POULTRY

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March 15	**Project Enrollment Deadline**
May 1	**Fancy Poultry Entries Due to OSUE office**
May 1	**Poultry Ambassador Application Due to OSUE office**
May 19	**Poultry Ambassador Contest, 4:30 p.m. Interviews, Contest at 7:00 p.m. OSU Extension Office**
June 16	**Skillathon, 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Bring hatch papers to Skillathon.)**
June 16	**Pullorum Testing, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Jr. Fair Building Shelter**
June 29	**Pullorum Testing, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Jr. Fair Building Shelter**
July 11	**Market Poultry Weigh In/Tag In/Check In, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Poultry Barn**
July 11	**Market Poultry in Place, Saturday, 12:00 p.m.**
July 11	**Posters in place, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Poultry Barn**
July 11	**Market Poultry Barn Meeting, Saturday, 12:30 p.m., Poultry Barn**
July 12	**Market Chicken Show & Showmanship, Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Poultry Barn**
July 13	**Market Turkey Show & Showmanship, Monday, 9:00 a.m., Poultry Barn**
July 14	**Market Turkey Obstacle, Tuesday, 9:00 a.m., Poultry Barn**
July 14	**All Market Chickens, Market Turkeys Must be removed. (Except Champions) Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**
July 15	**Fancy Birds in Place, Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Poultry Barn**
July 15	**Fancy Poultry Barn Meeting, Wednesday, 7:15 p.m., Poultry Barn**
July 16	**Barn Party, Thursday, 5:00 p.m. Poultry Barn**
July 17	**Fancy Bird Show and Breeding Showmanship, Friday, 9:00 a.m. Poultry Barn**
July 17	**Poster Judging, Friday, during the show.**
July 18	**Waterfowl and Fancy Poultry released, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Poultry Barn**
July 18	**Sale of Champions: Saturday, 1:00 p.m., Fairground-LEC** **Sale order: All grand champions & reserve grand champions, goat, lamb, beef, poultry, rabbit, dairy & swine** **No equipment or projects are to be moved during the Junior Fair Livestock Sales.**

General Rules and Regulations

1. All single fryers, roasters, meat pens, commercial waterfowl and turkeys will be checked in, inspected and leg banded on the day of weigh-in. **(Market Ducks are exhibition only.)**

2. Birds entered in the meat classes (roasters, fryers, meat pens, and turkeys) must meet the following hatching guidelines to exhibit:
    a. Turkeys - Must be between the ages of 14 and 18 weeks of age. Hatching dates must be between March 7th and April 4 of the current year.
    b. Meat Pens and Single Roasters - Meat pens and roasters must not exceed 9 weeks of age at fair. Meat pens and roasters can be hatched no earlier than May 9th, of the current year.
    c. Single Fryers - Fryers must not exceed 7 weeks of age at fair. Fryers can be hatched no earlier than May 23rd of the current year.

3. **All members exhibiting meat pens, single roasters, single fryers, and meat turkeys must turn in hatchery documentation at project weigh in on July 11 or at Skillathon. If hatch papers are not turned in, members will not be eligible to show and sell at fair.**

4. Weight regulations for meat birds, roasters, fryers and turkeys are as follows:
    a. Meat Pen for 2 - Must weigh between 9 pounds and 14 pounds the day of the weigh-in. All birds within the pen must weigh between 4 pounds 8 ounces and 7 pounds to qualify for the show and sale.
    b. Single Roasters- Must weigh between 6 pounds 8 ounces and 12 pounds the day of weigh-in to qualify for the show and sale.
    c. Single Fryers- Must weigh between 3 pounds and 4 pounds 8 ounces the day of weigh-in to qualify for the show and sale.
    d. Meat Turkeys-(Toms and Hens) - Must meet age requirement. Sale hens must exceed 10 pounds and sale toms must exceed 15 pounds.

5. All birds must be washed and deloused prior to being brought to the fair. All birds must be washed prior to the show.

6. All birds are expected to be healthy and free of mites and lice. A Poultry Committee member, vet or someone designated by the Poultry Committee will check birds during check in. Any lousy or sick birds will be asked to treat or leave at check in. Any birds that the fair veterinarian and superintendents feel to be ill or contagious must be removed immediately. **If a poultry project is determined to need mite and lice treatment the exhibitor will be responsible for a $5 fee.**

7. All entries will be accepted without health certificates, provided all birds are free of disease and parasites and Pullorum free.

8. Cage assignments will be given once the birds have been deemed free of lice and mites or treated. Exhibitors are not to pen their own birds.

