – your dues must be current – so if you want to be sure that yours is on the way – send a note to [bantamclub@gmail.com](mailto:bantamclub@gmail.com) and I will double check to make sure it was mailed.

2020 Legband sizes are still available but are in short supply now. These are designed to go on the growing bird and will aid you in your breeding program. Each band is noted with the year – so once on – you will always be able to know the age of your birds. I have included an order form in the ABA yearbook for the 2021 bands. It is not too early to order yours. They will be available on the website soon. If you want to make sure you get the low numbers – consider sending in your order early!

November 1st, 2020 is the deadline if you are interested in running for a volunteer director or officer position with the ABA. You must send in a letter of intent to run and have it postmarked by November 1st to qualify. If you have any questions, you can ask your current officer or director or send a note to me

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at bantamclub@gmail.com. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have. It takes great volunteers to keep the ABA going and we are always looking for great people.

There are many shows this year that have chosen not to meet due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. There are however some shows that are still on schedule. Please contact your favorite show to ask what their plans are.

We have included a link on the ABA home page where you can download a current 2020 show list. Another great resource is Poultryshowcentral to see which shows are on and which are not.

Please make sure you contact the show management before going – even for a visit to make sure that the show is still on.

I have heard that some shows are working on a virtual show model. This sounds like fun and I hope many take advantage on the new experience. These will be vastly different times and it is the birds that will help us. Here is wishing all our members and friends good health, peace, and strength as we navigate the next year.

If you are not currently an ABA Member, we can help with that – Membership is \$25 per year, \$70 for three years, or \$100 for five years. Our mailing address is PO Box 127, Augusta, NJ 07822 or you can join on our website at [www.bantamclub.com](http://www.bantamclub.com). The American Bantam Association has been servicing our membership since 1914 and we plan to continue on with your passion and help.

Good luck out there and stay safe,  
Karen Unrath - ABA Secretary

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## **Proposed Changes to the Animal Welfare Act Will Affect All Bird Breeders**

A friend forwarded a post from Facebook written by Clyde Robinson: “If each and everyone of us, as well as our clubs, does not prioritize this issue, it will be the beginning of the end of aviculture!”

The stakeholder announcement pasted below includes more information including the listening session dates and a link to our website where you can register to participate.

A notice about these upcoming listening sessions is also on display in the 8/25/2020 Federal Register: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2020-18134.pdf>

### **APHIS Announces Virtual Listening Sessions Seeking**

Public Input on Regulations Regarding the Welfare of Birds NOT BRED FOR USE IN RESEARCH.

Washington, DC, August, 19, 2020-The United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Animal and Plant Inspection Service (APHIS) will hold three virtual listening sessions to gather information to assist in the development of regulations that will

insure the human care and treatment of birds not bred for research, consistent with the Animal Welfare Act (AWA)

The virtual listening sessions will be held: Tuesday, September 29, 2020, at 11 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT); Wednesday, October 7, 2020, at 2 p.m. EDT; and Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 5 p.m. EDT. The AWA authorizes the regulation of birds not bred for use in research and a January, 2020, U. S. Circuit of Appeals opinion provide the timeline for APHIS to promulgate regulations and standards on their humane care and treatment. Before we propose regulations and standards for regulating such birds, we believe it is important to seek public input.

Participants will need to register in advance in order to participate in the listening sessions. Go to and follow the instructions for registering:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare/aw-news/bird-listening-sessions>

After you register there is a place to sign up give a four minute response on the following questions:

\* Should we revise or add exemptions for certain dealers, exhibitors, operators of auction sales, and carriers and intermediate handlers of birds not bred for use in research? If so, what should those exemptions be?

Please provide supporting data if possible.



\* Are there thresholds beyond which an entity should not be required to be licensed? For example, we are aware that there are many entities who breed small numbers of birds; if we should exempt those entities, what exemption criteria should we use?

\* Are there certain species which should be exempt?

\* Are there appropriate performance-based standards we could establish across a wide variety of species of birds? Can we use classes of birds to set performance-based standards appropriate for the class? If so, what might these classes look like?

\* How do bird breeders avoid interfering with nesting and breeding or other biological activities of birds? How can we ensure that housing, feeding, or inspection requirements do not interfere with these activities?

If you prefer to submit a written response, scroll down the page and there is a place to do so.

This will affect all birds - domestic fowl, game birds, wild waterfowl, and aviary or cage birds. I have spoken with people who are USDA licensed and they have nothing good to say about the inspections. Do what you can to voice opposition to what will force people out of aviculture. This information was posted to the club web site <https://hoagbagardnerauction.org/> on the newsroom page on August 26. There is also a download button for the document which was printed in Federal Register.

