

## Department 10: 4-H/FFA Poultry

**Poultry Showmanship:** #50 Show Arena, Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

**Turkeys: Outside Poultry Barn or #50 Show Arena,** Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

**Poultry Breeding and Market Show:** #50 Show Arena, Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 12:30 p.m.

**Superintendent:** John Hablitzel

**Assistant Superintendents:** Kim Root, Scott Anderson, Jodie Schmeltzer

**Please note: Junior Fair poultry will be housed in the barn that previously housed meat/market goats.**

**Housing Forms:** Junior Fair Exhibitors housing animal(s) in a location other than the property on which they reside must obtain and file a Livestock Housing Form with the OSU Extension Office. Deadline for filling out this form is the deadline set forth for possession of the animal. For more specifications, refer to the General Rules.

**Quality Assurance:** As mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, each exhibitor must have attended an educational experience by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year. Club/Chapter Quality Assurance Clinics taught by a trained and certified assistant instructor, or the countywide make-up clinics are required for exhibitors to meet this requirement. The 4-H Youth Development Educators at OSU Extension can provide locations of workshops provided in our county.

**Skillathon:** Each exhibitor must participate in a Skillathon. Youth are encouraged to attend the species you are exhibiting. If an exhibitor plans to compete for Poultry Premier Exhibitor, they must attend the Poultry Skillathon at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, to be eligible.

### Project Record Books:

- 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
- 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
- 4-H and FFA Records Books will be reviewed at Skillathon.
  - For those who forget or don't bring their book – the book will need be completed and turned into the OSU Extension Office by Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
  - Exhibitors who do not properly complete a record book for each of their fair projects WILL NOT be allowed to exhibit at the fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
  - No books will be reviewed after September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**Health Papers:** Are not required except for a valid and current Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) for all market poultry. DUNF forms are to be filled out online. **DUNF forms are to be filled out online. DUNF forms must be filled out by 11:59 p.m. after weigh-in on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025. All livestock must be free from any/all drugs in their system on fair weigh-in day.**

- Market Chickens - complete one DUNF Form per pen of chickens.
- Market Duck - complete one DUNF Form.
- Market Turkeys – **NEW FOR 2025: Market Turkeys will be banded at check-in. List this number in the identification field of the DUNF Form after check-in.**

**Entries:** Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program:

<http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfairentry>.

- No more than one entry per class. NOTE: EACH NUMBER INDICATES A DIFFERENT CLASS.
- An individual animal may not be shown in more than one class (this excludes showmanship classes).
- Exhibitors can enter a maximum of six (6) total entries in the standard rooster/hen classes (classes 2-13) and six (6) total entries in the Bantam rooster/hen classes (classes 19-28).

### Department 10-CM: Market Chickens Division

#### Market Chicken Class:

1. Market Chickens: 3 birds male or female with total pen weigh from a minimum of twelve (12.0) pounds to a maximum of **twenty-four (24.0) pounds.**

### Department 10-TM: Market Turkey Division

#### Market Turkey Class:

1. Market Turkey: 1 bird

### Department 10-DM: Market Duck Division

#### Market Duck Class:

1. Market Duck: 1 bird - Pekin, Aylesbury, Muscovy, Rouen with a weight between six (6.0) pounds and ten (10.0) pounds.

### Department 10: Breeding Poultry and Poultry Showmanship

#### Layers Division

##### Layers Class:

1. Layers: 2 hens of the same breed. Should be mature laying hens at least 18 weeks old (may vary according to breed) to insure production by fair dates.

**Standard Size Rooster Division**

- One (1) bird per class, all entries should comply with the American Poultry Association Standards.
- NOTE: The breeds listed are not a comprehensive list of breeds recognized for each class.
- Please refer to APA Standards if you're breed is not listed.

