



JUDGING COMMERCIAL/PRODUCTION CLASSES

AT MOST 4-H COUNTY FAIRS, STATE FAIR SHOWS and INDIVIDUAL LOCAL 4-H SHOWS.

A 4-H production show is judged utilizing the *Danish System* of judging commercial/production birds as follows utilizing this system when a judge is looking at quality egg layers and/or meat producers.

1st – 2nd place

Superior (100% to 92%)

Blue Ribbon

(These birds are in *top condition* and have met the criteria as productive layers, such as; a good large abdominal capacity, pigmentation loss is fully visible on vent, eye ring, ear lobe, beak, bottom of feet and shanks, they are young, laying, healthy, alert, clean and disease free, parasite free)

3rd – 5th place

Good (91% to 84%)

Red Ribbon

(These birds have not developed as large abdominal structure as the superior bird, may not be in full laying capacity at this point (pigment loss is not complete) but shows signs of full development and have may have been laying a much shorter period of time than the Superior bird). These birds have a real potential to be Superior.

6th - 10th place

Average (83% to 70%)

White Ribbon

(Although these birds are laying, they are not in full production at the time of judging, less bleaching than the good or superior bird; their abdominal capacity is not quite fully developed). They may be deemed as a slow developing bird with the potential in a few weeks of more development to be deemed "Good" or even "Superior".

All others

Poor (69% and less)

No Ribbon

(These birds are in poor condition, have lice or mites or might show signs of illness, inappropriate care, inappropriate size, under developed, show signs of health issues and may have a parasite infestation, they have not been laying long enough to develop a stronger abdominal capacity and there is little pigmentation loss).

Poultry that are judged as disqualified or if coop tags are left unmarked out of courtesy to the exhibitors should receive no ribbons. The judge's decision is final.

Note: If a show has designated that all exhibitors should receive a ribbon..... only a participation ribbon or certificate should be awarded to birds judged in the Poor category. These exhibitors need to be better prepared to show and understand the steps to gain success in exhibiting.