9. **Exhibitors must bring their own feeders and waterers for market and breeding projects.**

10. **No grooming is permitted to alter the color of the bird.**

11. All meat birds must be owned and cared for within 48 hours after hatching.

12. All members exhibiting poultry are encouraged to participate in the Skillathon. First place will be awarded in each age group for fancy and market birds. All exhibitors who wish to compete in the Outstanding Exhibitor Award must take the Skillathon.
    a. Beginner Division 8-9
    b. Junior Division - Ages 10-11
    c. Intermediate Division - Ages 12-13
    d. Senior Division - Ages 14 and older

13. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion meat pens, single fryers, single roaster, meat turkeys must be auctioned at the sale. Other market poultry making weight may be auctioned, too.

14. Jr. Fair members may sell 1 market project.

15. All members are required daily to properly feed, water, and clean pens and aisle areas of their own animals. NO STRAW ALLOWED, but some type of bedding is required. Failure to comply can result in exhibitor being asked to remove his or her animals from the fairground.

16. On judging day all junior exhibitors must be present to bring their birds to the judging table. No people besides the junior exhibitors and fair staff will be allowed in the cage area around the judging table during the show.

17. Poultry Committee is responsible for the interpretation of the rules.

18. All exhibitors are to wear clean clothing, free of rips, tears or holes. Sturdy shoes should be clean (no sandals). No backs or midriffs are to be showing. White jacket or white button-down top is suggested but not required.

19. All Grand and Reserve meat turkeys and chickens must be harvested from the fair. Directions for this procedure will be given directly to each exhibitor at the end of the exhibition. Exhibitors are encouraged to donate sale birds to local food pantries. Exhibitors will be responsible for the processing fees charged.

Poultry Classes

DIVISION I - Showmanship

1. Beginner Division 8-9
2. Junior Division - Ages 10-11
2. Intermediate Division - Ages 12-13
3. Senior Division - Ages 14 and older

DIVISION II - Meat Turkeys

1. Members may exhibit a maximum of 4 turkeys total. The exhibitor may show 2 of the Bronze variety and 2 of the White variety. The combination may be 1 tom and 1 hen or 2 toms or 2 hens of each variety.

Class	*Description*
1	Tom Turkey
2	Hen Turkey

DIVISION III - Meat Chickens

1. Members may exhibit 1 meat pen, a single fryer, and a single roaster, Exhibitors may now have 3 entries in the Market Chicken exhibition.
2. Exhibitors with a meat pen may bring an extra bird to the fair. 3 birds for the meat pen of 2 and 2 single birds if they are exhibiting a fryer and roaster. Members will be allowed to weigh all 3 birds and designate 2 for the pen. Single birds must be designated prior to weigh in. The bird not used in the pen may remain at the fair**.**

Class	*Description*
1	Meat Pen of 2
2	Single Fryer
3	Single Roaster

Division IV - <u>Outstanding Market Turkey Exhibitor Award & Outstanding Market Chicken Exhibitor Award</u>-these awards recognize exhibitors who excel in project knowledge, showmanship, and class placing. Exhibitor Award will be determined using three 30-point categories:

•Top Market Placing
•Showmanship
•Skillathon

Only the test score from the designated date will be used. Those not taking the Skillathon at the county date are ineligible for this award. See Livestock Rules for additional Skillathon regulations.

Points will be awarded to the three areas as follows:

1st.....30
2nd.....25
3rd.....20
4th.....15
5th.....10
6th.....….5

Ties will be broken as follows: First tie breaker – Skillathon physical score, second tie breaker - highest showmanship placing, third tie breaker - placing of the exhibitor's highest placing project. If a tie still exists, an interview will be conducted between the individual exhibitors and the designated members of the Poultry Committee and 4-H Educator.

The Outstanding Market Turkey Exhibitor Award & Outstanding Market Chicken Exhibitor Award will be presented during the sale of champions on the last Saturday of the fair.

DIVISION V - Breeding Classes

1. Breeding class age classifications:
   Pullets - females, under 1 year
   Hen - females, 1 year and older
   Cockerel - males, under 1 year
   Cocks - males, 1 year and older

2. All breeding birds must be in possession of the Junior Fair exhibitor by May 1. **Members must turn in a completed Poultry Breeding Entry Form to OSU Extension by May 1**. Exhibitors are encouraged to show birds 6 months of age and older.

