

POULTRY GUIDELINES

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JUNIOR FAIR POULTRY SHOW

Market Poultry Show: Wednesday, August 27, 12:00 p.m., Barn #35, **Poultry Breed Judging to follow**
Dress a Chicken: Saturday, August 30, 9:30 a.m., Barn #35
Poultry Showmanship: Sunday, August 31, 2:00 p.m. – Event Center

POULTRY PROJECTS

PROJECT 150 CEP: Raising pullets 4-5 months of age. Exhibit a pen of 2 at the fair.

PROJECT 150 CM: Market pen of 2 broilers. Exhibit a pen of 2 at the fair.

PROJECT 150 CE: Chicken Exhibition: Includes: Fancy Breeds and Other Chickens Breeds over 1 year old.

Exhibit two at the fair. Bird must be pollorum free (tested and documented prior to arriving at the fair).

PROJECT 150 TE: Breed turkey. Exhibit no more than two at the fair. A male and female is preferred.

PROJECT 150 TM: Market turkey. One bird will be exhibited at the fair.

PROJECT 150 DE: Ducks - Exhibit at least 2 in a pen. A male and female preferred.

PROJECT 150 DM: Market Duck – Exhibit 1 per pen.

PROJECT 150 GE: Geese - Exhibit no more than 2 geese in a pen. A male and female preferred.

SHOWMANSHIP: The exhibitor is judged on presentation and knowledge of his or her project. Age is based on January 1 of the current year.

The bird shown may be any project exhibited in Barn #35. Ducks, turkeys, and geese are included.

Junior: 9-11 years

Intermediate: 12-14 years

Senior: 15-19 years

MEMBERSHIP:

- Open to any Mahoning County Youth ages 8 and in the third grade, or 9 years of age to 18 years old inclusive on January 1 of the current year.
- The member must be enrolled in a local 4-H, FFA chapter, Farm Bureau Youth or Mahoning County Poultry Club/Mahoning County Junior Fair by the deadline stated with the organization.
- To exhibit in the Junior Fair, member must completing the Junior Fair enroll online, selecting to participate in poultry and sign off on the guidelines by April 7, 2025

GENERAL POULTRY REQUIREMENTS:

1. **Only two projects** will be permitted per exhibitor, **either Market or Breed or a combination of both**. Only market animals will be sold at auction.
2. **Mandatory** - Any member taking a poultry project must attend **at least 3 county poultry meetings** to exhibit at the fair. This does not include Skillathon. One of these meeting must be the February meeting or the Poultry Session at Quality Assurance. The member may not be permitted to exhibit if these requirements are not met.
3. **Youth taking Market Broilers, Market Duck and/or Market Turkey must attend a Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program accompanied by a parent and/or legal guardian or fulfill the optional requirements for the Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program.**
4. All poultry projects must be in the member's possession by May 15th. Market broilers, market ducks and market turkeys are the only exceptions. Youth may not show any poultry in the Mahoning County Junior Fair that have been exhibited in any other county junior fair show.
5. No poultry less than 4 months old will be permitted at the fair. The market broilers are the only exceptions.
6. Poultry projects may be included in a family flock.
7. All birds must be purebred or high grade crossed to exhibit at the fair.
8. No poultry with parasites will be exhibited at the fair. Birds with parasites will be sent home. Any unclean project will be sent home by the poultry committees.
9. All poultry will be health checked on entry day of the fair. All chickens must be pollorum free. Any birds not from this year's chick pools or purchased from local feed mills **must be pollorum tested prior the fair**. If you purchase your chicks from another source, you must have a paper from that source stating it is a pollorum free facility. This health paper must be turned into the poultry committees by Entry Day.
10. All meat birds will be weighed upon arrival on Junior Fair Entry Day.
11. All youth taking a market project will wear the shirt provided to them for judging.
12. Poultry showmanship is highly recommended. Youth should wear white shirts and dark bottoms for judging. White lab coats may also be worn.
13. Members are required to furnish their own feed. Shavings will be provided. **All pens must be cleaned daily by 9:00 a.m.**
14. **A record book is optional for each non-market project. These will be turned in Tuesday after the fair to be considered for Best Record Book.**
15. **Small Animal Skillathon/Interview Judging is MANDATORY!** Members may only participate in the skillathon if they are currently taking that project. If a member is unable to attend, arrangements must be made with a poultry committee. Make up session will be held at the August OPEN HOUSE.
16. Poultry project members will follow the Small and Exotic Animal Committee guidelines.
17. Members taking poultry projects are responsible for making sure the buyer receives the birds they purchased.

