2023 Ashtabula County Poultry Junior Fair Project Guidelines for Members, Advisors & Parents

The Ohio State University

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With my signature below, I affirm that I have read and participants, members, parents, adult volunteers, and	,
conduct of the 4-H Youth Development Program.	
Exhibitor's Signature	Date
Parent's Signature	
Please present this signed copy of the guidelines	with your project book at Skillathon.





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150 CE Chicken, Exhibition (Fancy)

150 CM Chicken, Market

150 CEP Chicken, Egg Production: Hens and Pullets

150 DE Ducks, Exhibition

150 DM Ducks, Market

150 GE Goose, Exhibition

150 GM Goose, Market

150 TE Turkey, Exhibition (Fancy)

150 TM Turkey, Market

150 H Helmeted Guineas Fowl

365 All poultry self-determined projects (judged at General Projects judging)

Project Book & Page Requirements:

ALL pages are required to be done and books turned in **MONDAY** by 5pm. Late books will not be accepted. Books are worth up to 5 points of your showman ship score. Youth taking more than one poultry project need only to purchase one project record book per year. Copies of additional pages may be found at www.ashtabula.osu.edu.

• 150 CE Chicken, Exhibition (Fancy)

Pages: 4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12*,16*,18,19,20,21,22*,23*,24*& 25

• 150 CM Chicken, Market

Pages: 4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12*,13,14,15*,18,19,20,22*,23,24* & 25

150 CEP Chicken, Egg Production: Hens and Pullets

Pages: 4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12*,16*,17,18,19,20,21,22*,23*,24*& 25

• 150 DE Ducks, Exhibition

Pages: 4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12*,16*,18,19,20,21,22*,23*,24*& 25

• 150 DM Ducks, Market

Pages: 4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12*,13,14,15*,18,19,20,22*,23,24* & 25

• 150 GE Goose, Exhibition

Pages: 4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12*,16*,18,19,20,21,22*,23*,24*& 25

• 150 TE Turkey, Exhibition (Fancy)

Pages: 4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12*,16*,18,19,20,21,22*,23*,24*& 25

• 150 TM Turkey, Market

Pages: 4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12*,13,14,15*,18,19,20,22*,23,24* & 25

• 150 H Helmeted Guineas Fowl

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• 365 All poultry self-determined projects

Any youth wishing to bring any kind of bird that does not fall under an already determined project must complete project judging on super Saturday to be permitted to bring their pen of birds to fair. These birds will be then judged on Tuesday in the barn and be eligible for best exotic bird. These birds still need to be tested and free of pullorum to come to fair and must be listed on the pen reservations so that the Chairs can make sure proper housing will be made available for your project come fair week.





* Pages explanations:

- 12: If at any point you give medication or a health product to a bird in your flock then this page needs to be filled out.
- 15: Make sure you obtain the weight of your chicks at time of obtaining your chicks, poults and/or ducklings.
- 16: If at any point you are hatching and brooding chicks for your project then your records should be placed on this page.
- 22 & 23: If at any point during your project you obtain income pertaining to your project birds then it should be recorded on this page.
- 24: Estimate the income you think you will get at MAC sale.



Obtaining Project Animals

NON-MARKET PROJECT ANIMALS:

- Must be in possession by May 1st.
- Birds for any of the non-market projects can come from anywhere. They can be hatched from your flock or purchased.

MARKET PROJECT ANIMALS:

- See the current Market Animal Committee Guidelines for expectations and rules.
- All Market Projects can be purchased either as part of the group orders or on your own from the hatcheries. Be sure all requirements are met for hatch date, breed and gender. Group orders may be placed through the Species Chairs and Market Animal Committee using the appropriate order form.
 - Birds must be purchased from a certified pullorum-typhoid free hatchery or hatched on a certified pullorum-typhoid free farm and must be accompanied by a certificate with date purchased for entry at fair.
 - *MARKET DUCK* White Pekin ducks only and <u>may not</u> be hatched prior to June 1st. All Market Ducks must be in members possession by June 30th. <u>Tagging will be at weigh in at fair.</u>
 - *MARKET CHICKENS* cockerels or hens, recommend Cornish X Rocks and <u>may not</u> be hatched prior to June 1st. All Market Chickens must be in the members' possession by June 30th. <u>Tagging will be at weigh in of fair.</u>
 - *MARKET TURKEYS* Broad Breasted Whites hens and toms permitted and <u>must not be</u> <u>hatched before April 1st</u>. All Market turkeys must be in the members' possession by May 1st. <u>Turkey tagging will be at weigh in at fair.</u>



Poultry Clinics and Important Dates

All clinics are recommended for Junior Fair youth and parents of all ages and skill levels.

