

POULTRY PROJECTS

Possession of poultry project animals varies... Be sure to review the rules and regulations for your specific poultry project.

Poultry projects may be repeated. Members MUST indicate on their enrollment form the number of years in the project (includes current year) **EXAMPLE:** Matt has taken poultry for 6 years + this year= 7 years.

There will be Pullorum Testing of all poultry that has co-mingled with other birds. **JULY 21st, 5-6pm**

Small Animal Barn, Henry Co. Fairgrounds.

For more information go to ohio.4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/poultry

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Project #	Project	Project Requirement	Note	Exhibit
150CEP	Poultry Production: Raising Pullets & Layers	Complete Project Guidelines as listed on pg. 1 of project book and records. *Some sections of the book may not apply depending on whether member takes pullets or layers & pg. 24 of this handbook	*Study Pullets & Layers Skillathon kit *Order minimum of six chicks from any Pullorum-Free hatchery; must also show proof of date of birth. *Pullets can be up to 24 weeks of age as of the first day of fair. *Layers must be no less than 25 weeks old as of the first day of fair.	*Make entry according Poultry Dept. #200 Rules & Regulations below
150CM	Poultry Production: Raising Broilers	Complete Project Guidelines as listed on pg. 1 of project book and records in the book & pg. 24 of this handbook	*Study Broilers Skillathon kit *Birds cannot be more than 7 weeks of age as of the first day of fair	*Make entry according Poultry Dept. #200 Rules & Regulations below Weight Limit: 8 lbs per bird; 16 lbs. for the pen of 2 at fair
150CE	Raising Fancy Poultry	Complete Project Guidelines as listed on pg. 1 of the project book and all records & pg. 24 of this handbook	*Study Fancy Poultry Skillathon kit Select and care for at least five birds.	*Make entry according Poultry Dept. #200 Rules & Regulations below
150TE 150TM	Raising Turkeys 'E' = exhibit 'M' = market	Complete Project Guidelines as listed in project book and all records & pg. 24 of this handbook	*Study the Turkey Skillathon kit *Purchase 5 day-old poult so as to be no more than 14 weeks old the first day of fair	*Make entry according Poultry Dept. #200 Rules & Regulations below Weight Limit: 35 lbs at fair
150DE 150DM 150GE 150GM	Duck or Goose Indicate 'E' exhibit 'M' market	Complete Project Guidelines as listed in project book and all records & pg. 24 of this handbook	*Study Duck Skillathon kit OR Goose Skillathon kit according to which you are taking	*Make entry according Poultry Dept. #200 Rules & Regulations below Goose: Weight Limit 16 lbs. Duck: Weight Limit 13 lbs. at fair.
150H	Helmeted Guinea Fowl	Complete Project Guidelines as listed in project book and all records & pg. 24 of this handbook		

Department #200 Junior Fair Poultry Exhibitor Rules & Regulations

A. Show Rules

- Exhibitor show apparel shall be:
Black or blue jeans/slacks. Shorts and bibs are prohibited.
White or colored collared shirt without lettering or farm name.
Hard soled shoes or boots only. Tennis shoes and sandals are prohibited.
- ***All pen areas (cages and underneath cages) must be cleaned daily.**
- Proper Junior Fair Show attire must be worn at the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.

B. Specific Department Rules ALL poultry exhibits

- Birds are to be caged together. Management recommends that birds in an entry be caged together for several days before entry in the fair.
- Sick or diseased poultry will automatically disqualify a pen.
- Exhibitors must provide storage for food and equipment.
- No regular locks on cages. Junior Fair exhibitors must provide their own zip lock style locks if so desired.

C. Pullets and Layers Projects

1. Pen of 2 Pullets must be no more than **24 weeks** of age (hatch date: Feb. 27 or after) as of the first day of the fair. Chicks should be purchased from a Pullorum free hatchery; must show proof of purchase from such a facility.
2. Pen of 2 Layers must be **25 weeks** of age (hatch date before Feb. 27) or more of the first day of the fair. A Pullorum test must be completed 90 days prior to the first day of the fair.
3. Pullet/Layer projects must be entered in Junior Fair for exhibition/competition. Entry deadline is June 15th.
4. Pullet project exhibitors may make one entry in class 200-A Pullets; Project exhibitors having at least one or more year of experience in the project may make one entry in class 200-B Layers

