

**DEPARTMENT: POULTRY**

Superintendents: Pam Rice and Maggie Pharazyn

**Calendar of Activities**

Barn Setup: 6PM Monday before fair

Pullorum Testing: 9AM-Noon Saturday prior to fair

Poultry Skillathon: Saturday prior to fair. See Livestock Activities department for more information.

Check-in: 4PM-9PM Friday before Poultry Show

Exhibitor Meeting: 15 minutes prior to show 1st Saturday of fair (see Jr. Fair Schedule for date and time)

Poultry Show: first Saturday of fair (see Jr. Fair Schedule for date and time)

Barn Potluck: 12:30 PM Sunday of fair; more details will be posted in the barn

Costume Contest: 2:00 PM Sunday of fair, in the Poultry Barn (immediately following potluck)

Kids Fun Show: 3:30 PM Sunday of fair, in the Poultry Barn (immediately following Costume contest). Open to children up to age 8 (not yet in 4H) to participate in age-appropriate poultry activities. No sign-up required. See barn for more details.

Market Poultry Sale: Sale starts at 6PM on assigned auction night (see Jr. Fair Schedule for date and time). Sale order changes annually and is determined by the Jr. Fair Sale Committee.

Barn Teardown: 4PM Wednesday of fair

Premiums	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C
	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00

**Pullorum testing is REQUIRED for the 2026 fair.**

1. Exhibitors of all non-waterfowl poultry must show proof of pullorum testing at check-in. This includes fancy poultry, production poultry, market chickens, market turkey, guinea fowl, pheasants, quail and heritage turkeys. Waterfowl are exempt from Pullorum testing. This includes ducks and geese. No pullorum paperwork is required for waterfowl.

**Acceptable Proof of Pullorum-Free Birds**

A) Birds under 1 year: Hatchery papers are acceptable and are valid 1 year from date of hatch. Look at your invoice or receipt. All major hatcheries will be stamped with NPIP. That is your proof. If you don't have the invoice or receipt, they may be able to issue you a new copy.

B) Birds older than 1 year, or lacking hatch papers, must have their birds pullorum-tested.

Pullorum testing will be offered the Saturday prior to the fair for non-turkey poultry. Heritage turkeys require special testing. Please contact the Ohio Poultry Association to find testing options

2. Meat chickens and turkeys must show hatchery paperwork emailed after pick-up as proof of pullorum testing. Market ducks do not need pullorum certification.

3. Waterfowl (ducks, geese) do NOT require pullorum testing.

### **Rules for all Poultry**

**1. Read the Fair General Rules, Livestock Rules and Junior Fair Sale Rules**

**2. Absolutely no parents permitted in auction or show ring at any time.** Auction or show assistance must be provided by Jr. Fair member.

3. All birds with the exception of market poultry must be in the exhibitor's possession by June 1<sup>st</sup>

4. At check-in, all birds must have leg or wing bands with unique identifiers (numbers or letters). Band identification may include a color, but MUST have letters or numbers in addition to a color.

5. Project books and record book must be presented at the livestock judging interview the Saturday before the fair. Failure to bring completed book will lower grade by one grade.

6. All poultry exhibitors are required to attend and receive certification for Quality Assurance.

7. No permanent locks are permitted on cages. Zip ties are acceptable.

8. There will be a costume contest on Sunday at 2PM. for rabbits, and poultry. Entry forms must be turned in at the barn by 1PM. Sunday. Exhibitor can choose their own theme. There will be awards for: Best of Show Overall, Most Original Poultry, Best Matching Theme Poultry, and Best Poultry Costume.

9. The Poultry Skillathon will be held on Saturday before the fair at the fairgrounds. There will be three age groups: 9-11 years; 12-14 years; and 15-18 years. See Livestock Activities department for rules and registration.

10. All exhibitors must properly feed and water their stock and keep pens clean. Failure to do so will forfeit premiums. All Exhibitors must provide their own bedding. Bedding must be wood shavings; cedar is not allowed. No straw can be used for bedding. All supplies need to be stored underneath cages, aisles kept clean and clear.

11. All turkey, duck, and market chicken pens must have a minimum one-gallon waterer for the birds. This waterer must be affixed to the cage in a manner to prevent/reduce spillage.

12. Animals with health issues and/or exhibiting signs of injury will not be permitted to be housed or exhibited at the fair. This is based upon recommendation of the Poultry Committee and action must be approved by the Fair Veterinarian.

13. Birds at the fair exhibiting signs of neglect such as consistent lack of food, fresh water, or clean bedding, can be ordered to be removed from the fair at the discretion of the Fair Veterinarian. If any animal is removed from the fair due to neglect, premiums and auction placement for that animal are forfeited.