MEATPEN BROILER GUIDELINES

1. Members may take one meat pen broiler project only.
2. Members must follow the Poultry and the Small and Exotic General Guidelines.
3. Each member **must** bring his or her broiler project to the fair. If they do not bring their project to the fair, they will not be permitted to take the broiler project the following year. The only exceptions would be if the birds were not of market quality and they were dismissed on entry day health check or if a predator at home killed them.
4. All meat pen chicks will be purchased by the individual member from a pollorum free hatchery. They must be white Cornish rock chicks. They must be at least 7 weeks old at Junior Fair Entry Day.
5. Members must be registered for Market Broilers by the designated enrollment deadline.
6. **PROPER NUTRITION:** All members taking the broiler project **must** present a feedbag ingredient tag from the feed they have purchased to feed their project.
7. **A record book is required for each project. Refer to the Record Book guidelines below.**
8. All broiler projects are **terminal**, and **all** will be processed by a designated processor voted on by the Small and Exotic Animal Committee. This will be announced prior the auction.
9. All buyers will be notified to pick up their processed market chickens. If the buyer chooses not to pick up their chickens, it is the members responsibility to pick up the chickens the night of butcher, and deliver the market chickens to the buyer according their convenience.
10. All broiler projects must be healthy and free from deformities: no parasites, have two legs, two wings and wings may not be clipped. **Any of these faults will result in the disqualification of the pen.**
11. All meat pens will be health checked on entry day of the fair. Any bird brought to the fair **not** of market quality **will be dismissed and sent home.** Any bird brought to the fair not clean will be sent home. All birds must be dry at check in.
12. Scales brought from home or any other outside source will not be permitted on the Junior Fair area on weigh in day. Only the official fair weigh-in scale will be permitted. Anyone found to have a scale will be disqualified.
13. All meat pens will be weighed on entry day upon arrival. The weights will be given to the judge on the day of Market judging. There will be no reweighs. All underweight birds will be sent home after the weigh in.
14. Market Broilers must be at least 5 pounds with a maximum weight of 8 lbs. to be sold in the auction. Birds not meeting this 5 lb. requirement will not be permitted to exhibit and will be sent home. The maximum weight of 8 lbs. is recommended, but birds over this weight will still be permitted to show and place.
15. Uniformity: Pens must consist of two hens and two roosters.
16. If during the fair, a bird becomes ill, the poultry committees, Senior Fair Board Director in charge and/or fair veterinarian will determine if the pen should be sent home or stay.
17. Each member will fit and show their animal. The member may be asked by the judge to show another member's animal.