**Standard Size Rooster Classes**

1. American Rooster  
Buckeyes, Delawares, Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, New Hampshires, Dominiques, Wyandottes, Jersey Giants, Chanteclers, Lamonas, Hollands, Javas, Rhode Island Whites
2. Asiatic Rooster  
Brahmas, Cochins, and Langshans
3. English Rooster  
Dorkings, Redcaps, Cornish, Orpingtons, Sussex, and Astralorpes
4. Mediterranean Rooster  
Leghorns, Minorcas, Spanish, Andulusians, Anconas, Sicilian, Buttercups, and Catalanas
5. Continental Rooster  
Barnevelders, Hamburgs, Campines, Lakenvelders, Wesummers, Polish, Houdans, Crevecouers, La Fleche, and Favorolles
6. All Other Standard Breeds Rooster  
Modern Games, Old English Games, Sumatras, Malays, Cublayas, Phoenix, Yokohamas, Aseels, Shamos, Sultans, Frizzies, Naked Necks, Araucanas, and Ameraucanas

**Standard Size Hen Division**

- One (1) bird per class, all entries should comply with the American Poultry Association Standards.
- See breeds listed under "Standard Size Rooster Classes."

**Standard Size Rooster Classes:**

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| 7. American Hen | 10. Mediterranean Hen             |
| 8. Asiatic Hen  | 11. Continental Hen               |
| 9. English Hen  | 12. All Other Standard Breeds Hen |

**All Other Poultry Division****All Other Poultry Classes:**

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| 13. Breeding Turkey: (1 bird)   | 15. Fancy Ducks: (1 bird, any breed of duck) |
| 14. Exotic Fowl: (any bird that is not a chicken and does not fall under any other class) | 16. Geese: (1 bird)                          |
|   | 17. Pigeon: (1 bird)                         |

**Bantam Rooster Division**

- One (1) bird per class, all entries should comply with the American Bantam Association Standards.

**Bantam Rooster Classes:**

18. Game Bantam Rooster  
Modern Game- 36 varieties, Old English Games- 12 varieties; dubbing and de-wattling are not required.
19. Single Comb Clean Legged Bantam Rooster  
Anconas, Andulusians, Australorpes, Campines, Catalanas, Delawares, Dorkings, Dutch, Frizzies, Hollands, Japanese, Javas, Jersey Giants, Lakenvelders, Lamonas, Leghorns, Minorcas, Naked Necks, New Hampshires, Orpingtons, Phoenix, Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, Spanish, Sussex, and Welsummers
20. Rose Comb Clean Legged Bantam Rooster  
Aconas, Belgian Beared d'Anvers, Dominiques, Dorkings, Hamburgs, Leghorns, Minorcas, Redcaps, Rhode Island Reds, Rhode Island Whites, Rosecombs, Sebrights, and Wyandottes
21. All Other Combs Clean Legged Bantam Rooster  
Ameraucana, Araucana, Buckeyes, Chanteclers, Cornish, Crevecouers, Cublayas, Houdans, La Fleche, Malays, Polish, Shamos, Sicilian, Buttercups, Sumatras, Yokohamas
22. Feather Legged Bantam Rooster  
Booted, Belgian Bearded d'Uccle, Bramas, Cochins, Faverolles, Frizzles, Langshans, Silkies, and Sultans

**Bantam Hen Division**

- One (1) bird per class, all entries should comply with the American Bantam Association Standards.
- See breed descriptions under "Bantam Rooster Classes."

**Bantam Hen Classes:**

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| 23. Game Bantam Hen              | 26. All Other Combs Clean Legged Hen |
| 24. Single Comb Clean Legged Hen | 27. Feather Legged Bantams Ham       |
| 25. Rose Comb Clean Legged Hen   |                                      |

The Poultry Show Committee will determine the number of classes offered each for the Bantam, standard size chickens and turkeys following the August entry deadline. At least two (2) exhibitor entries are needed for class placings. If there is only one entry, the exhibitor will receive a grade and has the option of showing for champion.

**Showmanship Division:** Showmanship entries are submitted through FairEntry by the fair entry deadline.

**Poultry Showmanship Classes:**

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| 1. Poultry Showmanship (Ages 15-18) | 4. Poultry Showmanship (Ages 9-10)           |
| 2. Poultry Showmanship (Ages 13-14) | 5. Beginner Poultry Showmanship              |
| 3. Poultry Showmanship (Ages 11-12) | (1st year poultry showman, age 11 and under) |

**Arrival Times:** Animals may be placed in cages beginning at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, October 4th, 2025.