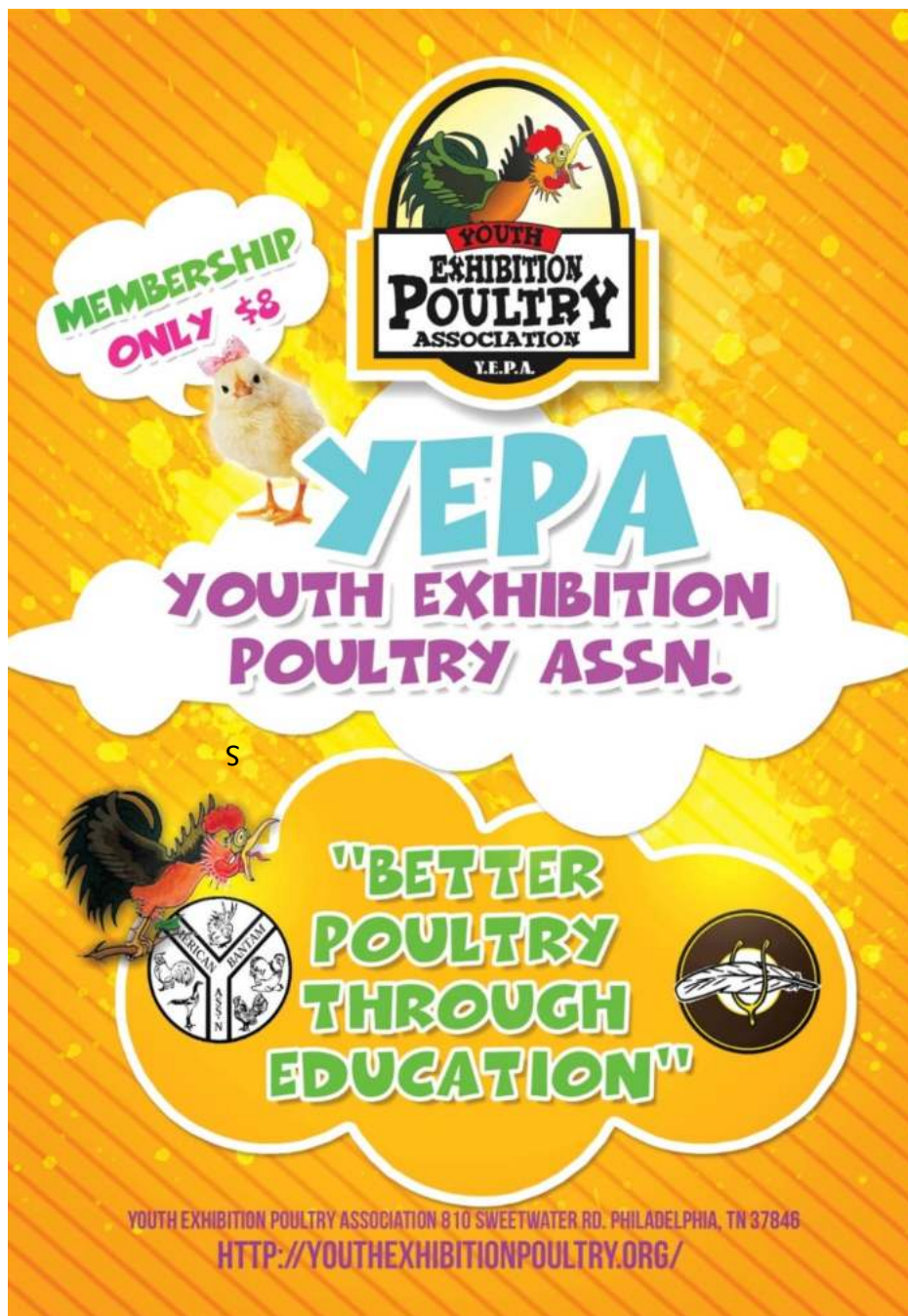
**UPDATE: (9/3/2020)**

Earlier we had been notified of a possible situation with the USDA Animal Welfare Act to let you know we were monitoring the situation for you. We are pleased to report to you that all is well. Our

concern was the Chickens, Turkeys, Ducks, Geese and Guineas we work with might be impacted in some way. We were able to confirm that the USDA's Animal Welfare Act does not apply to the above species since they are classified as livestock and as such are exempt from that Act.

We appreciate everyone that contacted us to alert us there might be an issue. Again, we can relax about this issue.

Mark Podgwaite,  
President APA



# Livestock Conservancy Microgrant

The Livestock Conservancy is now accepting applications for the Heritage Livestock Microgrants program!

<https://livestockconservancy.org/index.php/resources/internal/micro-grant-program>

The Livestock Conservancy understands the importance of breed associations for the long term survival of heritage livestock and poultry breeds. We value the networking, mentoring, marketing, research, resource sharing, and education provided by breed associations.

We know that breed association participation makes better breeders and leads to greater success of breeds. For this reason, we give greater consideration to Microgrant applicants actively engaged in their breed association. We ask you to share this resource with your membership and encourage them to apply soon. The application period for our National and Youth Microgrants closes August 16th, 2020.

**National Microgrants:** Residents and organizations of the U.S. working with livestock and poultry breeds listed on the Conservation Priority List are eligible. Support will be provided through this competitive program for a variety of farm-related operations, including, but not limited to, livestock, poultry, processing, milk, meat and egg production and sales, agri-tourism, wool milling, promotions and marketing. Awards typically range from \$500 - \$2,000, at the discretion of The Livestock Conservancy.