MARKET TURKEY GUIDELINES

1. Members may take one market turkey project.
2. The poults **MUST BE** 17 to 18 weeks prior to the fair entry day. The turkeys will be from a pollorum free hatchery. They must be Broad Breast White poults.
3. Members must be registered for the Market Turkey project by the designated enrollment deadline.
4. **A record book is required for each project. Refer to the guidelines above.**
5. **All** members taking the market turkey project must present a feedbag label of the feed they have purchased to feed their turkeys.
6. All market turkeys are **terminal** and will be processed by a designated processor voted on by the Small and Exotic Animal Committee. This will be announced prior to the auction.
7. All buyers will be notified to pick up their processed market turkeys. If the buyer chooses not to pick up their turkey, it is the members responsibility to pick up the turkey the night of butcher, and deliver the market turkey to the buyer according their convenience
8. All turkey projects must be healthy and free from deformities. There should be no missing extremities (two legs, 2 wings), not wing clipped and no parasites. **Any of these faults will result in disqualification of the pen.**
9. All turkeys will be health checked the designated entry and weigh in day. Any turkey brought to the fair not clean will be sent home. All turkeys must be dry at check in.
10. Scales brought from home or any other source will not be permitted in the Junior Fair area on weigh-in day. Only the official fair weigh in scale will be permitted. **Anyone found to have a scale will be disqualified.**
11. All turkeys will be weighed upon arrival. There will not be any re-weighs. The weights will be given to the judge during the breed judging day. All qualified birds will be sold at the auction.
12. **Turkeys must be at least 20 lbs. to be sold in the Market Livestock Sale. Turkeys not meeting this minimum weight will not be permitted to exhibit in the Junior Fair Show and will be sent home.**
13. If during the fair, the turkey becomes ill, the poultry committees, Senior Fair Board Director in charge and / or fair veterinarian will determine if the bird will be kept or sent home.
14. Each member will fit and show his or her own animal. The member may be asked by the judge to show another member's animal.
15. **The member must be present at the auction. If unable to be there, they must make arrangements with a poultry committee prior the auction for a substitute to sell the animal. The committee will document the name of the person selling the animal. If the member or the substitute is not present at the auction, the animal will not be sold.**
16. Members must follow the Small and Exotic Animal guidelines, poultry guidelines and Junior Fair Market Livestock guidelines.

MARKET DUCK GUIDELINES

1. Members may take one market duck project.
2. The ducklings **MUST BE** at least 11 weeks old prior to the junior fair entry day. The ducks will be from a pollorum free hatchery. They must be be Pekin ducklings.
3. Members must be registered for the Market Duck project by the designated enrollment deadline.
4. **A record book is required for each project. Refer to the guidelines above.**
5. All market ducks are **terminal** and will be processed by a designated processor voted on by the Small and Exotic Animal Committee. This will be announced prior to the auction. All youth will deliver their processed duck to their buyer.
6. **All** members taking the market duck project must present a feedbag label of the feed they have purchased to feed their ducks.
7. All duck projects must be healthy and free from deformities. There should be no missing extremities (two legs, 2 wings), not wing clipped and no parasites. **Any of these faults will result in disqualification of the pen.**

8. All ducks will be health checked the designated entry and weigh in day. Date and time will be listed in the Junior Fair Book. Any duck brought to the fair not clean will be sent home. The poultry committee will decide this during the health check.
9. All buyers will be notified to pick up their processed market duck. If the buyer chooses not to pick up their duck, it is the members responsibility to pick up the duck the night of butcher, and deliver the market duck to the buyer according their convenience
10. Scales brought from home or any other source will not be permitted in the Junior Fair area on weigh-in day. Only the official fair weigh in scale will be permitted. **Anyone found to have a scale will be disqualified.**
11. All ducks will be weighed upon arrival on Junior Fair Entry Day. There will not be any re-weighs. The weights will be given to the judge during the breed judging day. All qualified birds will be sold at the auction.
12. **Market duck pens will consist of one duck, with a minimum weight of 5 pounds. Any duck weighing less than 5 pounds will be sent home Tuesday evening following weigh-in.**
13. If during the fair, the duck becomes ill, the poultry committee, Senior Fair Board Director in charge and / or fair veterinarian will determine if the bird will be kept or sent home.
14. Each member will fit and show his or her own animal. The member may be asked by the judge to show another member's animal.
15. **The member must be present at the auction. If unable to be there, they must make arrangements with a poultry committee prior the auction for a substitute to sell the animal. The committee will document the name of the person selling the animal. If the member or the substitute is not present at the auction, the animal will not be sold.**
16. Members must follow the Small and Exotic Animal guidelines, poultry guidelines and Junior Fair Market Livestock guidelines.

JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS:

- **To exhibit in the Junior Fair**, the member must complete and submit a Junior Fair Entry Form online by the Entry deadline.
- If a Junior Fair Entry Form is not submitted, then the youth will NOT be permitted to exhibit their animal in the Junior Fair Show.
- Notification must be made to a committee member and Junior Fair Management no less than one week prior to fair entry day if an animal is not going to be exhibited at the fair. If no notification is given, Junior Fair participation in this project can be denied the next fair year.
- **EXHIBITOR ONLY POLICY:** Each exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of their animal(s) prior to and during the 2025 Mahoning County Fair; and to comply with the "Exhibitor Only" policy, which encourages youth to be the primary individual responsible for their project animal(s).
- All poultry must be in place by 8:00 p.m. on entry day.
- No small animals are permitted to leave the fair until 9:00 p.m. Monday, unless otherwise instructed by the Junior Fair Management.
- All poultry (non-market) must be removed from the fairgrounds Monday evening. Any birds left Monday evening are not the responsibility of the Poultry Committee or the Junior Fair. Exhibitors not removing their birds may be barred from exhibiting poultry the following year.
- If a health issue occurs with a poultry exhibit, the committee, Junior Fair Management and the fair veterinarian may excuse the animal from exhibition.
- Any protests or discrepancies should be discussed with the Poultry Committee or Junior Fair Management.
- All poultry members taking Market birds must adhere to the Market Livestock Guidelines.

2025 MARKET SALE PICTURE POLICY:

- **All members planning to exhibit Market Livestock in the Junior Fair Show MUST SUBMIT A PICTURE which includes the youth and the animal they plan to exhibit online August 17th.**
- **If the member has not chosen their final animal when photos must be submitted, then the member must submit photos with each animal.**
- **Photos should be landscape and saved as a jpeg file. Pictures must be clear with a quality of at least a 300 dpi.**
- **Youth must be dressed appropriately, and animals must be clean and represent a final market project.**
- **If the photo submitted is not a quality photo, the member will be notified to resubmit the photo.**
- **IF NO PHOTO IS SUBMITTED, THE ANIMAL WILL BE SOLD AT THE END OF JUNIOR FAIR MARKET POULTRY SALE and WILL BE LISTED IN THE SALE BILL AS HAVING NO PHOTO AVAILABLE.** Youth without photos will also not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion.
- Keep in mind that our buyers look forward to these photos to show pride in their purchase. A photo is a simple way to thank your buyer.

POULTRY JUNIOR FAIR CHECK-IN & UNLOADING

- Exhibitors must check in with the Poultry Office in Barn #35 before unloading their project. **NO SMALL ANIMAL IS PERMITTED IN ASSIGNED PEN WITHOUT FIRST BEING HEALTH CHECKED by the committee. The exhibitor will receive a small tag for proof of the health check.**
- Youth must bring this verification slip with them to the Junior Fair Office to check in.

SHOW/SALE ATTIRE: All exhibitors are required to wear appropriate dress for both handling and showing of animals.

- For safety reasons, all youth must wear closed toe shoes/boots and jeans. As we are in the public view, dress code while working with animals should be reflective of the agricultural industry.
- During the show and the sale, the exhibitors are expected to dress in their best jeans/show pants, Market Livestock shirt for weight classes; and/or Market Livestock shirt, clean t-shirt or collared shirt, or nice button show shirt; closed toe, leather shoes/boots. No casual footwear such as sneakers, sandals, flip-flops, or rubber barn boots may be worn in the show ring. Low cut shirts, tank tops, torn clothing, novelty t-shirts, cut-offs, low cut jeans and like style clothing will not be considered appropriate show attire. Exhibitors dressed in such clothing shall not be permitted to enter the show/sale ring.
- **ALL YOUTH WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A MARKET LIVESTOCK CLUB SHIRT COMPLIMENTS OF MILSEK FURNITURE POLISH, INC. THIS T-SHIRT WILL BE REQUIRED ATTIRE IN EACH MARKET CLASS. THIS T-SHIRT WILL NOT BE REQUIRED IN SHOWMANSHIP OR DURING THE SALE.**
- **No individual club shirts may be worn to show Market Livestock.** Individual club shirts may be worn during the sale & for pictures. If a youth does not have a club shirt or special attire for pictures, then it is highly recommended they wear their new Market Livestock shirt.