### **Rules for Market Poultry**

1. Three market projects are available to take to sale: Market Turkey, Meat chickens, Meat Ducks

2. Exhibitors can exhibit all 3 market projects (turkey, duck, chicken), but per Fair General Rules can only sell one.
3. Market turkeys show as a pen of 1; meat chickens show as a pen of 3; meat ducks as a pen of 2.
4. The champion and reserve champion meat chickens, meat ducks, and market turkeys must sell in the Junior Fair Sale on poultry's auction night of the fair. All exhibitors participating in the sale must be present for line up in the poultry barn auction night. (Time to be provided on barn announcement board)
5. Meat chickens, ducks, and turkeys must be purchased through the Extension Office and picked up at the designated time and location. Possession for meat birds is the date of pick-up.
8. All market birds will be weighed at check-in. They must be dry and clean at weighing.
9. Meat chickens, ducks, and turkeys will be classed for judging by check-in weight (light, medium and heavy).
11. Minimum meat chicken pen weight is 14 pounds. Underweight pens are ineligible to enter the auction.
12. Minimum weight for market turkeys is 20 pounds. Underweight turkeys are ineligible to enter the auction.
13. Minimum weight for meat ducks is 5 pounds per bird. Underweight pens are ineligible to enter the auction.
14. Market birds must be clean in appearance to show and sell.
15. Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) must be completed prior to showing, with correlating wing or leg band numbers/letters. Band identification may include a color, but MUST have letters or numbers in addition to a color.
16. Sale photo must be submitted; deadlines to be published by Sales Committee
17. Any market poultry not entered into the auction must be removed from the barn between 4PM-6PM the evening of the auction.

### **Rules for Fancy Poultry**

1. For non-market birds, an exhibitor may enter a maximum of two birds per class, for a maximum of ten total non-market birds. The exhibitor is responsible for entering their birds into the correct class. Disqualification of mis-classed birds is at the discretion of the judges.
2. No changes will be made to entries regarding class or sex after the entry deadline.
3. The same bird may not be entered into more than one class.

### **Barn Setup and Checkout**

1. All exhibitors are expected to participate in either poultry barn setup or tear-down, or auction setup or tear-down.
  - Barn setup Monday before fair at 6PM
  - Barn teardown – 4pm Wednesday of fair

- Auction setup - day of auction mid-day
- Auction tear-down immediately follows the auction

## 2. Market Birds

- Market birds that go through the auction are removed from the barn the evening of the auction or the morning after, at the direction of committee staff. All market exhibitors should tear down their cage and clean the market section of the barn the evening of the auction.
- Market birds that are NOT going through the auction must be removed from the barn at 4PM the evening of the auction. All market exhibitors should tear down their cage and clean the market section of the barn the evening of the auction.

## 3. Non-Market Birds

- Check out for non-market poultry will be at 4PM on Wednesday of the fair. All non-market exhibitors should tear down their cage and clean their section of the barn during teardown.
- Non-market poultry exhibits are not permitted to check out/leave the barn prior to 4PM, Wednesday without express written consent of the Delaware County Fair Manager, Chair of FAC, or the Fair Veterinarian.
- All poultry must be removed by 9PM on checkout day or you may forfeit the premium for this year and the ability to show next year.
- If an exhibitor is unable to attend cleanup, the poultry committee reserves the right to move animals as necessary to facilitate clean-up.

### Section 270: Market Class

Class 27001 – Meat Chickens (Pen of 3)

Class 27002 – Meat Turkey

Class 27003 – Meat Ducks

### Section 271: Exhibition (Fancy) Chickens

Class Numbers 2710(\_) Fancy Bantam

Class Numbers 2711(\_) Large Standard Breeds

Last digit of class number

1 – One cock, (male over one year old)

2 – One hen, (female over one year old)

3 – One cockerel, (male under one year old)

4 – One pullet, (female under one year old)

Example: Class 27113 is a Large Standard Breed one Cockerel (male under one year old)

Section 272: Production (Non-Fancy) Chickens (any breed)

Class 27201 – One hen (female, over one year old)

Class 27202 – One pullet (female, under one year old)

Section 273: Heritage Turkey – Market turkeys not accepted in this class

Class 27301 – Heritage turkey Tom (male)

Class 27302 – Heritage Turkey Hen (female)

Section 274: Ducks

Class 27401 – Production Ducks Egg Type (female)

Class 27403 – Fancy Ducks (any sex)

Section 275: Other Fowl

Class 27501 – Other Fowl

Section 276: Poultry Showmanship

Class 27601 – Jr. Showmanship (8-11 Yrs)

Class 27602 – Int. Showmanship (12-14 Yrs)

Class 27603 – Sr. Showmanship (15-18 Yrs)

Awards:

Trophies/Banners will be awarded to the Champion and Reserve in the following categories with ribbons awarded for 3rd-5th place:

Meat chicken (heavy, medium and light categories)

Market Turkey (heavy, medium and light categories)

Market Duck (heavy, medium and light categories)

Senior Showmanship

Intermediate Showmanship

Junior Showmanship

Fancy Bantam

Large Standard Breeds

Production Poultry

Heritage Turkey

Production Duck

Fancy Duck

Other Fowl

Trophy will be awarded to Showman of Showmen

Register for Poultry Skillathon under Livestock Activities

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