**Youth Microgrants:** This U.S.-based program provides funding for youth projects for individuals 8-18 years of age who are actively working with breeds listed on the Conservation Priority List. Support will be provided through this competitive program for a variety of farm-related operations, including, but not limited to, livestock, poultry, processing, milk, meat and egg production and sales, agri-tourism, wool milling, promotions and marketing. Awards typically range from \$500 - \$2,000, at the discretion of The Livestock Conservancy.

In addition, this year we have added a category

for Emergency Microgrants. These funds are available to help offset losses incurred due to unforeseen circumstances like Covid-19 or natural disasters, as well as the costs associated with unexpected rehoming/rescues due to owner death, disability or surrender. Applications in this category will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.

For more information, to watch our how-to-video on building a better application, and to apply, please click here: <https://livestockconservancy.org/index.php/resources/internal/micro-grant-program>.

Yours in conservation,

The Livestock Conservancy Team  
American Poultry Association  
PO Box 331, Northfield, VT 05663

## Important Announcement From The Ohio National Poultry Show

To Our Ohio National Exhibitors, Sponsors and Friends,

After careful thought and deliberation, we are sad to announce that the 2020 Ohio National Show has been cancelled due to COVID-19 Rules & Regulations put forth by the Columbus Health Department and State of Ohio. During our planning to hold a safe event for exhibitors, visitors and volunteers, we determined that the challenges of holding the 2020 Ohio National with all of the uncertainties along with the imposed restrictions of crowd size and social distancing was just beyond our abilities this year.

We want to thank the Ohio Expo Center & State Fair for their efforts in helping us with our show. We also want to remind our friends to not forget our great sponsors - ADM Pen Pals Feed, Fluffy Layers, Heritage Poultry Conservancy and Meyer Hatchery.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2021 Ohio National on November 13-14.

Now, for the good news - since we are not having a physical poultry show this year, we are announcing that we are having a virtual show which will include all classes and champions, judged by ABA & APA judges. Rosettes and a champion trophy will be



awarded. More details coming in September. We know that this will be a neat and fun thing for our exhibitors to participate in this year. There will be no catalogue - all information will be via our Newsletter and Facebook.

Until next time,

Tim Johnson, President  
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The pretty bantam partridge Chantecler pullet to the left was one of the entries submitted in our 2020 EPMag Spring Virtual Show. The photo was submitted by Mike Gilbert.

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# Thoughts For New Exhibitors

*By: Craig Hansen*

So often the newer exhibitor gets excited about the latest internet breed or variety that is not recognized by either the ABA or APA. All birds in good health can be shown. What won't happen is winning anything above BV or BB with those birds.

My experience is that to be successful, a solid color is needed rather than a pattern. That said I went head to head against someone who I consider to be the best breeder in the country at many shows and it took me 8 years to place a bird above him at a show. I had success at other shows but never placed a bird above his for BB or higher until I had put my time in and made better birds and learned how to condition/prepare them for exhibition. He still beats me often but sometimes it is really competitive. To expect instant success is unrealistic. If you are lucky enough to have early success it will still take work to stay there. I have to add that my Blacks were the first birds here that we learned with. Since then I have added more varieties here that are all patterns. Best I can do with patterns is BV at this time but the challenge keeps things interesting here. Never quit learning

I see some have plans to have a half dozen breeds when they start. I really think they should learn one breed and how to breed. Then on to another if still so inclined. Those I consider the better breeder exhibitors usually don't have very many breeds or varieties and sometimes just one breed.

I see many want to breed or show and yet they do not own an APA Standard of Perfection if they have large fowl or an ABA Bantam Standard. I find this unrealistic. I will answer questions, but since

these books are copyrighted I will not give you the quoted standards and neither should anyone else. BUY one and READ it. Too expensive? They are no more than the cost of a few bags of feed and either book is a life long reference.

Find a mentor if you can. Join a true breed club not just a FaceBook page. If there is no breed club then FaceBook is better than nothing.

I remember reading a quote a few years back that still rings true with me today. I remember it as: "You will have, what you will tolerate". If OK birds are good enough for you then that is all you will have. You may breed an exceptional bird on occasion but that will not be the norm if you do not strive for doing the best. To me that means I can not keep culls/pets around to take space that could be used for breeding better birds or even worse - actually breed the culls.

I am often asked if someone should cull a particular bird. My answer is not until you have a better or replacement for that bird then if you are asking you probably already know the answer. In my coop it is I have to have at least 3 better or it stays.

Fall is the time to select next year's birds, not next spring. I refuse to carry birds over the winter to sell them for the same price in the Spring I can get in the Fall. You want a bargain bird? Don't expect it to be a quality bird. I have given birds away to those I know will appreciate them rather than consider a low ball offer. If I don't get what a bird is worth to me I will choose where it goes and that may be the compost pile rather than let it go to someone who will breed and sell eggs or chicks using my name as a selling point.

Imported is not necessarily better just different. Birds are judged by the American Standards and to expect imports to do well may be unrealistic.



Champion Row at most shows will usually be made up of a number of 'solid' colored birds.



# 2020 APA SHOW REPORTS

APA Members: I hope this message finds you well during these strange times with the pandemic hitting so hard and fast. Unfortunately, I know some of you have had to cancel your show this year due to guidelines set by your state. For those of you who were fortunate enough to hold a show this year or plan to hold one in the upcoming months, I wanted to send a friendly reminder about how important it is to get that report in on time so members points are reported and any awards with the APA are sent to the exhibitor. The exhibitors support shows across the US/Canada and put a lot of hard work into getting their birds ready for competition and they deserve to get their points and awards in a timely manner.