3. Pullorum testing is required on all birds over 4 months of age. Pullorum and AI testing are required to be tested every 12 months. You must provide a copy of this testing on the day of check in or at Skillathon. If you cannot provide hatch papers showing the testing results that are dated less than 12 months you must have your birds tested for Pullorum

   If hatch papers or **proof of Pullorum/NPIP** free testing within the past 365 days are not available, the exhibitor must have the bird or birds tested. See dates above for testing dates. Birds tested must be the exhibitor's registered projects. The breakdown for testing requirements per exhibitor, <u>not family</u>, are listed below:

Number of Birds Exhibited	Number to be Tested
1	1
2-5	2
6 or more	3

3. All breeding poultry entries for the fair must include breed of bird, sex, color, (Variety) and age classification.

4. **Members may sign up and exhibit in 12 classes in Division V.**

5. Exhibitors will be responsible for determining the class that their project belongs in. The Poultry Committee will not be determining Breed or variety. The project will be placed in class and will show in that class unless the Judge allows for the bird to be removed from that class and placed in the correct class. Please review the American Standard of Perfection book to ensure you are picking the correct class. A copy can be found at the OSUE office.

6. Please note that the following breeds may no longer be shown in the Individual Breed classes: Red Star, Black Star, Golden Comet, Red Sexlink, Black Sexlink and Amberlink, Blue Sapphire. Please refer to Division VI, Egg Production for more direction with these specified breeds. Please refer to the American Poultry Association Standard of Perfection for recognized breeds for each class. The Standard of Perfection book is available at the OSUE office for reference.

American Standard Breeds
Class 1-Pullet
Class 2-Hen
Class 3-Cockerel
Class 4-Cock

Asiatic Standard Breeds
Class 5- Pullet
Class 6- Hen
Class 7- Cockerel
Class 8- Cock

English Standard Breeds
Class 9-Pullet
Class 10-Hen
Class 11-Cockerel
Class 12-Cock

Mediterranean Standard Breeds
Class 13-Pullet
Class 14-Hen
Class 15-Cockerel
Class 16-Cock

European/Continental Standard Breeds
Class 17-Pullet
Class 18-Hen
Class 19-Cockerel
Class 20-Cock

All Other Standard Breeds (Please refer to the American Standard of Perfection for recognized colors of the Araucana and Ameraucana breeds.)
Class 21-Pullet
Class 22-Hen
Class 23-Cockerel
Class 24-Cock

Old English Game Bird- Bantam
Class 25-Pullet
Class 26-Hen
Class 27-Cockerel

Class 28-Cock

Single combed clean legged bantams
Class 29-Pullet
Class 30-Hen
Class 31-Cockerel
Class 32-Cock

Rose combed clean legged bantams
Class 33-Pullet
Class 34-Hen
Class 35-Cockerel
Class 36-Cock

All other combed clean legged bantam breeds
Class 37-Pullet
Class 38-Hen
Class 39-Cockerel
Class 40-Cock

Feather legged bantam breeds
Class 41-Pullet
Class 42-Hen
Class 43-Cockerel
Class 44-Cock

Waterfowl Large & Small
Class 45-Duck
Class 46-Drake

Non Chicken/All Other
Class 47
Pheasants, quail, breeding turkey, guinea, pigeon, peacock. Exhibitor may enter all categories on May 1, but only show 1 in this class at the fair.

DIVISION VI - Egg Production
Class 48
Egg production hens must be in possession on or before **May 1** and be in full production at fair time.
Production hens are judged on both past and present laying condition.
Member will exhibit three hens or pullets from their laying flock of the same breed, as well as one dozen of recently produced eggs.
Criteria for judging will include the condition of the hens and the uniformity and defects of the dozen eggs.

DIVISION VII - Trio of Birds
Class 49
Members will exhibit 3 birds from one breed. The exhibit shall consist of 2 hens and 1 cock or 2 pullets and 1 cockerel. Birds must be in the possession of the member by **May 1.**
Judging to be based on uniformity and quality as determined by the judge.

DIVISION VIII – Outstanding Fancy Poultry Exhibitor Award recognizes one fancy poultry exhibitor each year who excels in poultry knowledge, showmanship, and class placings. Exhibitor Award will be determined using three 30-point categories:
•Top placing animal
•Showmanship
•Skillathon
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The Outstanding Fancy Poultry Exhibitor Award will be presented at the end of the exhibition and recognized during the sale of champions on the last Saturday of the fair.

DIVISION IX - Educational Posters
All educational posters will be considered in this class. Posters are due the first Saturday of the fair between **8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to the poultry committee.**
Judging will be done on:

1) Neatness
2) Completeness
3) Educational Content
4) Ability to educate public on poultry and its related areas.

*Posters will be on display during fair week in the Poultry Barn.