- Non-market poultry and Market Turkeys must arrive by **12:00 p.m.**
- Market chickens and market ducks must arrive by 4:00 p.m.
- Breeding turkeys are to arrive the day of the show but must be checked in during the Saturday check in time below (the actual bird does not need to be present for the check in).

**Check-In: All poultry entries must be checked-in at the appropriate check-in stations during the following times to verify they will be showing and that they are entered into the appropriate class. Entries not properly checked in during these times will be automatically scratched and not allowed to show.**

- Market Chickens and Market Ducks – as part of weigh-in.
- All Non-Market Poultry and Market Turkeys - Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, between **10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**, in the Poultry Barn.
  - **Class assignments for breeding/fancy poultry only may be changed during check-in.**
    - **Allowed changes:**
      - **Standard Rooster/Hen to another Standard Rooster/Hen class**
      - **Bantam Rooster/Hen to another Bantam Rooster/Hen class**
    - **Changes not allowed:**
      - **Standard Hen/Rooster to Bantam Hen/Rooster or vice versa**
      - **Changes (other than scratches) to any other classes**
  - **No new entries will be allowed. You must have made a previous entry to make a change.**
  - **All changes must be in writing on the forms to be provided during check-in (no verbal changes will be accepted).**
  - **All changes must be made during check-in. No class changes will be accepted before or after check-in.**

**Exhibitor Meeting:** There will be an exhibitor meeting for poultry exhibitors on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the #50 Show Arena.

**Weigh-In:** Market chickens and market ducks only will weigh-in from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in the #50 Show Arena.

**Pullorum Testing Requirements:** All poultry exhibited must meet pullorum requirements per ODA rule [901:1-18-05](#) (listed under General Rules) in one of the following methods.

- Rule (A)(1) Submit hatchery paperwork
  - **This paperwork is only valid for one year from hatch. Any birds older than one year must meet the rule using another method.**
  - This paperwork will be kept by the committee.
  - Exhibitor's names **MUST** be listed on the paperwork (written on is acceptable) and a separate copy for each exhibitor must be provided.
  - Hatchery paperwork **MUST** display the NPIP logo indicating the hatcher participates in the NPIP program.
  - For those purchasing from a reseller (such as Tractor Supply or Rural King), receipts from the reseller do not meet the ODA requirements. The reseller should be able to provide you with the name and contact information for the hatchery where the birds originated, and you must contact that original hatchery to obtain the proper paperwork.
- Rule (A)(2) or Rule (A)(3) – documentation of such testing must be provided to the committee during check-in.
- Rule (A)(4) - Pullorum blood testing will be available for chickens only from 9:00 am - 11:00 am, Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in the Poultry Barn. **Only one bird from each exhibitor's exhibition flock needs to be tested.** Note that the rapid test provided at the fair does not work for turkeys or gamebirds, therefore turkeys and gamebirds must utilize one of the other methods of verification.
- **Please note Rule (B) - "Any co-mingling of birds voids national poultry improvement plan status from the original flock or hatchery". If any of the exhibition poultry have had contact with any other poultry that does not meet the above requirements, one bird from the exhibitor's exhibition flock must be blood-tested. This includes market chickens and turkeys!!!**

**Market Classes:** This is a non-terminal show. See [ODA Rules 901-19-01 CC](#).

**Market Poultry Sale:** Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena. **Sale order is pending.** All market poultry will sell either individually or in groups. Those exhibitors selling in groups are encouraged to participate in the sale but should not bring their animals. Please review rules on the sale page: <http://u.osu.edu/livestocksale>.

**Release Times:** No animals will be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the stated release time without approval from the Junior Fair Director or the Senior Fair Board. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from exhibiting that specie the following year. All poultry will be released on **Sunday**, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** All animals must be removed from the barn on **Sunday**, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, by **2:00 p.m.**, unless prior arrangements are made with the Poultry Superintendent.