We now have the online version working smoothly on the new website, <http://amerpoultryassn.com/>, you can scroll down the page and find the online version of the show report. If you have not looked at our new website go check it out, it looks great! You even have the option to save and complete your report later and print a copy for your records. The report will be submitted directly to the points coordinator email for processing.

**REMINDER:** all show reports should be submitted via email

(preferred) or snail mail to the APA to my attention at the below address within **30 days** of your show. Per the APA's show rules, show reports that are not received within **90 days** of a show date will result in the host club losing their sanction status for one year.

Norma Padgett  
15930 West State Road 238  
Lake Butler, FL 32054

Thank you for all you do for

the poultry hobby. Without members like yourself we would not have the great shows available for our members to exhibit their birds that we currently have.

Stay safe out there and good luck on your upcoming shows. If you have any questions please feel free to reach back out to me at [apapoints@gmail.com](mailto:apapoints@gmail.com).

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# Do You Ship Hatching Eggs From Your Purebred Flock?

Some well known breeders answered my questionnaire.

*By Ann Charles*

## **Dick Horstman, Burgettstown, Pennsylvania Hatching Egg Sales? YES - Year-round**

I ship hatching eggs year round. We use the foam egg shippers and insulate with newspaper and have not had any weather related issues. Hatching egg breeds: Large Fowl Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, and Cochins. Bantams, Plymouth Rocks, Polish, Orpingtons, Booted. We keep only small mating's and sell from the same pens we hatch our own from. Eggs are only sold when they are not needed for chick orders. We do exhibit these breeds at ABA & APA shows. I have had Barred Rock bantams for 60 years. Large fowl Rocks and Reds over 30 years. I am a member of the the ABA & APA (former APA Director).

Average egg order: 2 dozen, and we send 15 eggs per dozen. There are no guarantees of any kind on shipped eggs. We guarantee 85% fertility if picked up here on the farm, or at a show. Eggs are \$25 to \$50 per dozen (depending on breed), and shipping is a flat \$15. This includes the foam ship-

pers and packaging. We sell eggs anytime of the year when they are not needed for chick orders. Our replacements come from the leftover hatches each week. I do not ship started chicks. Our experience has not been good with them. I do not sell birds ready to show, but I do sell good breeding birds that you can show, and I will ship or deliver to shows.

Schedule: We hatch year round on large fowl, bantams are hatched September to June. We do keep extra breeders to sell eggs and chicks. All eggs and chicks come from birds we are keeping our chicks from. Priority mail has worked best for us, but is the only method we have tried.

Dick Horstman,  
DickHorstman@comcast.net

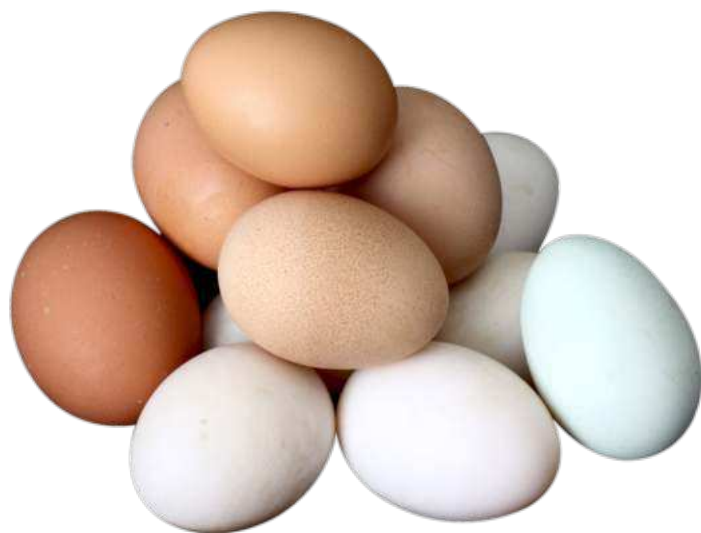
## **Ann Charles, Winnfield, Louisiana Hatching Egg Sales? YES - Year-round**

I now ship hatching eggs year round. Araucana only. I have had bred and exhibited bantam and large fowl Araucana for 17 years. I keep only a small number of matings and sell from those same pens I hatch my own show birds and breeders from. I exhibit my birds at ABA & APA shows and am a member of the ABA & APA.

Average egg order: 9 hatching eggs no more than 24 hours old, plus usually one extra. Sometimes I will ship double orders, on request. One shipment of eggs is \$78, and includes Priority Mail shipping. I do also ship well-started chicks year round but no day-old chicks. I also ship older birds but rarely deliver to shows.

Schedule: I hatch year round on large fowl, along with a few bantams. I have hatching windows for Fall and Spring show prospects. All birds are shipped Express mail at cost and all eggs are shipped Priority mail, unless Express Mail is requested.

