

Pulling Together with Poultry

2012 Chicken Coop Competition



The Northeast Organic Farming Association of NH, Small and Beginner Farmers of NH and the NH Farm Bureau Federation are collaborating to bring you the 2012 Chicken Coop Competition. These ag-related organizations are calling for poultry owners, farmers and non-farmers, to send in photos of their chicken coops.

The competition will be held at the 2012 Farm & Forest in Manchester, February 3 & 4, 2012. Photos and description of the coop will be exhibited at the NH Farm Bureau booth and judged at 3 p.m. on February 3. Five photos and entry form must be submitted by **February 1, 2012.**

Judging panel will include judges from Northeast Organic Farming Association of NH, Small & Beginning Farmers, and Farm Bureau. The competition is open to ALL NH residents.

Categories and competition guidelines:

1 - MOST UNIQUE

The most unique coop is not your ordinary chicken house.

Coop considerations for judging:

- **Aesthetics**
attractive, unique attributes
- **Materials**
use of materials from around the farm or community (i.e. recycled materials – dump shopping)
- **Size**
floor space - 1.5 square feet of floor space/bird
- **Protection**
protect birds from the elements, predators, & injury
- **Feed & Water**
allow space for easy access to feed & water supplies
- **Ventilation**
coop is dry and draft free with windows, door(s) & roof;
- **Nests**
one nest for every 4 hens
- **Perch**
6-10 in. of perch space/bird
- **Light Source**

2 - MOST FUNCTIONAL

Coop considerations for judging:

- **Accessibility**
ease of egg collection & cleaning
- **Pen**
hens have access to outdoors
- **Size**
floor space - 1.5 square feet/bird
- **Protection**
protect the birds from the elements, predators, and injury
- **Feed & Water**
allow space for easy access to feed & water supplies
- **Ventilation**
keep the coop dry and draft-free with windows, door(s) & roof;
- **Nests**
one nest for every 4 hens
- **Perch**
provide 6-10 in./bird
- **Light**
a source of light is vital for layers
- **Materials**
the ideal coop will integrate the use of **materials from around the farm or community (i.e. recycled materials)**

3 - PEOPLE'S CHOICE

On Friday, February 3 the people in attendance at the Farm & Forest Expo may vote on their favorite chicken coop.

4 - YOUTH

Competitor must be under the age of 18. They must have assisted in the building of the coop. Judging criteria will be based on the functionality and uniqueness of the structure.

PRIZES

Winners of the Most Unique, Most Functional, Youth and People's Choice will receive a one year membership to the following organizations: Northeast Organic Farming Association of NH, Small & Beginning Farmers of NH and the NH Farm Bureau.

2012 Chicken Coop Competition Official Entry Form

Name: _____

Email: _____

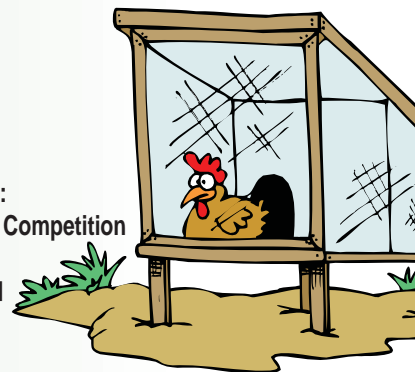
Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

1. Describe your design {100 words or less} (attach the description on separate sheet of paper or email as PDF or DOC.)

2. Visualization of design: please include up to 5 photos (digital preferred – JPEG or PDF files) with captions of your chicken coop.



Mail entry packet to:
2012 Chicken Coop Competition
NH Farm Bureau
295 Sheep Davis Rd
Concord, NH 03301

EMAIL: editor@nhfarmbureau.org

Official Rules/Terms & Conditions of 2012 Chicken Coop Competition:
Only one entry per entrant. The competition is open to all New Hampshire residents. All entries must be received by the submission deadline: February 1, 2012. Judges will choose one winner for the juried prize; winner will be notified by phone or email. People's choice award prize to be determined at awards event by popular vote. Submitted designs are the property of the applicant. Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Hampshire, Small & Beginning Farmers of New Hampshire and the New Hampshire Farm Bureau has the right to use all designs on their Web site, in printed publications, advertisements and in other publicity materials.

I have read the official rules of the competition and agree to the terms and conditions.

Signature: _____