<u>April 15th: Raising a Poultry Project</u>- Ashtabula County 4-H Foundation office (248 N. Chestnut St) 10:30a.m

Come learn about the projects and what you need to know about raising the birds used for fair.

May 6thand May 20^{tg=h} Skillathon Practice- 10a-12p at the4-H Foundation building 248 N. Chestnut

• All Poultry Skillathon topics will be set up and ready for you to come and practice the stations that may be used on the day of Skillathon.

June 10th: Small Animal Clinics- June 10th Saturday @ Fairgrounds

- Poultry Pullorum Checks will be done this day 9-12. This is only for fancy chickens
- All members taking these projects are encouraged to attend and please have questions about showmanship and show preparation ready; you may bring your animals. It covers Rabbits 9:00-11:00am; Goats 10:00-11:00 noon; Dogs 12:00-2:00pm; Poultry starting at noon (Times may change) This is very informational and you can also check out the other projects if you want to do something else another year.

Skillathon/Project Judging - July 15th: Poultry Barn from 1-4 p.m.

- SKILLATHON MATERIAL AVAILABLE AT THE JEFFERSON OSU EXTENSION OFFICE. CALL (440)-576-9008 TO MAKE SURE IT IS AVAILABLE TO VIEW ALONE OR WITH YOUR CLUB AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE. The actual Skillathon test is there to review. You can also review the Skillathon on a CD on the computer, take a test on the computer, and print out the information you need to study for the Skillathon test. You can do this alone or as a club just call to set up a time.
- To be eligible for Grand and Reserve Champion Projects you must complete SKILLATHON. A review of the knowledge gained from the project is necessary for completion of the project.

 Members must bring a signed copy of this project guidelines front page. For market projects you are required to also have a signed copy of the Market Animal Committees Guidelines as well.
- Skillathon will be held in the poultry barn. The test will be made up of 4 stations. The Skillathon kit is made up of many stations, so it is very important to learn all sections as it is not known what sections will be part of Skillathon till the day of. Skillathon is done in a first come first test. As soon as the youth arrives we recommend them signing up in the learning lab then waiting close by for their names to be called. No one other than the youth will be allowed in the testing area.
- YOUTH WILL BE CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO AGE;
 - BEGINNERS: Age 8-12, or never participated in a poultry project. Never participated- 1st year turkey project, or 1st year chicken project, or 1st year waterfowl project.
 - INTERMEDIATES: Age 13-15
 - ADVANCED: Age 16 and older.





Fair Requirements

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS-

All birds brought onto the fairgrounds must have proof that they are salmonella free by having proof that they were pullorum tested 90 days prior to fair. All market birds have to be purchased from a certified pullorum-typhoid free hatchery or hatched on a certified pullorum-typhoid free farm. Waterfowl, doves, and pigeons are exempt from this rule.

The spices chair will pullorum test birds at the Small Animal Clinic and Skill a thon day from 9-12 all fancy poultry except for waterfowl must be pullorum tested. Turkeys will go to a local vet clinic for this testing.

<u>PEN RESERVATIONS-</u> <u>Advisors must</u> turn in pen reservations to the Extension Office by July 1st by 4:30 pm. No animal will be permitted to exhibit at the fair without a pen reservation for that animal. It is the responsibility of the Junior Fair members to assure that the correct information is submitted to the Species Chairman.

Once pen reservations are made with your 1st, 2nd, & 3rd choices there will be no substitutes if a loss occurs. Each child will only need one book for all poultry projects. Youth may only bring one project per child times the number of years that they do that book. (Year 1=1 project, year 2=2 projects, year 3=3 projects...) This applies to all fancy projects including turkeys.

ANY EXTRA SPACE AVAILABLE WILL BE BY SENIORITY TO FILL THE BARN from your 2^{nd} & 3^{rd} choices. If there are a lot of children coming to fair in a given year then each child may be limited to one project in that given year. We will then look at any extra cages/ space and notify children that they may bring their next choice in birds as well by seniority in years of doing poultry projects.