Ann Charles,  
VP Araucana Breeders & Exhibitors Club  
contact@skyblueegg.com



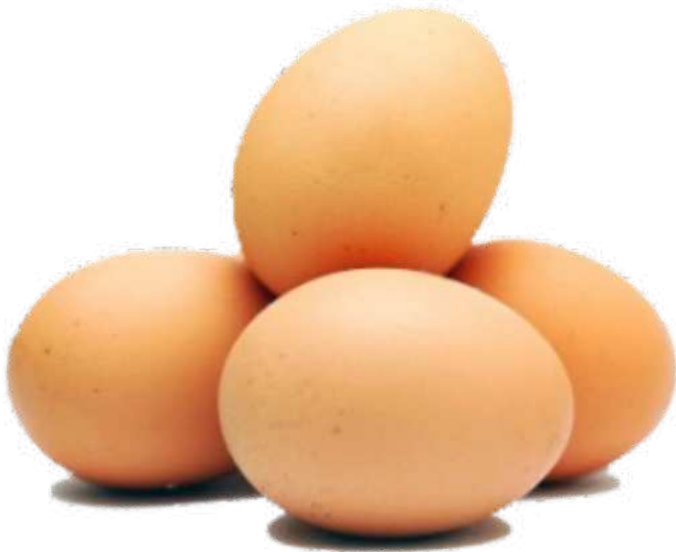


**Norma Padgett, Lake Butler, Florida**  
**Hatching Egg Sales? YES - Seasonal**

According to Norma, the Padgetts sell and ship hatching eggs from Muscovy ducks, large fowl Modern Game, and large fowl White Plymouth Rocks. These are the only breeds they sell hatching eggs from and they have been working with these for 5-50 years (depending on the breed). They also exhibit these breeds at APA approved shows and are members of both the APA and the ABA. Their hatching eggs are only available in the Spring. A usual egg shipment is 12-24 eggs and the price depends on which breed is being shipped. Shipping is \$25+ depending on the weight of the box. For shipped hatching eggs there are no guarantees given.

Also available are started chicks (pick up only), and adult show birds which they either ship or deliver to shows. Their hatch window for Fall show prospects is January-May. The Padgetts do not have a second hatching window for Spring show birds and once their Spring breeding season ends all remaining eggs laid are eaten.

Norma Padgett,  
APA Associate Member Coordinator  
apapoints@gmail.com



**Mark Podgwaite, Northfield, Vermont**  
**Hatching Egg Sales? YES - Seasonal**

Mark says he sells hatching eggs in Spring only (December-April) from his large and bantam Cochins. He has been exhibiting his Cochins at APA/ABA approved shows for 20 years. He usually ships a dozen eggs, plus some extras. Egg charge is \$75 which includes the shipping cost. On shipped hatching eggs there are no guarantees and this is explained prior to the sale. He does not sell started chicks, but does sell adult show birds which he delivers to shows and sometimes ships. Once breeding season is over the excess eggs are eaten.

Mark Podgwaite,  
APA President  
mppoultry13@gmail.com

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"I stopped shipping eggs this spring.. I did nothing wrong with my packing and shipping, but newbie inexperienced buyers decided to blame me for their failures.. 3 times I re-shipped eggs.. I'm done... I'm tired of the badgering.. Found out 1 customer had borrowed an incubator and had no clue how to use it... I'm bitter after she raked me through the coals." *Anonymous.*

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# Shipping Hatching Eggs

*By Ann Charles*



When I ship hatching eggs I have a set of goals. I want the shipped eggs to arrive intact, as quickly as possible, and with no breakage. Some of this is not under my control. Like all of you, I depend on the USPS for delivery. And this has been a BAD year for delivery.

I also want those shipped eggs to hatch big strong chicks, and as many as possible. There are several ways to help this happen. First is the eggs themselves. They should always be out of healthy, fertile breeders. That means for a start, fresh water, electrolytes, 24 hour access to 18 % protein breeder feed, maybe spiking with

cockerels in the Summer, and good barn ventilation.

Also, I do not ship eggs more than 48 hours old and try to have them all laid within 24 hours of shipping. As soon as they are picked up I put them in a wine cooler to lower the temp to about 65 degrees and that is where they stay until I wrap them for shipping. A fresher egg will ship better and have a much smaller air cell with a smaller risk of that air cell breaking during transit. Plus, by the time it arrives the embryo will not be as old as an egg that is shipped a week or so after lay. When I wrap my eggs I make sure they are shipped with the air

cells up which also protects air cells.

The packaging should protect the eggs from crushing (a small cube is a strong crush resistant shape), delays in shipping, immobilize each egg within the box, and hopefully not bring any undo notice to the shipping box, beyond a 'Fragile' sticker. I also want my shipping boxes air tight—as much as possible. This is to reduce transference of heat. One of the worse things for an egg/embryo is constantly heating up and cooling down during transit. It will weaken it greatly resulting in a 'quitter' during incubation.





Photo 1: I use a USPS Priority Mail box CUBE. These are the 7 x 7 x 6 inch ones that you have to order from their website. I have not been able to find these in the local post office in 10 years or so. You can order them free online in lots of 25 boxes. Put your box together taping all the bottom seams securely with packing tape. Next, line your box with a disposable plastic grocery bag. Then place two 3 foot sheets of bubble wrap crosswise to each other inside the shopping bag to make a well for the eggs.