**Premiums:** Project books will be checked during county Skillathon. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and turn it in at Skillathon, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium and will not show that specie at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

- Breeding Poultry Premiums: "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.25; "C" =\$0.75
- Market Poultry Premiums: "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.25; "C" =\$0.75

**Livestock Sale Exhibitor Checks:** Exhibitors must submit a stamped thank you note to their advisor prior to November 1<sup>st</sup>. Advisors will be required to mail thank-you notes and maintain their buyer checklist to receive the exhibitors' checks. If a check is not cashed within the specified 90-day period from the check date, there will be a Stop Payment Fee deduction imposed and a replacement check issued to the exhibitor.

## READ THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL RULES AND HEALTH REGULATIONS

### Poultry Special Rules

1. All poultry, except for breeding turkeys, must be housed at the fair.
2. The Poultry Committee reserves the right to combine animals from the same exhibitor or family in the same pens.
3. Pens will be assigned for each exhibitor prior to poultry arriving at the fairgrounds on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025. No exhibitor shall move or change pen assignments without the permission of the Poultry Committee. If you do not find an assigned pen, please see a member of the Poultry Committee before placing your animals into a pen.
4. All market poultry exhibited must have been completely and fully owned and in the continual care of the exhibitor within 5 days of hatch per [ODA Rule: 901-19-39 A-7](#). Additionally, the Poultry Committee has designated the following dates for possession: a) Market Chickens - no later than September 1st of the current year, b) Market Turkeys - no sooner than May 1st of the current year and no later than July 1st, c) Market Duck - between August 1st and August 15th of the current year. **Hatchery paperwork showing the hatch date must be submitted during check-in. Home-grown/hatched entries must present written verification of the hatch date.**
5. All non-market poultry must be in the exhibitor's possession and continual care by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
6. All proof of purchase and hatchery certification documentation must be in the Poultry Committee's possession by the end of check-in/weigh-in.
7. Market chickens and ducks that fall outside the weight ranges listed previously will receive a grade and premium only but will not be eligible for individual sale or championship placing.
8. There will be no packer bid for poultry. All animals will be returned to the exhibitor after the Junior Fair Livestock Auction. The exhibitor is to deliver processed poultry to the buyer if the buyer requests.
9. Breeding turkeys must arrive the day of the show no earlier than 7:30 a.m. but be checked in (bird not necessary for check in) Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025. With the exception of the champion, breeding turkeys can be removed from the fairgrounds immediately after the breeding show is complete and no later than the completion of the Poultry Show. The champion breeding turkey will be housed at the fairgrounds through the remainder of the fair.
10. Some exotic fowl may require ODNR approval for ownership.
11. Before removing animals from the fairgrounds at the stated release times, exhibitors must properly clean their pens. (See General Rule #29). For poultry this means a) remove and properly dispose of all shavings/bedding, b) remove anything attached to cages (cardboard, zip ties, name cards, locks, etc.) c) clean the water and feed bowls and return them to the designated storage area, d) tear down cages and place in designated storage area (only if your animal is the last animal in a shared cage set).
12. **New for 2025: If the Poultry Committee determines a display does not meet minimum care requirements (is excessively dirty or lack of food/water for an extended period of time), a tag will be placed on that cage that shows the date and time it was placed and the reason for tagging. The exhibitor must correct the situation and have it verified by a member of the Poultry Committee within 10 hours of placement. If there is no resolution within 10 hours, a text notification along with a photo of the cage will be sent to the exhibitor and their primary advisor with a 2<sup>nd</sup> request to correct the situation. If the situation is not corrected within 24 hours of tag placement, the situation will be forwarded to the Junior Fair Director per General Rule #21.**

### Poultry Showmanship

1. Exhibitors should sign up for Showmanship when making fair entries in August. Fair entries are due Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Showmanship entries should be made for each species you plan to participate in.
2. Exhibitors must have an animal entry in that specie to show in showmanship for that respective specie.
3. All ages are as of January 1 of the current year.
4. Rules and conditions apply to all divisions.
5. Each exhibitor must show their own animal, but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. Each exhibitor must show one of their declared animals (if more than one), but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. However, if they are called back into the ring for another heat of showmanship, it must be with the same animal.
6. Winners from each age division will come back and compete for Poultry Showman of Showmen.
7. The Poultry Showman of Showmen Winner will compete in the Super Showmanship Contest on Thursday morning of the fair. An exhibitor can continue to return to Super Showmanship until they win the title of Champion Super Showmanship Overall.