- 150 CE Chicken, Exhibition (Fancy) a maximum of one pen consisting of up to two chickens in one pen. (1 hen & 1 rooster or 2 hens*)
- 150 CM Chicken, Market- a maximum, one pen consisting of FOUR chickens, & the cage will be one double cage that is turned into one single cage.
- 150 CEP Chicken, Egg Production: Hens and Pullets- a maximum of one pen consisting of up to two birds in that pen. (2 hens only*) MUST TAKE QA
- 150 DE Ducks, Exhibition- a maximum of one pen consisting of up to three ducks in that pen. (2 hens & 1 drake or 3 hens*)
- 150 DM Ducks, Market- a maximum of one pen consisting of TWO ducks.
- 150 GE Goose, Exhibition- a maximum of one pen consisting of up to two geese in one pen. (1 goose & 1 gander or 2 geese*)





150 GM Goose, Market- Not Available at this time. If anyone is interested in doing this project please let the chairs know for future years.

150 TE Turkey, Exhibition (Fancy)-a maximum of one pen consisting of one turkey.

150 TM Turkey, Market- a maximum of one pen consisting of two turkeys.

150 H Helmeted Guineas Fowl- A maximum of one pen consisting of up to 3 birds. (2 hens & 1 cock or 3 hens*)

168P Pigeons- a maximum of one pen consisting of up to two birds in that pen. (1 hen & 1 cock or 2 hens*)

365 Self Determined - Exotic Poultry- a maximum of one pen consisting of a project-by-project space determination. Each youth should contact the species chair doing the pen reservations so decide on appropriate number of birds to the size of cage available for that year. *Special exceptions will be made if species chairs are contacted prior to pen assignments and there is deemed adequate room in pens. Self-determined projects must be completed by attending General Projects judging.

Additional Fair Requirements

- Animals must be reviewed by the Fair Veterinarian prior to unloading. All non market animals must be on the fairgrounds by 4:00 p.m. on the Monday of fair week. Members must have their dated certificates of purchase and Pullorum-Typhoid certificates (NPIP), and Quality Assurance papers (DUNF) out to show the Fair Veterinarian before unloading animals into the barns. Keep your DUNF forms on you; need to give to species chair for weigh in to write down the tag numbers and weight.
- All market animals must be weighed in on SUNDAY prior to fair week, between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Members exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair will be allowed to weigh in their Ohio State Fair exhibited animals upon return from the Ohio State Fair, but no later than 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday.
- All market birds will be tagged with a wing band. All Jr. Fair youth must be at weigh in to take their birds to the scale. All poultry must be healthy and free of deformities such as missing extremities, curly toes, clipped wings, or parasites. Birds with mites, lice, or disease may not be brought to the fair.
- MARKET CHICKENS-Members will be allowed to sell only 1 pen consisting of FOUR CHICKENS
- MARKET TURKEYS- Members will be allowed to sell 1 pen consisting of TWO TURKEYS
- MARKET DUCK-Members will be allowed to sell 1 pen consisting of TWO DUCKS
- Nonmarket WATERFOWL and FANCY POULTRY- are considered breeding projects and will not be tagged





SALE REQUIREMENTS:

- <u>Market Chickens</u>- Minimum sale weight, 16 pounds total pen weight; Maximum sale weight, 32 pounds total pen weight. (We still recommend 4-7 lbs. each bird, for ideal weights.)
- <u>Market Turkeys</u>- Minimum sale weight 30 lbs. total pen weight; Maximum sale weight 70 lbs. total pen weight
- <u>Market Duck-</u> Minimum sale weight 10 pounds pen weight; Maximum sale weight 30 pounds pen weight. (We still recommend 5-15 pounds per bird)

WEIGH IN- market poultry only

- 1. All animals must be weighed in on SUNDAY prior to fair week, between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Members exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair will be allowed to weigh in their Ohio State Fair exhibited animals upon return from the Ohio State Fair, but no later than 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday.
- 2. Under-weight and over-weight animals will be sent home immediately following weigh-in. If the first animal is under/over, the exhibitor will be allowed to weigh in one different identified/tagged animal in the allotted time frame. Except for chickens, up to 2 chickens can be substituted in the pen of 4. Once a chicken is pulled from the pen it must go home, if the first pen makes weight that is the pen that stays at fair.
- 3. Members are to be present for weigh-in and for project photos unless other arrangements are made with the species chairperson. All members must have a photo taken for distribution to the buyers.
- 4. Each project animal will be officially weighed by the weigh master or designee once.