Photo 2: Use a 1 foot square section of bubble wrap for each egg if shipping 9 eggs. The bubble wrap is folded in half with the bubbles toward the inside of the fold. Place the egg in the middle of the bubble wrap then roll it up and seal it on the side and at both ends. To ship 12 eggs I use a 6 inch piece of bubble wrap for half of the eggs and roll the egg up diagonally. This lets you stack them 2 high (6 eggs) in the middle row. Place eggs gently in the 'nest', air cells facing up, in rows of three.



Photo 3: Once the eggs are in the box, fold the remaining bubble wrap around sides and top to make a soft cushion. Next pull up the handles on the plastic bag and tie them shut. Tape over any open places to seal the bag and reduce air flow/heat transference. Seal the box, and any seams where air could get in. Your eggs are now ready for a label and stickers. Using this method I have shipped close to a hundred orders this year with only 2 broken eggs in total and rarely a broken air cell on arrival.



# Maximizing Summer Fertility

By Ann Charles

*This is a subject I have a lot of interest in. I have tried to include here a compilation of ideas and practices that seem to work. I hate when the days get hotter, rate of lay drops off, the birds start panting and fertility rates diminish.*

*Most of this information is from studies with commercial breeding flocks. But, the fact is that money buys scientific studies and they are expensive. For those of us that only work with a few hundred birds each year we depend a lot on our own observations and anecdotal information from other breeders. The best poultry breeding books combine these two ends of the spectrum and it is up to us to see what works for our individual breeds and situations. Fred P. Jeffrey's 'Bantam Chickens' comes to mind as being one of the best at this up to its publish date in 1974 (my copy). What works for raising Wyandottes in the Northeast may not necessarily work for raising Araucana in Louisiana. Good record keeping is important.*

*Commercial breeders don't have the luxury of treating flock production as a 'spring thing' and year round production is necessary for them. For those of you that are interested in maintaining fertility and hatchability through the summer months some of these best practices are included here.*

## Spiking

"Bird fertility varies with age.

There is a natural relationship between bird behavior and physiology. As roosters age, they will gradually become less interested in mating and complete fewer matings, whereas the hen physiologically needs to be mated more often to sustain the same level of fertility. This presents the challenge of maintaining acceptable fertility in a 40+ week flock, as it continues to age.

"During the Production Phase, spiking programs may be implemented. There are three different types of spiking programs that can be incorporated into a breeder program, including the New Male Spiking, Intra Spiking and Back Spiking.

"The New Male Spiking method (probably most practical for our purebred/exhibition flocks) utilizes young males... As young males gain experience, typically taking anywhere from 4-6 weeks, their mating efficiency will also increase and eventually surpass the resident males. The optimum mating efficiency for spike males will occur around 9 weeks, post spiking.

"Many aspects must be considered and great attention is required for breeder management. Focusing on what is actually happening and why, and evaluating the elements that can be changed for the better, will help to greatly improve fertility and subsequent hatchability.

Dr. Keith Bramwell, <https://zootecnicainternational.com/featured/basic-suggestions-improve-breeder-management/>

## Heat Stress & Hens

"As temperatures and humidity levels increase in the summer, it is important to understand how heat stress can impact your laying hen flock. While heat stress is typically not severe enough to cause mortality in a flock, even minor heat stress will have a negative impact on the flock and the producer's bottom line.

### **Effects of Heat Stress**

"The effects of heat stress in laying hens include a decline in feed consumption, as well as a reduction in egg production, egg size, and shell quality. When this happens, consider increasing the protein level of the feed. This will ensure the hen is getting enough protein to support her dietary needs, egg production and egg size. Reconsider the texture of the feed for the hen, as a coarse textured feed will help increase consumption.

"The hen will pant to cool off and as she does this, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is lost from the blood. With reduced carbon dioxide levels in the blood, the blood pH rises. This change in the blood gas levels reduces the amount of calcium carried to the hen's uterus for shell formation. Boosting the level of calcium in the feed will not correct the shell quality issue, as it is caused by blood gas levels. Adding electrolytes to feed or water will also stimulate water intake and help balance blood electrolyte and gas levels.

### **Feed and Water Consumption**

The hens feed consumption is very important as the laying hens will not feel like eating through



the heat of the day (10 am-4 pm). To ensure she is eating enough to support her egg production, review how the feeding times are set up. A feeding added in the evening can also aid in increasing feed consumption at a cooler time in the barn. Water consumption is of particular importance during heat stress, as this helps cool the hen down. Ensure fresh, cool (60-65°F) water is available. Tracking the temperatures inside and outside of the barn is also a significant aid in managing the effects of heat stress.

"Ventilation also plays a key role for helping the birds through

high temperatures and humidity. Understanding how to manage feed, water and the barn environment will help alleviate the ill effects of heat stress, keeping your laying hens consuming the water and nutrients required to support egg production and quality during the hot, humid summer months.

Poultry Specialist: Kristen Thompson-Dow <https://www.canadianpoultrymag.com/managing-heat-stress-in-laying-hens-17462/>

**Key Points: Spiking:** Swap out some of those older cock birds for some new cockerels in June or July (maybe at night or on a cool day to avoid more heat stress to the birds). **Electrolytes & Feed:** Be sure your hens have clean fresh water at all times. Supply electrolytes in their water 2-3 times per week. Keep free choice top quality feed (18% protein works for my breeders) in front of them 24 hours per day.

