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## SHOW RESULTS

### LITTLE ROCK, AR SPRING FAIR SHOW MAY 1, 2010

Story and photos by Ann Charles

The Second Annual Arkansas Spring Fair Show was held on May 1st at Little Rock, Arkansas at the state fairgrounds. After cooping in our birds the night before many of us spent a good part of the evening watching the local news which tracked numerous severe storms across the area. The tornado warning sirens were frequent and loud on the west side of Little Rock where we stayed. Thankfully, the next morning the show barn was still standing and our birds were none the worse for wear.

The show started bright and early with Kirk Keene from Missouri doing the judging. He did a great job and was very popular with the exhibitors, especially the Juniors who took away most of the top awards. With \$800 added in premium money from Heritage Poultry Conservancy, our Spring Fair Show drew some really good birds from the surrounding states.

The local Juniors have some excellent birds and Will Bryles of Ward, Arkansas, took home top honors (Will also won the Junior Showmanship) with his Bantam Black Cochin cock, and received the \$250 guaranteed prize money put up for Overall Grand Champion Bird of the show. Close on his heels was Chyna Shaw's gorgeous little Bantam RIR cock who was Reserve Show Champion. She picked up a check for \$150 for that single win alone. Chyna is from Greenbrier, Arkansas.

One of my personal favorites of the show was an excellent Black Australorp

cock shown by Cody Bauer, of Gainesville, Missouri who's bird looked like he stepped right out of the Standard of Perfection. Cody's Australorp was Reserve Champion Junior bird overall, and was Champion Large Fowl in the Open competition.

I have to admit I didn't know the first thing about Cochins before the May show and I want to thank Jerry Carter (who *does* know Cochins) for explaining some of the finer points of the breed to me. Jerry had Will's bird as being Show Champion before the judging even got started that morning. Will's black Cochin was just that good on show day!

The Heritage Poultry Conservancy certainly did not overlook the non-chicken poultry with their generosity. David Moore, of Moore Farms in Waldron Arkansas took home \$100 in prize money for his Grand Champion Waterfowl, a White Muscovy Duck, old drake. And Dodge Cowart, Amity, Arkansas, earned the reserve money of \$50 for Reserve Champion Waterfowl with his Snowy Call Duck drake.

I was fortunate enough to pick up a check for \$150 from the same pool of awards with my Grand Champion Turkey, a Bourbon Red hen, and also the Reserve Champion Turkey, a Bourbon Red Tom.

Since at this writing the state fairboard has not yet determined the pay outs for the rest of the exhibitors we still do not know how much anyone has earned for the regular show premiums. But, it may end up being a very profitable show for some of the exhibitors when all is totaled



Grand Champion Bird in Show was a Black Cochin bantam cock by Will Bryles. The Heritage Poultry Conservancy awarded \$250 to the Grand Champion Bird in Show.



Reserve Grand Champion Bird of the show (and Reserve Champion Bantam) was a SC Rhode Island Red Bantam cock by Chyna Shaw. The Heritage Poultry Conservancy awarded \$150

up. One good thing about fair shows is that the premium money usually does help to defray expenses a bit down the line.

Thanks should also go out to Keith Bramwell, of Arkansas State University, Poultry Science Division, for keeping things moving and organized at the show and also for filing the show reports with APA and ABA. I volunteered to get this article in to the Poultry Press about half way through the show and I did not have the time to get as many pictures as I would like to have done. I am just hoping I got all of the information correct with no major errors. For any mistakes made, I apologize ahead of time

I have heard through the grapevine that Heritage Poultry Conservancy will be donating some big cash prizes at the APA National in Shawnee this December. If you would like to know more about what they are up to give their website a visit at <http://www.heritagepoultry.org>. Speaking for myself, and I am sure the rest of the exhibitors also, the HPC's support is truly appreciated! Now for the show results.

And last but not least, a big thank you to the Arkansas State Fair Board for another great opportunity to showcase our poultry.

### JUNIOR SHOW

In the Junior Bantams, the Champion Modern Game was a Black Breasted Red cock by Will Bryles, and the Reserve Champion Modern Game was a Birchen hen by Will Bryles.

The Champion Old English Game was a Blue cockerel by Elizabeth Mosely, and the Reserve Champion Old English Game was a Black pullet by Elizabeth Mosely. The Champion OEG Trio was a Old English Game BB Red young trio by Elizabeth Mosely.