SELLING & SHOWING:

- **Members must show and sell their own project animals.** Exceptions will only be made for exhibitors who have submitted and received permission from the Poultry committee and Junior Fair management.
- **The name of a substitute exhibitor must be included in this letter and will be documented by the Committee.**
- **Substitute exhibitors must be a current livestock club member and enrolled in the same species.**
- **The member must be present for either the show, or the sale. They may not request a substitute for both.**

- If the member or the substitute is not present at the time of the auction, the project will not be sold.
- Unexpected emergencies, such as illness...etc., must be reviewed and approved by the committee.
- A commission charge of not more than 2% will be withheld from the selling price of the animal sold by the Market Livestock Committee for supplies and handling fees.
- Checks will be processed through the sale & fees/expenses dispersed accordingly on the designated check night.

VETERINARY CARE:

- Any veterinary measures requested by the owner to maintain animal health, are the responsibility of the owner.
- Each youth showing Livestock must have a Permission to Treat Form on file to allow emergency treatment for your animal.
- All veterinary treatment required for Market Livestock after Drug Notification Form is submitted on entry day, must be recorded at the Junior Fair Office to update Drug Notification Information.
- For Market Livestock, any preventative veterinary measures requested by the buyer following the sale are the responsibility of the buyer; and must be approved by the Poultry Committee.

RECORD BOOKS & THANK YOU CARDS: MARKET POULTRY REQUIREMENT:

- All members taking a Market Poultry Project are required to submit a **COMPLETED RECORD BOOK** for EACH project.
- The record books must be submitted Tuesday after the Fair when market birds are picked up to a Poultry Committee member.
- The member must write a THANK YOU note to the buyer of each animal. The committee will provide THANK YOU notes and the postage.
- **Both the project book(s) and thank you note(s) must be turned in to the committee before payment will be made for the sale of the project animal.**
- Members not complying can expect a delay in payment until requirements are fulfilled.

POST FAIR PEN CLEANING: All exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their pens after the fair.

- We highly recommend bedding remain in the pen until Tuesday a.m. for Market birds, so animals still have bedding until they are hauled.
- Pen cleaning must be completed between Tuesday and Saturday following the fair.
- **Members will be responsible for cleaning their own pens.** Each exhibitor must clean (completely strip) their pen between Tuesday and Saturday following the Junior Fair exhibit.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to attend the post fair clean-up on Saturday after the fair at 9:00 a.m.
- If exhibitor is not able to clean his/her own pen, then arrangements should be made within your club and/or another exhibitor to make sure your pen is cleaned.
- Manure should be taken to the manure pit. Manure pits should only contain manure, straw & sawdust. Garbage (paper, pop cans, plastic, etc.) should be disposed of in garbage cans.
- **If a member does not clean their pen, they may not be permitted to exhibit the following year. Exhibitors not cleaning/stripping their pen between the Tuesday following the Junior Fair Show and Saturday during the Post Fair Clean-up, will be notified of their negligence and fined a \$20.00 pen cleaning fee, which will be donated to the Mahoning County Poultry Committee.**

