

2024 Ashland County Poultry Project Requirements

Revised 3/2024

Reminders for 2024

- **NEW: DUNF forms to be done at fair check in and not before as leg band numbers are required.**
- **NEW: All first and second year exhibitors, no matter their age, must attend one poultry clinic in order to be eligible to show/sell at fair.**
- **NEW: Market chicken class: Maximum pen weight of 27 lbs.**
- **NEW: The minimum weight of each bird is 5 pounds.**
- **Online ordering for poultry with minimum order of 5 market turkeys per member or 8 per family. Minimum order of 20 market chickens per member or 30 per family.**
- **Half Sheet Poster display for fair is required. Poster must be educational and have a picture of the exhibitor with their project in at least 1 photo. **The exhibitor's name must clearly be on the front of the poster**.**
- **Show and Sale attire: Collared shirt (long sleeve recommended), clean pants without holes, no hats and closed toed footwear.**
- **Quality Assurance training by June 1 is mandatory for anyone taking a living, breathing animal project to the fair.**

Possession Deadlines

- ❖ **All market chickens MUST be purchased for the project through the Jr. Fair Poultry Committee to be eligible to show and sell. All members enrolled in the market chicken project MUST order their birds through the Jr. Fair Poultry Committee online ordering link. ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED AND PAID FOR on or before Friday, May 31. A minimum of 20 birds per member or 30 per family MUST be ordered and paid for when the order is placed. Market Chickens ordered will be picked up on Thursday, August 1. You MUST provide your own container with shavings for pickup.**
- ❖ **All Market Turkeys MUST be purchased for the project through the Jr. Fair Poultry Committee to be eligible to show and sell. Orders will be taken online through the Jr. Fair Poultry Committee online ordering link. Orders must be received and paid for by March 22, 2024. A minimum order of 5 birds per member or 8 per family must be ordered and paid for when the order is placed. Birds will be picked up on Thursday, May 9, 2024. You MUST provide your own container with shavings for pickup. Only birds from this hatch will be allowed to show at the Ashland County Fair.**
- ❖ Possession date for all other Poultry projects is June 1.

Required to Complete Project/Show/Sell at Fair

1. **Must be a member in good standing of a 4-H Club and be enrolled in a Poultry project or an FFA member with a poultry project.** 4-H/FFA members can enroll and projects can be registered at <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Deadline to enroll and be eligible for county fair is April 15. Last day to add projects in 4Honline is June 1.
2. **ALL Poultry exhibitors, must complete Quality Assurance Training by June 1 in order to show at the county fair. QA training will be done at the county level in March and April.** Other QA trainings may be accepted but contact the Extension office to find out for sure if they qualify. Proof of QA attendance must be provided to the Extension Office by June 1.
3. **All first and second year exhibitors, no matter their age, must attend one poultry clinic in order to be eligible to show/sell at fair. All exhibitors are encouraged to attend scheduled poultry clinics.** There will be an incentive toward Outstanding Poultry exhibitor for exhibitors who attend any additional poultry clinics.

4. **Must complete Interview Judging.** Members will be evaluated using a rubric grade sheet and earn a superior, excellent, good or needs improvement grade as their performance dictates. Satisfactory completion of the project record book will be a large part of this grade. All Poultry exhibitors must use the Poultry Record Book #150.
5. **Members must participate in the Ashland County Poultry Skill-a-thon.** You may contact the Extension Office to make arrangements to borrow the poultry skill-a-thon to practice anytime during the year. Members who complete a Poultry skill-a-thon at the Ohio State Fair may have this counted as the skill-a-thon requirement. Participation in any other skill-a-thon is NOT accepted.

Ashland County Junior Fair Show and Livestock Auction

MARKET CHICKENS: All market chickens **MUST** be purchased for the project through the Jr. Fair Poultry Committee. **Order must be received and paid for by May 31.** See possession dates on previous page.

- Market chickens under 10 pounds for the pen will not be caged. They will be sent home and premium for this project will be forfeited.
- Market chicken class: Maximum pen weight of 27 lbs.
- The **minimum weight of each bird is 5 pounds.**
- Underweight or overweight pens are ineligible to sell. Exhibitors of these birds are still eligible for Showmanship and outstanding exhibitor awards.
- **Members are limited to only 2 PENS OF THREE MARKET CHICKENS and they MUST be all cockerels. Only 3 market chickens per pen will be weighed in September 14 and there are no substitutions. Pen(s) of market chickens will be weighed from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Jr. Fair Poultry Barn on Saturday, September 14. The member or a family member is responsible for putting each animal on scale.**
- **There will be no sorting of birds on the fairgrounds. All market chickens must be presented for weight at the same time and must be weighed by 8 p.m. ANY BIRDS PREVIOUSLY WEIGHED WILL NOT BE REWEIGHED.**
- **All members are responsible for making arrangements through the Jr. Fair Poultry Committee for processing and must deliver to a State Inspected processor.** Each exhibitor is responsible for initial processing fees and delivery of birds to buyer. Processing fees will be reimbursed to you in your sale check. **Processed market chickens must be delivered to your buyer by Monday, October 7.**

TURKEYS

All Market Turkeys **MUST** be purchased for the project through the Jr. Fair Poultry Committee. **Orders must be received and paid for by March 22, 2024.** See possession dates on previous page.

- **The Market Turkey class will be an all Hen class.**
- There is a minimum weight limit of 20lbs. for market turkeys. Birds not making weight are ineligible to sell but the exhibitor is still eligible for showmanship and outstanding exhibitor awards. Turkeys under 10 pounds will not be caged and will be sent home.
- **Members are limited to exhibiting and selling 2 Market Turkeys. Members are limited to exhibiting only one Breed Turkey. It is mandatory that the Market turkey be a Hen, and the Breed turkey (which can be a tom or a hen) must be a heritage breed, not a commercial breed.**
- All breed turkeys can be banded at exhibitor request.

- Turkeys will be sold individually, not by weight.
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Junior Fair

1. Exhibitors of exotics and large waterfowl projects may provide their own pens that are no larger than 4'x4'. **Must turn in an accurate online Junior Fair Entry through the Jr. Fair office by the August deadline.**
2. The Jr. Fair Poultry Committee will **not** be providing bedding of any kind at the fair.
3. Member needs to supply feed and water dishes (1/2 gallon size) and attach to cages.

For additional Ashland County Fair information, requirements, and rules, refer to:

- 2024 Ashland County Jr. Fair Book
- State Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules at: <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901-19>

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Important Dates

Friday, March 24

April

Thursday, May 9

Friday, May 31

Saturday, August 24

Sunday, August 25

Saturday, August 28

Thursday, August 1

Saturday, Sept. 14

Sunday, Sept. 15

Thursday, Sept. 19

Friday, September 20

Saturday, Sept. 21

Turkey orders due

Poultry Clinic: Date TBD

6pm Poultry Clinic 7pm Turkey pick up

Market Chicken orders due

Skill-a-thon Option #1

Skill-a-thon Option #2

Make Up Skill-a-thon Date

Poultry Clinic 6pm &

Market Chicken Pickup 7pm

Check-in at Fair 11 am to 8 pm

Poultry Show-- See Jr. Fair book

Market Sale-- See Jr. Fair book

Only market animals that went through the sale ring are released after 12 pm

Breed and Non-Sale market release time-- See Jr. Fair book