The Champion SCCL was a Rhode Island Red pullet by Kaitlin Robinson, and the Reserve Champion SCCL was a White Plymouth Rock cock by Kalee Cowart.

The Champion RCCL was a Partridge Wyandotte hen by Kaitlin Robinson, and the Reserve Champion RCCL was a Silver Sebright cock by Hannah Reed. The

Champion RCCL trio was a Black Rosecomb Young trio by Elizabeth Mosely.

The Champion AOCCL was a Buck-eye cock by Jacob Hall, and the Reserve Champion AOCCL was a White Crested Black Polish pullet by Hannah Reed.

Champion Feather Leg was a Black Cochinchina cock by Will Bryles, and the Reserve Champion Feather Leg was a Blue Cochinchina cock by Will Bryles. The Champion Feather Leg trio was a Black Cochinchina Old trio by Will Bryles.

Junior Champion Bantam was a Black Cochinchina cock by Will Bryles, and the Reserve Champion Junior Bantam was a Blue Old English Game cockerel by Elizabeth Mosely. The Champion Junior Bantam Trio was a Black Cochinchina old trio by Will Bryles, and the Reserve Champion Junior Bantam Trio was a Black Rosecomb young trio by Elizabeth Mosely.

In the Junior Large Fowl, the Champion American was a SC Rhode Island Red cockerel by Kalee Gafford, and the Reserve Champion American was a Dominique cockerel by Kalee Gafford.

The Champion Asiatic was a Light Brahma hen by Kaitlin Robinson, and the Reserve Champion Asiatic was a Light Brahma pullet by Kaitlin Robinson.

The Champion English was a Black Australorp cock by Kody Bauer, and the Reserve Champion English was a Buff Orpington cockerel by Kalee Gafford.

The Champion Continental was a La Fleche hen by Kaitlin Robinson, and the Reserve Champion Continental was a White Crested Black Polish hen by Dodge Cowart.

The Champion Mediterranean was a RC Black Minorca pullet by Joe Terry, and the Reserve Champion Mediterranean was a SC Black Minorca cockerel Caleb Christesen.

The Champion AOSB was a Silver Phoenix hen by Elizabeth Mosely, and the Reserve Champion AOSB was a Black Sumatra hen by Kaitlin Robinson.

The Junior Champion Large Chicken was a Black Australorp cock by Kody Bauer, and the Reserve Junior Champion Large Chicken was a RC Black Minorca pullet by Joe Terry.

Junior Grand Champion Trio in Show was a Black Cochinchina Bantam old trio by Will Bryles, and the Reserve Grand Champion Trio in Show was a Black

Rosecomb young trio by Elizabeth Mosely.

Junior Grand Champion Bird in Show was a Black Cochin Bantam cock by Will Bryles, and the Junior Reserve Grand Champion Bird of the show was a Black Australorp cock by Kody Bauer.

### **OPEN SHOW**

The Grand Champion Waterfowl was a White Muscovy Duck, old drake, by Moore Farms, and the Reserve Grand Champion Waterfowl was a Snowy Call Duck, a drake, by Dodge Cowart.

The Grand Champion Turkey was a Bourbon Red Hen by Ann Charles (SkyBlueEgg), and the Reserve Champion Turkey was a Bourbon Red Tom by Ann Charles (SkyBlueEgg).

In the Open Large Fowl, the Champion American was a SC Rhode Island Red cockerel by Kalee Gafford, and the Reserve Champion American was a Dominique cockerel by Kalee Gafford.

The Champion Asiatic was a Light Brahma hen by Kaitlin Robinson, and the Reserve Champion Asiatic was a Light Brahma pullet by Kaitlin Robinson.

The Champion English was a Black Australorp cock by Kody Bauer, and the Reserve Champion English was a Buff Orpington cockerel by Kalee Gafford.

The Champion Continental was a La Fleche hen by Kaitlin Robinson, and the Reserve Champion Continental was a White Crested Black Polish hen by Dodge Cowart.

The Champion Mediterranean was a RC Black Minorca pullet by Joe Terry, and the Reserve Champion Mediterranean was a SC Black Minorca cockerel by Caleb Christesen.

The Champion AOSB was a Black Araucana pullet by Ann Charles (SkyBlueEgg), and the Reserve Champion AOSB was a White Araucana pullet by Ann Charles (SkyBlueEgg).