MARKET ANIMAL SALE (MAC)-

- The Market Poultry project is a terminal project. Although any Chicken, Duck or Turkey, except the Grand and Reserve Champion Projects and the Best and Reserve Best of Show, may be withdrawn from the sale within one hour of the completion of the show, *all poultry, turkeys* and ducks must be harvested by a MAC approved meat processor.
- All Market Poultry exhibitors must be present to sell their animal, unless otherwise specified by the MAC committee representatives and Department Superintendents.
- Participating Junior Fair members agree to a deduction of 4% for all animals of the sale. Proceeds to the MAC for the expenses of the sale operations.
- The order of sale will be as followed; Grand Champion Project, Reserve Grand Champion Project, Best of Show, Reserve Best of show and then the order will go from highest overall score to lowest overall score. The overall scores consist of 40% Skillathon, 40% Showmanship and 20% Bird score.





SHOWMANSHIP-

- Showmanship is optional, however to compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Project, a member must participate in showmanship. All members must show their own animals.
- Showmanship is at fair on judging day. Show dates: TBD
- Members must bring their up-to-date project books at drop of for animals, SIGNED BY THEIR ADVISOR and Completed books are worth up to 5 points toward the showmanship score.

All Chickens, Waterfowl and Exotics Showmanship

YOUTH WILL BE CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO AGE;

- BEGINNERS: Age 8-12, or never participated in a poultry project. Never participated = 1st year chicken project, or 1st year waterfowl project.
- INTERMEDIATES: Age 13-15
- ADVANCED: Age 16 years and older.

<u>All Turkey Showmanship:</u> Inexperienced and Experienced classes divided into age groups depending on how many kids there are.

<u>DRESS CODE-</u> All youth participating in the poultry shows are required to follow the dress code.

- Clean nice pants with no holes.
- Socks and clean closed-toed shoes.
- Shirts: Polo, dress shirt or club shirt. (Lab coats are permitted over the dress code if the coat only represents the club or organization that the youth is representing)
- Hair must be pulled back and out of the youths face.
- No sunglasses, hats or jewelry are permitted in the show ring.

PROJECT PLACINGS-

- Each exhibitor is to receive a grade from the species judge, which is to be based on the animal only. Minimum grade is to be no lower than 70%.
- Members will be required to participate in their species Skillathon to be eligible for the Grand and Reserve Champion Exhibitor award. A listing of Skillathon requirements is available at the Extension Office.
- Grand and Reserve Champion Project Exhibitor: Skillathon 40 pts.; Showmanship 40 pts.; and the animals' conformation 20 pts.
- Any ties for championship are broken by asking additional Skillathon questions. Each 4-H and FFA member will receive a project ribbon (A, B, C). Grades are based on Skillathon 40%; showing 40%; animal 20%. Grading starts at a minimum grade of 70 points.
- In picking the species Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show the judge will make his choice.
- All animal exhibitors who won an award medallion, plaque, etc. it is an expectation that the exhibitor will mail a "THANK YOU" to whoever sponsored the award!





EXHIBIT-

- It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to comply with the Exhibitors Code of Ethics and to maintain proper barn etiquette. Each exhibitor must comply with the Junior Fair Livestock regulations as specified in the fair book. Responsibility for your animal and your exhibit does not end with the sale of your project animal. Correct care of the project animal is the responsibility of the exhibit until the animal is released to the buyer. Failure to provide proper care will result in warnings, fines and potential disqualification for future fairs. Each exhibitor is responsible to clean their pen area after the project animal is gone within one week of the completion of the fair.
- ALL POULTRY PENS MUST be cleaned by 9:00AM and again by 6:00PM DAILY!
- ALL POULTRY MUST BE FED GRAIN ONCE IN AM & ONCE IN PM!
- ALL POULTRY MUST HAVE WATER ALL DAY LONG! It' very hot at the fair they need water so they don't dehydrate!
- For Fancy cages the Species Advisors will inspect cages daily to ensure that all birds are properly cared for by the exhibitor (i.e.: fed, watered, clean bird and pen, etc.). Pens and/or birds not cared for will be tagged with a colored sticker/mark (yellow- 1st warning, orange 2nd warning, and red 3rd warning). Exhibitors whose pens are red flagged will forfeit all awards. All animals MUST be properly cared for daily by 4-H and FFA members (fed, watered, cleaned as needed).
- For Market Cages MAC guidelines state that if the cage is not cleaned and animals taken care of then the youth will receive one warning and then the youth will be charges \$10.00 per offence that must be paid prior to obtaining your check on MAC clean-up day.
- NOTE: Manure/bedding is to be placed in wheelbarrow ONLY wheelbarrow is to be emptied at the manure bin located on the west side of the block show barn. Emptying the wheelbarrow is everyone's responsibility! Please clean up after yourself and help keep the aisles clean and clear. It is an expectation of every 4-H and FFA member to participate in bard duty, there will be a signup sheet for each barn and it is expected that the member sign up for 1 slot per project.