Do all this and you should have nice hard shells on your eggs, plus high fertility and hatchability in your hatching eggs though out the summer months.

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## Sunnybrook Wyandottes

### ANNOUNCEMENT

I have declined to sell a single egg this spring from my White Wyandottes, but have hatched them all myself, and I have, therefore, a splendid lot of chicks, some of which I am intending to show this fall and winter, and others will be for sale.

I have sold my entire flock of Columbian Wyandottes and have substituted S. C. RHODE ISLAND REDS. My utility WHITE LEGHORNS are the best I have ever had.

This is my thirtieth consecutive year in breeding White Wyandottes and my twelfth year with White Leghorns.

CHARLES D. CLEVELAND, SUNNYBROOK FARM, Box 37, EATONTOWN, N. J.

# Ohio National Virtual Poultry Show Details Announced

*Release Date: September 11, 2020*

We are excited to announce the [2020 Ohio National Virtual Poultry Show](https://www.ohionational.org) – details are available on our website at [www.ohionational.org](https://www.ohionational.org) and [Facebook](#).

We hope you will enjoy participating in the [First Ohio National Virtual Poultry Show](#). This gives all of the great open & junior exhibitors a chance to experience this new way to compete. This show is open to the World!

The Ohio National expresses appreciation to all of our exhibitors, visitors and volunteers for their support. We would also like to thank our great sponsors and judges for contributing to the success of this show.

Tim Johnson, President  
[teipoultry@gmail.com](mailto:teipoultry@gmail.com)

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17**  
**ENTRY DEADLINE - NO LATE ENTRIES**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**  
**Class Champions will be announced**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15**  
**Champion of Show will be announced**

Announcements will be via Facebook & Ohio National Website at: <http://www.ohionational.org>

Show awards will be mailed the week after  
Champions are announced

## **RULES**

1. Anyone can enter – NO entry fee is required.
2. You may enter one (1) bird per breed per class. (Example: American-Rock) You may enter as many breeds that are in a class as you wish. For example, in American class you may enter one Plymouth Rock and one Rhode Island Red. Do NOT enter a cock, hen, cockerel, and pullet for each breed; just one bird per breed.
3. Use this link for the Open Show: <https://forms.gle/jfDR1vC9TRj3n7516>



Sample of awards that will be given.

4. Use this link for the Junior Show: <https://forms.gle/P3LLGgtLdMeEA58B9>
5. You MUST complete the entry form - add your name to the photos entered and submit the form. You will receive a confirmation email. In case you have a problem submitting your form please email [ohionationalvirtual@gmail.com](mailto:ohionationalvirtual@gmail.com)
6. Include with your entry two (2) photos of bird entered (one side view and one of any other part of the bird).
7. Photo should be: a) Horizontal and consistent with what is possible with a phone camera or better. b) Send as JPEG (most phones save the photos as JPEG). c) NO photo shopped or altered entries will be accepted
8. JUNIOR EXHIBITORS – you may enter the open show as well as the Junior Show. For entering the junior show - If you are under 18 years of age, you MUST complete the Junior entry form, including your date of birth along with your name, address, parent's phone number and parent's email address.
9. All entries will be judged by APA & ABA Standards.
10. The Ohio National reserves the right to use photos of birds entered.



**Open Show Questions** - contact Tim Johnson at [tejpoultry@gmail.com](mailto:tejpoultry@gmail.com) or Newt Long at [wnewtlong@gmail.com](mailto:wnewtlong@gmail.com)

**Junior Show Questions** - contact Tim & Mary Neviska at [blackstumpfarm@aol.com](mailto:blackstumpfarm@aol.com) or Clell Agler at [cagler@columbus.rr.com](mailto:cagler@columbus.rr.com)

### **OPEN SHOW JUDGES**

Jacob Bates - Mediterranean & Continental

Terry Britt - AOSB, All Other Feather Leg, Guineas

Jamie Carson - All Ducks

Mike Geis - AOCCL

Jeff Halbach - Geese & Turkeys

Brian Knox - All Rose Combs, except Wyandottes

Rick Hare - All Single Comb Clean Leg *except* Leghorns)

Troy LaRoche - Moderns, Asiatic (Large Fowl)

Danny Padgett - English

Bart Pals - American

Tom Roebuck - D'Uccle, Brahma Bantams, Cochin Bantams.

Gary Rossman - Wyandotte Bantams & Leghorn Bantams

Kyle Tripp - Old English

### **JUNIOR SHOW JUDGES**

Dan Castle - All Large Fowl, Guineas

Matt Lhamon - Rose Comb Clean Leg, AOCCL, & Old English

Jonathan Patterson - Single Comb Clean Leg & Feather Leg & Modern Game

Danny Padgett - Turkeys and Waterfowl

### **Open Show Awards**

Supreme Champion – Large silver tray.

