

How to organize and manage your Marans Egg Show and Display Table

All Marans egg shows are at the discretion of the appropriate Regional Director. Please contact your Marans Chicken Club Regional Representative and give them the show date.

Next, call someone on the poultry show committee or host club representative to book and pay for your table. They may let you bring your own table at no charge. The MCC will reimburse you for the cost of the table, or, you can reimburse yourself from the monies collected at the egg show. Be sure to make a note if you reimburse yourself, and put it with the egg show money to be sent to the MCC Treasurer.

The biggest part of a Marans display table is having an egg show. It always attracts a lot of people, who love looking at the dark brown eggs.

Try to contact one of the APA judges prior to the show and ask if they would be willing to judge the eggs for you. If you can't locate a judge, you will need to find a person that is familiar with Marans eggs and ask him/her. All of the information needed including judging cards, egg judging rules, etc. may be found on the MCCUSA Forum....scroll down to the Members Area....and look for : MCCUSA Official Forms.

Supply your egg show judge with the Judging Rules ahead of time, so he/she can become familiar with them. You should also supply the Judge with an Egg Shade Card to assist him/her with the judging.

Agree on a time of day that is optimal for both of you, and set the egg show judging up to take place at that time. If at all possible, be courteous by giving the judge plenty of notice.

The MCC recently voted to pay up to \$25.00 to the Poultry Show Club hosting the show for allowing us to have an egg show. If you want to donate to the host club out of the proceeds of the egg show you may.

People's Choice: Special People's Choice Ribbon

The public really enjoy voting on their favorite egg entry. Have a sign asking the people to vote for their favorite plate of eggs, and at the end of the day, get out the ballots and total the votes.

A small basket works well to put the completed ballots in. The winner will receive a People's Choice Ribbon.

You may hand out club ribbons, or place them on the plates for the exhibitors to pick up.

Your Regional Rep can provide you with ribbons for your show ahead of time. Each variety will receive 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons. If the judge has scored the top places the same, he/she must break the tie...and declare only 3 Overall Placements.

Post your upcoming egg show information online to the MCC members on the forum, yahoo group, and MCCUSA facebook page several weeks in advance of the show.

Give a deadline for the mail-in entries to be received by you, or a designated person. Don't forget to give a mailing address for the eggs to be sent. Post it several times before the show to remind people.

All Egg Show entry forms can be found in the files section of the forum. Let the exhibitors who plan to mail in their entries know, they can include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if they would like their scorecards mailed back to them.

People mailing in egg entries need to have an entry form filled out and sent in, along with their egg show entries and fees. Also, you will need to have blank egg entry forms to take to the show for people to fill out for those bringing their egg entries directly to the show site.

Eggs do not need to be fertile, however, they should be as fresh as possible, with no odor. Those exhibitors who bring their eggs to the show in person may pick them up and take them home after judging. However, mail-in entries will not be returned by mail.

All mail-in eggs will need to be destroyed, unless noted otherwise on the entry form by the exhibitor.

When the judge is finished judging the eggs, keep the egg judging cards so that you can report the winners to the group.

Fill out an Official Egg Show Report and mail it to our Egg Show Chairperson and the Treasurer within 2 weeks. The addresses are on the Official form.

If you wish to post the results, please post ALL of the results or send the results to your District Rep for posting.

Display Table:

You will need to have small plates for the eggs to be displayed on. Paper doilies, or shredded excelsior look nice on the plates, and keep the eggs from rolling around. A solid color tablecloth also adds a nice touch. Decorate your table and make it presentable. Some people make poster boards with photos of all of the varieties of Marans. Passers-by seem to really like them. Have a display bowl of Marans eggs on the table, if you can.

Be prepared to answer lots of questions from the public.

Don't forget to bring extra pens/pencils, tape, string, scissors, etc. You never know what materials you may need.

Place some New Member forms and a Member's sign-up form on the table. Anyone who wants to join the club can pay at the show. Send their monies and forms to the MCCUSA Treasurer.

Tell them they will receive a welcome packet in the mail, including their membership card.

Putting on an egg show and having a pretty display table is a labor of love. It's all about sharing the breed and having fun!