D. Market (Broiler) Projects

1. A meat pen will consist of two birds of the same breed and color, no more than **seven** weeks of age (hatch date of June 25) as of the first day of fair. Those planning to exhibit at the Ohio State Fair must have their birds in possession within 5 days of hatch. Birds must come from a Pullorum-Free Hatchery. Proof of purchase and hatch date is required and must be turned in at Vet Check. They may be debeaked, de-toed, dubbed or subjected to any practice generally accepted in the commercial production of meat-type poultry. Weight limit of 8 lbs. per bird– total of 16 lbs. for pen of 2 broilers
2. Broiler projects must be entered in Junior Fair exhibition/competition. Entry deadline is June 15th.
3. Broiler project exhibitors may make one entry in class **200-G Pen of Two Broilers**
4. Market broilers must be sold in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.

E. Turkey Projects

Non-Market Turkeys

1. Non-market Turkeys must be entered in Junior Fair for exhibition/competition. Entry deadline is June 15th.
2. Turkey project exhibitors may make one entry in class 200-F Exotics
3. Turkeys born within 90 days of fair should be accompanied with a proof of purchase sale slip from a Pullorum-free hatchery. Turkeys 91 days or older must be blood tested which needs to be completed by a licensed veterinarian.

Market Turkeys

1. Market Turkeys cannot be more than 14 weeks of age (hatch date of May 7) as of the first day of the fair. Birds must come from a Pullorum-Free Hatchery; proof of purchase and hatch date is required. Weight limit of 35 lbs.
2. Weighing of turkeys will take place the first day of fair.
3. Turkeys must be entered in Junior Fair for exhibition/competition. Entry deadline is June 15th.
4. Turkey project exhibitors may make one entry in class 200-H Single Market Turkey
5. Turkeys must be sold in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.

F. Ducks & Geese Projects

Non-Market Ducks & Geese

1. Non-Market Duck/Geese projects must be entered in Junior Fair for exhibition/competition. Entry deadline is June 15th.
2. Non-Market Duck/Geese exhibitors may make up to 2 entries in each of the following classes: 200-C Fancy Breeding Pair of Ducks; 200-D Single Goose or Gander

Market Ducks & Market Geese

Market Ducks & Geese (All birds must come from a Pullorum-Free Hatchery)

1. Market ducks will be no more than **twelve** weeks of age (hatch date of May 21) as of the first day of the fair. Weight limit of 13 lbs first day of fair.
2. Market geese will be no more than **sixteen** weeks of age (hatch date of April 23) as of the first day of the fair. Weight limit of 16 lbs first day of fair.
3. Market Duck/Geese projects must be entered in Junior Fair for exhibition/competition. Entry deadline is June 15th.
4. Market Duck/Geese exhibitors may make one entry in class 200-I Market Duck; one entry in class 200-J Market Goose.
5. Junior Fair members who exhibit a market duck or goose must sell their animal in the Junior Fair Livestock sale.

G. Fancy Poultry

1. Fancy poultry projects must be entered in Junior Fair exhibition/competition. Entry deadline is June 15th.
2. Fancy poultry project exhibitors may make up to 5 entries in class 200-E Fancy Poultry. Classes will be divided by Bantam and Standard- Over 1 Year and less than 1 year as of the first day of fair.

H. Exotic Poultry, Pigeons and Doves

1. The following poultry should enter in class **200-F Exotics**– Turkey, Peacocks, Pheasant, Guinness, Quail, Doves, Pigeons.
2. Exhibitor may make up to 5 entries in this class.

I. Poultry Department Classes (use Class # and name on livestock entry form)

- 200-A Pen of Two Pullets (24 weeks of age and under)
- 200-B Pen of Two Layers (25 weeks of age and older)
- 200-C Fancy Breeding Pair Ducks (NON-Market) *Limit of 2 entries
- 200-D Single Breeding Goose OR Gander (NON-Market) *Limit of 2 entries
- 200-E Fancy Poultry (will be divided Bantam and Standard- Over 1 year and Less than 1 year) *Limit of 5 entries total
- 200-F Exotics (Peacocks, Pheasant, Guinness, Quail, Turkeys (non-market), Doves, Pigeons)*Limit of 5 entries
- 200-G Pen of Two Broilers
- 200-H Single Market Turkey
- 200-I Single Market Duck
- 200-J Single Market Goose or Gander

J. Awards & Premiums

Showmanship Classes; Classes; Champion/Reserve Champions; Grand & Reserve Grand Champions

Premiums: \$4.00 per entry exhibited that receives a Superior or Outstanding. \$2.00 per entry exhibited that receives a Good.