#### Large Fowl

Champion Large Fowl – Wilbur Stauffer Award – Silver tray  
Reserve Champion Large Fowl – Silver tray. Champion American – Harry & Vi Halbach Award – Silver tray. Reserve Champion American – Rosette. Champion English – Rosette. Reserve Champion English – Rosette. Champion Asiatic – Rosette. Reserve Champion Asiatic – Rosette. Champion Mediterranean – Rosette. Reserve Champion Mediterranean – Rosette. Champion Continental – Rosette. Reserve Champion Continental – Rosette. Champion All Other Standard Breeds – Rosette. Reserve Champion All Other Standard Breeds – Rosette.

#### Bantams

Champion Bantam – Silver tray. Reserve Champion Bantam – Silver tray. Champion Single Comb Clean Leg – Rosette. Reserve Champion Single Comb Clean Leg – Rosette. Champion Rose Comb Clean Leg. Reserve Champion Rose Comb

Clean Leg – Rosette. Champion Feather Leg – Rosette. Reserve Champion Feather Leg – Rosette. Champion Old English – Rosette. Reserve Champion Old English – Rosette. Champion Modern Game – Rosette. Reserve Champion Modern Game – Rosette. Champion AOCCL – Rosette. Reserve Champion AOCCL – Rosette.

#### Ducks

Champion Duck – George Shreffler Award – Silver tray. Reserve Champion Duck – Silver tray. Champion Heavy Duck – Rosette. Reserve Champion Heavy Duck – Rosette. Champion Medium Duck – Rosette. Reserve Champion Medium Duck – Rosette. Champion Light Duck – Rosette. Reserve Champion Light Duck – Rosette. Champion Bantam Duck – Rosette. Reserve Champion Bantam Duck – Rosette.

#### Geese

Champion Goose – Silver tray. Reserve Champion Goose – Silver tray. Champion Heavy Goose – Rosette. Reserve Champion Heavy Goose – Rosette. Champion Medium Goose – Rosette. Reserve Champion Medium Goose – Rosette. Champion Light Goose – Rosette. Reserve Champion Light Goose – Rosette. Champion Turkey – Silver tray. Reserve Champion Turkey – Silver tray. Champion Guinea – Rosette. Reserve Champion Guinea – Rosette.

### **Junior Show Champion**

Mike & Janet Miller Award – Large silver tray.

#### Large Fowl

Champion Large Fowl – Silver tray. Reserve Champion Large Fowl – Silver tray. Champion American – Rosette. Reserve Champion American – Rosette. Champion English – Rosette. Reserve Champion English – Rosette. Champion Asiatic – Rosette. Reserve Champion Asiatic – Rosette. Champion Mediterranean – Rosette. Reserve Champion Mediterranean – Rosette. Champion Continental – Rosette. Reserve Champion Continental – Rosette. Champion All Other Standard Breeds – Rosette. Reserve Champion All Other Standard Breeds – Rosette.

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## South Dakota Poultry Fancier's Association

South Dakota State Fair

September 4-5, 2020

Huron, South Dakota

APA & ABA Sanctioned

Show photos and results  
submitted by Laura Elwood



*Reserve Show Champion: Bantam Rhode Island Red cockerel exhibited by Reynold Loecker.*



*Show Champion: Bantam Black Cochon pullet exhibited by Brianna Dale.*



*Reserve Champion Duck: Silver Appleyard hen exhibited by Laura Elwood.*



*Champion Large Fowl: White Wyandotte hen exhibited by Robert Rennolet.*





*Champion Waterfowl: Pekin young drake exhibited by Brett Kreifels.*



*Reserve Champion Waterfowl: Tufted Roman old goose exhibited by Brett Kriefels.*



*Reserve Champion Large Fowl: Speckled Sussex hen exhibited by Art Reiber.*







### **ALL SHOWS:**

Large Fowl, Bantams, Waterfowl, Geese and Turkeys  
Open and Junior Divisions  
Sanctioned with the APA, ABA, NAWA and ALFA



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# **2020 POULTRY SHOW LINEUP**

*Feb. 1, 2020*

CVPC State Championship  
Norman, OK

Large Fowl, Bantams, Waterfowl, Geese, ALFA State Championships and Serama Show. Open and Junior Divisions. Showmanship, Junior Contests and much more. APA, ABA, NAWA and SCNA Serama Sanctioned shows.

*June 6, 2020*

Canadian Valley Junior Prospect Show, Norman, OK  
and Junior Large Fowl and Bantam Show along with Open ALFA show.

*Nov. 7, 2020*

**MEGA SHOW, Norman, OK**

Open & Junior Large Fowl, Bantams, Turkeys, Waterfowl, Geese, ALFA Show and SCNA Sanctioned Serama Show. Huge awards and premiums. NAWA North American Waterfowl Association Grand Nationals, Showmanship and Junior Events. 2nd Annual Breeder's Cup Show Bird Invitational Auction.

*Nov. 28, 2020*

**Heart of America Mini MEGA Show, Hutchinson, KS**

Large Fowl and Bantam and Open & Junior Divisions for Large Fowl, Bantams, Waterfowl, Geese, Turkeys and Guineas. APA, ABA, ALFA and NAWA Sanctioned.

*Dec. 12, 2020*

**CVJPC Open and Junior Show, Norman, OK**

Large Fowl, Bantams, Waterfowl, Geese and Serama show.



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