EXHIBITOR ONLY POLICY - GUIDELINES FOR ALL LIVESTOCK FITTING, SHOWING, AND SHOWMANSHIP

- (A) A junior livestock show exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior fair livestock show.
- (B) An exhibitor may receive **assistance** in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show, provided that the **assistance shall be limited to explanation and/or demonstration** provided by the following:
 - (1) Family members;
 - (2) Household members;
 - (3) Members of the exhibitor's 4-H club, FFA chapter, or other youth organization. Members providing assistance must be active youth members of the youth organization;
- (C) **Assistance will be limited to explanation and minimal demonstration, or for safety purposes.** Explanation and minimal demonstration refer to explaining and/or showing a youth how to perform the task at hand and is restricted to this assistance. **Youth exhibitors are expected to complete the task.**
- (D) Member must show and/or sell his/her own animal. **Coaching or assisting by any person outside the show ring while the exhibitor is showing is prohibited.** ONLY YOUTH EXHIBITORS AND/OR JUNIOR FAIR DESIGNEES AND/OR COMMITTEE MEMBERS ASSISTING WITH THE SHOW MAY BE IN THE RING DURING THE SHOW. Any exceptions must be approved by the committee. Any violation may result in the disqualification of the exhibitor.
- (E) All youth exhibitors, parents, family members, advisors, adult volunteers, or other individuals involved in these projects are expected to maintain a respectable and professional demeanor throughout the project year; and especially during the Junior Fair Show. The project year will be considered from the time an individual enrolls in their project until the next enrollment deadline. **Foul language, disrespectful, unsportsmanlike, unruly behavior and/or animal neglect will not be tolerated.** Discipline will be any or all of the following:
 - (1) One verbal warning to discontinue behavior
 - (2) Second warning will be security escort of the individual from the premises.
 - (3) Third warning will result in the barring from exhibition, and/or participation in the activities held during the year, and/or other Junior Fair Livestock events/activities, and/or Junior Fair Show for up to three years.
- (F) **SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY: All youth exhibitors, parents, family members, advisors, adult volunteers, or other individuals involved in these projects are expected to maintain respectable demeanor in the use of social media with regards to the youth involved in the Junior Fair Program. Social Media use which is deemed unlawful, abusive, threatening, defamatory, obscene, harassing, creates a hostile environment, or creates a negative image of the Junior Fair Youth Program will not be tolerated.** Discipline will be any, or all of the following:
 - (1) One verbal warning to discontinue behavior
 - (2) Second warning will be removal from events/activities
 - (3) Third warning will result in the barring from exhibition, and/or participation in the activities held during the year, and/or other Junior Fair Livestock

IMPORTANT: In extreme situations, where the safety of any individual has been threatened and/or is in question, and/or if there is any evidence of the use of alcohol, drugs, or violence; the committee may waive the right of the first and/or second warning; and may immediately seek assistance in the removal of an individual from the premises. This individual will be placed on probation and the situation will be reviewed as to further participation referring to section (E) number (3) above.

This guideline shall be referred to as the “EXHIBITOR ONLY” guideline. Any additional adult assistance required by a youth exhibitor must be approved by the committee and/or Junior Fair Supervision. Infractions of this guideline shall result in the following:

(A) If an infraction has been reported and confirmed, one verbal warning will be given immediately to the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian.

Exhibitor will be expected to adhere to the guidelines;

(B) If exhibitor refuses to adhere to the guidelines, a second warning will **result and include a \$50.00 penalty**, which the exhibitor must pay immediately, or must agree that the \$50.00 penalty will be deducted from his/her sale check. Penalty monies will be paid to the Market Livestock Committee. The penalty and/or agreement to deduct the penalty from the sales check will be attached to a signed, written agreement which states the exhibitor will adhere to the above guidelines;

(C) A third refusal will be termed as tampering and/or misrepresentation and will result in the immediate disqualification of the exhibitor and their animal from the Junior Fair Show. After the situation is reviewed by the Senior Fair Board, this disqualification may result in the barring of this exhibitor from the Junior Fair Show for a period of up to three years.

Neither the Mahoning County Agricultural Society, nor any other youth organization involved in Junior Fair and their volunteers, assume responsibility for exhibits/projects, including livestock, any article lost or stolen, or any injury during the fair, or any damage of person or possessions on the grounds, or the neglect of any exhibitor, patron, or employee, nor providing liability insurance to cover neither exhibitor nor livestock.

ANY OF THESE GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE