

## YOUTH EXHIBITION POULTRY ASSOCIATION FLOCK TENDER



**POINTS NEEDED:**     Activities 140 Point  
                              Competition 60 Points  
                              Education 100 Points

**AGE:** You must be over the age of 12 to be tested for this level.

### RECORD BOOK – MANDATORY

To achieve this level, a young person should have accomplished an apprenticeship period in the coop tender level, which he participated in, but was not necessarily fully responsible for, the exhibition and maintenance of *a number of birds*. He should be able to demonstrate an understanding of the basic principles of selecting, caring for, breed, and raising poultry. He should be aware of the fundamentals involved in evaluating poultry for exhibition and/or production purposes. He should be continuing to take part in shows, be able to coop his birds in without help and be involved in other poultry activities. Special emphasis should be given to activities, which are educational for the young person and/or others, and to community-related activities. With due allowance made for the young person's age, and the opportunities available to him, he should be encouraged in those activities which demonstrate imagination, individual initiative, and the development of his own special talents.

At this level the student should include explaining various faults and defects (especially in his own flock), identifying some other breeds, classes and types of poultry outside his own specialty. He should be able to identify some illness, identify a sick bird and care for this illness. He should have some experience setting up selective breed pens, incubating and brooding chicks.

As a part of the APA and ABA he should be aware of the names of the presidents of these associations.

Below are some ideas for activities and the possible points for each one, depending on the complexity and thoroughness of the activity.

**Suggested ACTIVITIES for Flock Tender Level:**

1. Take birds to nursing home, grade school or daycare.....20 points
2. Do a **YEPA** poultry display for the fair – help decorate the barn.....10 points
3. Make a quilt or raffle item...give 50% of the proceeds to a YEPA.....30 points
4. Poultry recipes – cook several meals for the family writing recipes in a booklet...  
Verify with photo's.....10–20points
5. Help a friend or breeder repair a coop.....20 points
6. Help a friend or breeder in need by helping them clean, feed, water, etc.....10 points
7. Chicken sit for a family while they are on vacation.....20 points
8. Help set up or tear down a show.....15 points
9. Create a flyer or poster advertising a show.....10 points
10. Participate in contests on the local level or in the Poultry Press.....10 points
11. Participate in showmanship.....1 point
12. Create a game or craft to be published in the YEPA newsletter or put on the youth club web site...  
20 points
13. Make a quiz game (photos of birds heads or entire birds, name the breed..... 10–20 points
14. Demonstration at local or State level on poultry. 20 points
15. Contact your local Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Lions Club, etc. and put on a demonstration  
of raising poultry for show and explaining our YEPA program.....30 points
16. Help during blood testing.....10 points
17. Set up a station at a show for weighing youth birds for fun or applying leg bands.....20 points.
18. Help another exhibitor check birds in at a show .....10 points
19. Help another exhibitor coop their birds out.....10 points
20. Tour a slaughter house or egg plant.....20 points
21. Raise a turkey or broiler to give away to the Salvation Army or other shelter.....20 points
22. Make a flock plan. What will you raise, what will you sell, where do you want to be with your flock  
in 2 years. Write your plan down and your reasons. Keep a financial report of expenditures or  
income..... 20 points
23. Describe the characteristics of your breed. Describe the perfect bird. Now how do you get there  
from where your birds are.....10–20 points
24. Interview a breeder of your species. Ask him to help mentor you.....10–15 points
25. If you have waterfowl or chickens, purchase a pair of waterfowl or chickens. Learn about this new  
breed, keeping a record. This will help you if you desire to become a judge someday.....20 points
26. Make an inventory of your equipment. Include the price it would cost to replace.....10 points
27. Write a childrens fiction story about poultry...include photos or drawings.....10–20 points
28. Learn the external parts of a turkey, goose, duck, chick (draw your own diagram and label  
parts)..... 10 points
29. Raise birds or eggs to sell. Keep a financial record of all the cost.....20 points
30. Take a new person just getting into poultry under your wing and help them through the process of  
caring for a bird, filling out an entry form, help him prepare for showmanship, teach him how to get  
his birds ready to show. Write about your experience..... 20 points

31. Help your state leader work at a table set up at the show for you're your group handing out information or answering questions OR set up a YEPA table on your own. Items for the table are available from our main office..... (4 hours – 20 points..... all day 40 points)

Competition: Counting competition points – Junior Show

- 1 point for each bird entered that doesn't get disqualified
- 2 points for placing 1st through 5th
- 2 points for Best Variety or Reserve Variety
- 3 points for Best of Breed or Reserve Breed
- 4 points for Class Champion (Best of Class)
- 4 points for Reserve Class Champion (Reserve of Class)
- 5 points for Best Bantam or Reserve Bantam of Show
- 5 points for Best Large Fowl or Reserve Large fowl of Show
- 5 points for Best Waterfowl or Turkey of Show
- 5 points for Reserve Waterfowl or Turkey of Show

Note: If you enter the Open Show then points for 4 and 5 are doubled.

Education:

Much of the work you do during your activity section of the program is educational. Therefore, when your record book is graded the more thorough you are the more we will be able to see how work you have done. We may wish to hold an interview with you while we check your book. Much of the education data you have learned will be obtained during your level achievement test. Also, many of the questions you are asked during a showmanship class will help you know if you are lacking knowledge in area's that should be known at your level, this will help you follow up and be prepared for next time. Below are some suggestions of what you should learn as you go along in this part of the program.

Know your breed class and varieties.

Incubate and brood chicks and be able to discuss how you did it.

Be able to describe how you set up breed pens and why you chose the birds to mate that you put in the breed pens. What were the results of this breeding?

Learn about the NPIP program.

Know some specific diseases of poultry and how to treat them medically.

Learn a bit about other types of poultry. If you show chickens, learn some things about turkeys and waterfowl.

Interview a judge and discuss how they judge certain poultry.

Learn some of the internal parts of a laying hen.

Be able to describe how you treat your fowl for lice & mites. Tell why you use a certain treatment, the pros and cons of this treatment.

Be able to describe a worming method, what you use and how you do it.

Showmanship

**Note:** You are welcome to check with your leader or the main office on occasion to be sure you are on the right track for this section of the program.

It is recommended that you spend approximately two years preparing for this level test. You must pass with an 75% grade when you are tested.

Testing will be scheduled either through your Youth Leader or the National Office at your request, so contact them when you are ready to schedule.

Your record book must be completed and graded before testing.

Remember, you have plenty of time so enjoy this special time with your animals and take good care of them. They depend on you.