No animals may leave the Barn before 7:00pm. Sunday Night.





CHECKLIST

ORDER PROJECTS ANIMALS FROM A PULLORUM FREE HATCHERY (SAVE YOUR DATED RECIEPTS; Species chair also need a copy; keep at fair) Market turkey orders due by March 15 Market Chicken and Duck orders due by March 15 POSSESSION DATES (to own & on property) Fancy chickens, pullets, ducks, geese, pigeons, caged birds, game birds, guineas, peafowl, pheasants, quail, & doves May 1st Market & Fancy Turkeys May 1st (purchased on own) Market Chickens June 30th (purchased on own) Market Ducks June 30th (purchased on own) TAGGING DATES (identifying animals) All Fancy no tagging (have to have NPIP 90 days before fair) All Poultry is tagged at weigh in on Sunday of fair there is no tagging fee ATTEND QUALITY ASSURANCE DATES Must be completed by all market projects and egg production projects Call the office to find out date. Must attend at office or another counties Q&A. PEN RESERVATIONS ALL PEN RESERVATIONS ARE DUE TO EXTENSION OFFICE BY JULY 1ST **SKILLATHON** Review at office by yourself or as a club call (440) 576-9008 Saturday July 16th. (Bring a copy of these guidelines, signed by yourself and your guardian 5 pts. For market projects the MAC Guidelines must also be signed and are worth 5 pts. as well) Beginners 8-12 or never participated; Intermediates 13-15; Advance 16 & up. SHOWMANSHIP All Chickens, Waterfowl, & Exotics; Beginners 8-12; Intermediates 13-15; Advanced 16 & up. All Turkeys will be divided by Inexperienced and Experienced age groups depending on number of kids. Same day as your judging Fancy Tuesday; Market Wednesday. ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS MUST SEE THE FAIR VETERNARIAN BEFORE UNLOADING ANIMALS! FOR THE VETERANRIAN YOU NEED: PULLORUM FREE CERTICATE **QUALITY ASSURANCE PAPERS DUNF** THINGS YOU NEED FOR FAIR



FEED (YOUR OWN)



SAWDUST WILL BE PROVIDED – if this changes the species chars will let you know

GROOMING SUPPLIES (WHAT YOU USE AT HOME)

WEIGH IN
Market turkeys min 30 lbs.; max 70 lbs. total pen weight
Market chickens pen min 16 lbs.; max 32 lbs. per total pen weight
Market duck pen min 10 lbs.; max 30 lbs. total pen weight
Market animals MUST be on the grounds by 8:00 pm Sunday
Owner present for weigh in
Only members in weigh in area (helper only if needed limited space) All others wait
outside.
EXHIBIT
Clean pen by 9:00am and 6pm DAILY
Feed twice a day (am & pm)
Water
PROJECT PLACING
40% SKILLATHON; 40% SHOWMANSHIP; 20% ANIMAL SCORES (CHAMPION &
RESERVE CHAMPION & BEST & RESERVE BEST OF SHOW) THE REST BY BEST
TOTAL SCORE.
MAC (market animal sale)
DATE: SATURDAY
ALL MARKET ANIMALS ARE TERMINAL SALE
THANK YOU TO BUYERS & SPONSERS



CONTACT INFORMATION

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Poultry Resources:

- http://www.ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/animal_science/Poultry/Poultry%20Resources%20updated%202016.pdf
- http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/poultry
- eXtension, <u>articles.extension.org/poultry</u>. This national database collects articles and videos from Extension experts around the country. Not seeing what you want to know? Submit your own question to Ask an Expert.
- University of Kentucky Poultry 101, <u>afspoultry.ca.uky.edu/extension-poultry101</u>. A good general overview of poultry from our land grant partners at University of Kentucky.
- American Poultry Association (APA), <u>amerpoultryassn.com</u>. Information about shows, health, and competition from the publishers of the American Standard of Perfection.
- American Bantam Association (ABA), <u>bantamclub.com</u>. A wealth of resources and images from the publishers of the Bantam Standard.
- Poultry Show Central, <u>poultryshowcentral.com</u>. Up-to-date resource for information about poultry shows, breeders, and more.
- United State Environmental Protection Agency, <u>epa.gov/agriculture/agriculture-ag-101</u>. Click on "Ag101 (PDF)" and then on Poultry Production for an overall perspective on the broiler and layer industries.
- http://www.ohio4h.org/poultryresources