The Champion Large Chicken (and Champion Large Fowl) of the show was a Black Australorp cock by Kody Bauer. The Reserve Champion Large Chicken was a RC Black Minorca pullet by Joe Terry.

In the Open Bantams the Champion Modern Game was a Black Breasted Red cock by Will Bryles, and the Reserve Champion Modern Game was a Birchen hen by Will Bryles.

The Champion Old English Game was a BB Red Hen by Chyna Shaw, Green-

brier, Arkansas, and the Reserve Champion Old English Game was a BB Red cockerel by Robert Finch.

The Champion SCCL was a Rhode Island Red cock by Chyna Shaw, and the Reserve Champion SCCL was a Rhode Island Red cockerel by Chyna Shaw. The Champion SCCL Trio was a young trio of Light Brown Leghorns by Jerry Carter.

Champion RCCL was a White Wyandotte cockerel by Jerry Carter and Reserve Champion RCCL was a Partridge Wyandotte hen by Kaitlin Robinson. Champion RCCL Trio was a White Wyandotte young trio by Jerry Carter.

Champion AOCCL was a White Araucana pullet by Ann Charles (SkyBlueEgg), and Reserve Champion AOCCL was a White Araucana cockerel by Ann Charles (SkyBlueEgg).

Champion Feather Leg was a Black Cochin cock by Will Bryles and Reserve Champion Feather Leg was a Buff Brahma pullet by Chyna Shaw. Champion Feather Leg Trio was a Black

Cochin old trio, by Will Bryles.

Champion Bantam Duck was a Snowy Call drake by Dodge Cowart and Reserve Champion Bantam Duck was a White Call drake by Addie Bryles.

The Grand Champion Trio of the show (and Champion Bantam Trio) were an old trio of Black Cochin Bantams by Will Bryles. Reserve Grand Champion Trio (and Reserve Champion Bantam Trio) of the show were a young trio of White Wyandotte Bantams by Jerry Carter.

The Super Grand Champion Bird of the show (and Champion Bantam) was a Black Cochin Bantam cock by Will Bryles.

Reserve Grand Champion Bird of the show (and Reserve Champion Bantam) was a SC Rhode Island Red Bantam cock by Chyna Shaw



The Grand Champion Turkey was a Bourbon Red Hen by Ann Charles (SkyBlueEgg). The Heritage Poultry Conservancy awarded \$100 to the Grand Champion Turkey in Show.

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## Upcoming APA & ABA Shows

(Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas)

### SEPTEMBER 2010

**September 4, 2010**

#### La Grange, Texas

Fayette County Fair Poultry Show, Contact: Danny Hughes, (979) 758-3471. Mail entries to: Fayette County Fair Breeding Poultry Show, PO Box 251, Garwood, TX 77442. Judge: Monty Fitzgerald. Website: <http://www.fayettedcountyfair.org/livestock/>

**September 11, 2010**

#### Hutchison, Kansas

Kansas State Fair Poultry Show. Large Fowl, Bantams, Turkeys, Ducks, and geese. Judges: Tracy Hill, Amarillo, TX - Robert Chapman, Azle, TX. Contact: Aviary Superintendent: Ron Wilson, Salina, KS 785-822-0707. Website: <http://www.kansasstatefair.com>.

**September 11, 2010**

#### Abilene, Texas

West Texas State Fair, Taylor County Expo Center. Judge: Steve Jones. Contact David Bell, 1700 Hwy. 36, Abilene, Texas 79602. Phone: 325-677-4376 Fax: 325-677-0709(915) 823-5925. Website: <http://www.taylorcountyexpocenter.com>

**September 18, 2010**

#### Amarillo, Texas

Tri-State Fair, ABA STATE MEET, TAEPC National Meet. Judge: Steve Jones. Mail entries to: Tri-State Fair, 3301 E 10th St. Amarillo, TX 79104 or call Tracy Hill, at 806-622-2488 or 806-

220-6837. Website: <http://www.tristatefair.com/fair/index.html>

**September 18, 2010**

#### Midland, Texas

Permian Basin Fair Show. Contact: Jerry Wiley, PO Box 212, Gardendale, TX 79758, Phone: 432-366-3026. Website: <http://www.permianbasinfair.com/>

**September 25, 2010**

#### Decatur, Texas

Red River Bantam Club, Secretary: Monty Fitzgerald, 1713 CR 4280, Decatur Texas 76234, email: [mfitzgerald@mypbmail.com](mailto:mfitzgerald@mypbmail.com) Judges: Andy Barnes, and Jim Crain

**September 30, 2010**

#### Pine Bluff, Arkansas

The 21st Annual SouthEast Arkansas District Fair Poultry Show. Entry deadline: postmarked mail no later than Wednesday, September 22. (This also includes emailed entries). Judge: Jim Crain, LA. 2010 APA STATE MEET. Contact: Lewis Hinkle, 420 NBlake, Pine Bluff, AR 71601. Phone: 870-543-0198 email: [tootie9901@yahoo.com](mailto:tootie9901@yahoo.com)

### OCTOBER 2010

**October 1-3, 2010**

#### Tulsa, Oklahoma

Oil Capital Stakes Poultry Show. Judges: Clell Agler, OH, Jamie Carson, NB, Canada, and Jeff Halbach, Burlington, WI. Late entries accepted until September 17th. Contact: Terry Britt, (405) 739-1726, ext.128. Website: <http://www.tulsastatefair.com>.

**October 9-10, 2010**

#### Dallas, Texas

State Fair of Texas, Standard and bantam Poultry Show. For open poultry show information and forms contact: Sam Brush, Associate Superintendent, 1009 Hillview, Dr., Keller, TX 76248, phone: 817-379-6475. Email: [SLBrush@verizon.net](mailto:SLBrush@verizon.net). Website: <http://www.bigtex.com>.

**October 15, 2010**

#### Little Rock, Arkansas

Arkansas State Fair and Livestock Show. Judge: Matt Lhamon, OH & Sam Brush, TX. Entry Deadline: September 17th. Contact: Arkansas State Fair and Livestock Show, 2600 Howard St., Little

Rock, AR 72006, Ph: 501-372-8341, Fax: 501-372-4197. Email: [allison@asfg.net](mailto:allison@asfg.net), website: <http://www.arkansasstatefair.com/>

**October 16, 2010**

#### Newcastle, Oklahoma

Newcastle Poultry Association 9th Annual Fall Show. Judges: Frank Joseph (NM), and Donna LeChey (CO). Contact: Scott Kincaid, 1132 Cnty St 2967, Blanchard, OK 73010, Phone: 405-413-3494

**October 16, 2010**

#### Sedalia, Missouri

Missouri State Poultry Federation Show and Swap meet. Double Sanctioned (one day show). Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, Missouri. Judges: Steve Jones, Larry Denny, Scott Adams and Troy Jones. Catalog Information: Bernita Miller, 300 North Franklin, Windsor, Missouri 65360, phone: (660) 647-2474, email: [bmiller@iland.net](mailto:bmiller@iland.net). Website:

**October 30, 2010**

#### Abilene, Texas

Abilene Poultry Association Fall Show, ABA District Meet. West Texas Fairgrounds Expo Bldg., Judge: Steve Jones. Contact: Bonnie Campbell, 325-529-6064

### NOVEMBER 2010

**November 6, 2010**

#### Fayetteville, Arkansas

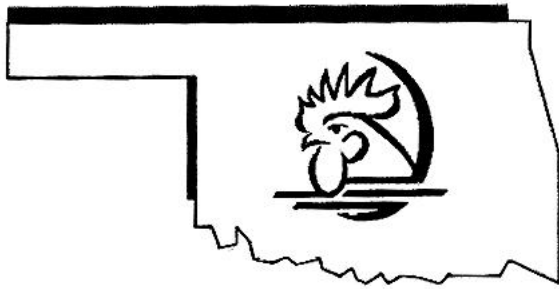
Washington County Fairgrounds. Heart of the Ozarks Poultry Association 2nd Annual Show. 2010 DISTRICT MEET. DOUBLE SHOW. Judges: Sam Brush, TX - Steve Jones, TX - Monty Fitzgerald, TX. Contact: Jacob Bates, President (479) 965-5222 or Email: [jakeab42@hotmail.com](mailto:jakeab42@hotmail.com), Website: <http://www.HOTOPA.com>

**November 20, 2010**

#### Haynesville, Louisiana

Pelican State Classic, (North Central Louisiana) Judges: Terry Britt and Danny Padgett. Juniors show in both Open and Junior Shows. Contact: Jim Crain, 1520 Fincher Creek, Minden, LA 71055, email: [jcrain@chilitech.com](mailto:jcrain@chilitech.com), phone: (318) 927-2795.

**November 20, 2010**



# The 94th Annual Oklahoma State Poultry Show

## **Hosting the APA Annual Show**

Entries close November 15, 2010

Judges: Tracy Hill (TX), Rick Hare (NY), Troy Laroche (ONT), Jamie Matts (NY),  
Dave Anderson (CA), Daniel Fry-Shaw (CA), Jim Sallee (CA), Erik Kutch (CA),  
Junior Show Judges: Pat Malone (TX), Butch Gunderson (WI)

Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center, 177 and Independence Avenue, Shawnee, OK, (405) 830-4338

For additional information and catalogues please visit:  
<http://www.amerpoultryassn.com/> or <http://apa-arkansas.com/>

For catalogue request please contact:  
Steve Jones, OSPF Recording Show Secretary  
P.O. Box 741146, Dallas, Texas 75243 email: [ghia4me@sprynet.com](mailto:ghia4me@sprynet.com)

### **Hutchinson, Kansas**

'Heart of America' Kansas Classic Fall Show. One day double show, Kansas State Fairgrounds. Judges: Doug Connally (TX), Tim Bowles (OH), Dennis Thompson (IA), and Monty Fitzgerald (TX). For information call or write: Geroge Robbins, 15304 k16 Hwy, Oskaloosa, KS 66066, phone: 785-863-2184, email: [gerobbins@embarqmail.com](mailto:gerobbins@embarqmail.com)

### **November 27, 2010**

**Cement, Oklahoma**, South Central Poultry Club, ABA Speical Meet, Double Show. Contact: Mathew Glass, email: [mrglassmaker@yahoo.com](mailto:mrglassmaker@yahoo.com), phone: (405) 320-3817.

### **DECEMBER 2010**

#### **December 11-12, 2010 Shawnee, Oklahoma.**

Oklahoma State Poultry Federation 94th Annual Show. 2010 APA National, 2010 Araucana National Judges: Tracy Hill, TX - Rick Hare, NY - Troy LaRoche, Canada - Jamie Matts, NY - Dave Anderson, CA - Daniel Fry-Shaw, CA - Jim Sallee, CA - Erik Kutch, CA - Pat Malone (Junior Judge), TX - Butch Gunderson (Junior Judge), WI. Contact: Steve Jones, 9677 Butler Lane, Poetry, Texas 75160. Email: [ghia4me@sprynet.com](mailto:ghia4me@sprynet.com)

### **January 22-23, 2011**

**Fort Worth, Texas.** Fort Worth Stock Show. Judegs: Paul Kroll, John Monaco. Website: <http://www.fwssr.com/>

### **APRIL 2011**

#### **April 17-18, 2011**

#### **Stevenson, Washington**

APA Semi- Annual, sponsored by the Pacific North West Poultry Association, Contact: Bob Anderson, phone: 503-889-6819.

### **AUGUST 2011**

#### **August 11-21, 2011**

**Sedalia, Missouri**, Missouri State Fair <http://www.mostatefair.com/>.

### **OCTOBER 2011**

#### **OCTOBER 28-30, 2011**

#### **Indianapolis, Indiana**

Crossroads II Show. 2011 APA National & 2011 ABA National. Contact: David Wulff, Email: [info@PoultryPress.com](mailto:info@PoultryPress.com)

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### **JANUARY 2011**

#### **January 8, 2011**

**Bluebonnet Classic.** Judges: Charles mahoney, Marty McGuire, David Johnson, James Cooper.

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### *The Mailbox*

Thank you so much for the article. That was a once in a lifetime show for Will and he was old enough to appreciate that. He came down the hill (to the goat show) with the biggest grin on his face, saying "I can't believe I beat Mr. Bob! Bob Rhodes has been our mentor and got Will started. Will also said that even if he didn't win anything else the rest of the day it was a great, great day.

Thanks and see you soon,  
Anne (Bryles)

## Websites

American Poultry Association  
<http://www.amerpoultryassn.com/>

American Bantam Association  
<http://www.bantamclub.com>

APA - Arkansas  
<http://apa-arkansas.com/>

APA ABA Youth Program  
<http://www.apa-abayouthpoultryclub.org/>

National Call Breeders of  
America  
<http://www.callducks.org/>

Heart Of The Ozarks Poultry  
Association (HOTOPA)  
<http://www.hotopa.com/>

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For more information feel free to contact my by email:  
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# Conditioning From The Start

By Steve Jones

When you start to talk about conditioning of chickens you could probably write a novel on the subject. If you are interested in exhibition poultry you soon realize that conditioning is a contributing factor to success. Type and color of birds are main points to focus on in breeding towards the ideal bird. The way I describe condition it is like the icing on the cake. In close competition at some shows the conditioning and final polish could be the factors that make you or break you.

When you get down to it conditioning can start as early as day one. To get birds off to a right start they need proper nutrition, clean water and space required to get them started in the right direction. Vitamins and Electrolytes in the water from the time they are taken out of the hatcher until they are out of the brooders are greatly beneficial. Most commercial starters will have all the basic needs sufficient to get birds growing. After they are starting to get off starter feed you can start adding extra 'goodies' in their feed to give them a great nutritional advantage. I have my feed custom mixed and some of the extra supplements are added. I have a special probiotic pack added to my custom feed which greatly helps digestion and stimulates their immune system. With greater health and vitality the growing birds never get slowed down due to illness.

Adequate space for growing and conditioning is extremely important. You have to be very diligent about culling as early as possible for the betterment of the flock. I begin color culling as early as when chicks are drying in the hatcher. Some breeds are easier than others to cull early and some take a longer time to get a true evaluation of the adult color. Growing birds need plenty of space in the brooder and beyond to prevent boredom, picking and bullying. Once the birds start to mature you can make a better evaluation on potential show birds and start individual penning of especially males.

Feather quality can be a big part of conditioning. It might surprise you but as

a judge you can pick up birds and actually feel differences in feather quality. With all the proper nutrition and care for feather quality it is useless unless you have a good program for parasites. Nothing can destroy the overall condition quicker than lice or mites that have gone out of control. Some breeds are worse than others for getting external parasites. Diligence is essential and an extremely important part of good conditioning.

Besides adequate space for growing it is important that birds are able to stay clean. Birds need to be relatively clean before you bath them to show. With white birds it is extremely important that they live in clean conditions to prevent staining of feathers. There is no amount of detergent or bluing that will totally eliminate stains from a badly stained white bird. Deep, clean shavings go a long way to keep birds clean that you intend on showing.

The final 'polish' you put on a bird just before you show it can also help. It is just little things like clipping beaks and

long toe nails that get noticed in the show hall. Most exhibitors know about using oil of some sort to improve the looks of dried wattles and combs. You just don't want to over do it because if the oil gets on the feathers it can cause staining later on. A good conditioned bird with very good feather quality needs little to improve the appearance of the feathers. All too often some exhibitors will actually do more harm than good adding too many 'products' to the feathers of a bird just before a show and can either lessen or even damage the quality of a birds feathers.

Again, conditioning of birds is just a part of how birds are evaluated in the show hall but it can be the icing on the cake that gives you a competitive advantage in close competition. Good condition can start from day one. There is no amount of products and additives that will make a poorly conditioned bird look better at the day of the show. Get them off to a good start and keep them going.



Steve Jones judging large fowl at the Big Bird Classic, April 17th, 2010, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Drexel Jordan is clerking.

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## Missouri State Fair Poultry Show

Preliminary Results

Sedalia, Missouri ~ 8/12/2010

From the website at: <http://>

[www.mostatefair.com/itsdmda/results.php](http://www.mostatefair.com/itsdmda/results.php)

~ GRAND CHAMPION CHICKEN, BLACK JERSEY GIANT, BS FARMS / WADE BURKHALTER, SEDALIA, MO. RES. CHAMPION, SINGLE COMB WHITE LEGHORN, JESSE LYONS, COLUMBIA, MO.

~ GRAND CHAMPION BANTAM BLACK BREASTED RED OEG, by JC HICKS, BRIGHTTON, MO. RES. CHAMP, BLACK COCHIN BERNITA MILLER, WINDSOR, MO

~ CHAMPION TURKEY, ROYAL PALM BY THUNDER ROSE FARM / MIKE TARVIN, BUTLER, MO. RES. CHAMPION, BRONZE BY GILLISPIES OF PAYDOWN / GENE GILLISPIE, VIENNA, MO

~ CHAMPION WATERFOWL, CHAMPION, WHITE CALL BY BS FARMS / WADE BURKHALTER, WADE, SEDALIA, MO. RESERVE CHAMPION, GRAY CALL, PHOEBE HICKS, BRIGHTON, MO.