



NEW - Leg-band Protocols for DCYLS Poultry

Banding Procedures:

- Participants will receive weighed chicks/poults/keets with a numbered band in place and both youth and parent will sign a document acknowledging the poultry rules including the leg banding procedures.
- Only Poultry Advisory Representatives may take off old and put on new bands and will travel to complete band changes.
- All scheduled band changes for each class will happen within 5 days of each other.
- If a band becomes too tight and must be changed prior to the scheduled date, the participant must contact the Poultry Advisory to schedule a time for them to come and switch the bands. All other birds in that class will have bands changed within 5 days of each other.
- If a band is lost or has to be removed, please call the poultry advisory immediately for rebanding.
- When entering birds into ShoWorks the band number must be included in the entry for DCYLS.

Banding Schedule:

- Chicks/Poults/Keets will be banded and weighed prior to distribution.
- 1st reband date estimated 2-3 weeks after delivery.
- 2nd reband date
- 3rd and Final reband date

Poultry Show and Fair Week Procedures:

- Any DCYLS bird that has a missing band at show check-in is disqualified.
- A DCAS representative and a Poultry Advisory representative will be responsible for ensuring the correct birds are placed into the cages.
- A Poultry Advisory representative will check banding daily during the fair and when the birds are dropped off at the processor.
- During the fair, the bird owner should contact a Poultry Advisory representative immediately if they feel a band is too tight or causing harm.
- Only a Poultry Advisory representative can change a band on a DCYLS or alternate bird.

Disqualification Criteria:

- Once the sale lineup has been selected, including alternates, birds that are found without a band, with evidence of tampering, or with any band different than the one recorded at the show will be disqualified.
- The official recorded band should remain on the bird throughout the fair until delivered to the processor.