

Wood County 4-H Poultry Project Information



Helpful Information for your Poultry Project.

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Poultry Project Summary

There are several Poultry 4-H Projects that you can enroll in as a 4-H member. Below is a summary of each project:

4-H #	Title	Description
150CE	Chicken, Exhibition	Pen of two exhibition chickens: standard fancy, bantam fancy.
150CM	Chicken, Market	Broilers must be birds grown for meat.
150CEP	Chicken Egg Production: Hens & Pullets	Laying chickens used for egg production.
150DE	Duck, Exhibition	Pen of two exhibition large fowl: duck.
150DM	Duck, Market	Market ducks grown for meat.
150GE	Goose, Exhibition	Pen of two exhibition large fowl: geese.
150GM	Goose, Market	Market geese grown for meat.
150TE	Turkey, Exhibition	Pen of two exhibition large fowl: purebred turkeys.
150TM	Turkey, Market	Market turkeys grown for meat.
150H	Helmeted Guinea Fowl	Pen of two exhibition birds: guinea, quail, partridge, peacock, pheasant, pigeon.

Project Literature

You will need the following project materials for your poultry project:

- **Poultry Project and Record Book** (\$8) - Obtain and keep for the resource information it contains. Note: do not use for your annual record keeping (with the exception of the first year).
- **Wood County Livestock Project Record Insert** (free) - Download this document and use as your records for your project. You may also purchase one from the Extension Office for \$4. Obtain a new one each year. *You will need to bring this completed document to 4-H Project Interview Judging.

In Summary: obtain the first two books listed above and keep and use them for all years you are taking a Poultry Project. Each year: download a new Livestock Record Insert and use it to keep your annual project records.

**Note to those with Market Animal Projects; as a food animal producer you are required, by law, to keep a record of any treatments, medications, drugs, etc. that are used for the health of your animal.



Use the Treatment Record within your Wood County Livestock Record Insert to keep this information.

Optional Resources:

- The American Standards of Perfection: amerpoultryassn.com
- For articles and other research-based information: ohio4h.org/poultryresources
- Poultry Handbook – this handbook is a comprehensive guide to all that you need to know to raise poultry safely and successfully:
 - https://wood.osu.edu/sites/wood/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/livestock/Branded%20Poultry%20Handbook%20FINAL.pdf

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 4-H PARTICIPATION: * = Mandatory

Activity	Due Date	Location	Reference Page # (in this guide)
*Enroll in 4-H	No later than March 15	https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in	2
*4-H Project Interview Judging	Thursday, July 16 th	Wood County Fairgrounds Junior Fair Building	2
Skill-a-thon	Thursday, July 16 th	Wood County Fairgrounds Junior Fair Building	3

Activities that will take place in order to complete your 4-H poultry project

The following 4-H activities are described below.

4-H Enrollment

Membership requires enrollment in an authorized Ohio 4-H club or group under the direction of an OSU Extension professional or an approved adult volunteer. Your 4-H club Advisor will assist you with the online enrollment process. Joining Ohio 4-H is a privilege and responsibility for individuals and is subject to the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct and applicable policies of The Ohio State University. Members must remain in good standing with their 4-H club, meaning: attending a minimum of five meetings, completing a demonstration, fully participating, etc.

Project Interview

Project judging is an exciting time to showcase your hard work spent on your 4-H project. Our judges love talking with you and learning about your project. Please be patient and understand if a judge is running behind. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Judging Hints

- Arrive at the Junior Fair Building with your project book and record books. Remember to wear nice attire to judging. See Dress Code below.
- Check in at the registration desk.



- Complete the top of a judging interview sheet. Be prepared to talk about your project, know what you did, how you did it, and what you learned. Be proud of your accomplishments! You worked hard. Have a seat, talk to friends and RELAX!
- If you are unable to attend the specified project interview judging day in July at the Junior Fair Building, your advisor may judge the project and provide a grade to the Extension Office by the required date.
- *Please note* To be eligible for awards (premier livestock interviewer) you must be judged on the day your project is assigned.

Dress Code Rule for 4-H Project Interview Judging

Exhibitors must wear a collared polo or buttoned shirt with some sleeve and nice blue jeans (no rips or cut-offs and no tank-tops, t-shirts or sleeveless tops).

- **Consequences for not following this rule may include class disqualification, or no interview until wardrobe is changed. This rule was adopted by the 4-H Committee and Junior Fair Board.

Skill-a-thon

This is where you have the chance to shine as an exhibitor. This is a contest to show who knows the most about their species. You will study various topics on poultry and then at 4-H Project Interview Judging, you will go into the skill-a-thon and answer the questions they pose for you. There are 2 levels: juniors (8-13 years old) and seniors (14-18 years old.) The exhibitors with the highest scores can earn ribbons and then have a chance to earn cash prizes.

- The Poultry Skill-a-thon is an activity that takes place prior to fair, at 4-H Project Interview Judging. It is a series of stations on topics you are learning about in your poultry project. The goal of the Skill-a-thon is to facilitate learning about your poultry project. It is not *expected*, but *highly encouraged* that you participate in the Poultry Skill-a-thon.
- A Poultry Skill-a-thon Study Guide is available to assist your learning. The Study Guide can be found on the Wood County 4-H web site:
 - https://wood.osu.edu/sites/wood/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/skillathon/poulterskillstudy17.pdf
- Online Study Resources:
 - <https://ohio4h.org/poultry#Resources>
- Prizes are awarded to exhibitors who perform well in the Skill-a-thon. Prizes typically include cash and rosettes which are handed out at 4-H Spirit Night in October.

Congratulations on the successful completion of your project!



Wood County Junior Fair Participation

All Wood County Junior Fair Poultry information can be found here: <https://www.woodcounty-fair.com/poultry> or in the Wood County Fair Book (printed annually each spring.)

Project Requirement for Exhibition at the Wood County Junior Fair

Participation is an opportunity available to you because you are a 4-H member. Exhibition at the Wood County Fair, is not mandatory to fulfill the commitments of taking your 4-H project, but it is highly recommended. If you are interested in exhibiting a poultry project at the Wood County Fair, you need to know and meet the exhibition requirements. Basic exhibition requirements include (additional mandatory requirements can be found online):

- You must be enrolled in 4-H (or FFA), no later than March 15th, in the project you want to exhibit.
- You must be a member in good standing of your 4-H Club; meaning attending a minimum of 5 meetings, completing a demonstration, fully participating, etc.
- You must participate annually in Livestock Quality Assurance Education, by the deadline of June 1st (for exhibitors taking the meat chicken, market duck, market goose, market turkey projects).
- You must register your animals in FairEntry online by the deadline of June 1st.
- Complete a Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) online by the required date set by Junior Fair.
- Health Requirements can be found under the Junior Fair Rules & Guidelines section in the Wood County Fair Book.

FairEntry and Fair Rules

Each exhibitor is responsible for creating a fair entry for every animal that you plan to bring to the fair. Registering in 4-HOnline does not register you for fair. You register for fair in the FairEntry online program (with instruction from the Junior Fair Coordinator) by June 1st. Instruction on this will likely take place at one of your club meetings (another reason it is very important to attend meetings). Your Advisor will be able to answer questions about the Fair entry process.

When you choose to become a Junior Fair Exhibitor; you are responsible for knowing the general Fair rules and the Department rules for the project you are exhibiting. These can be found on the Wood County Fair website or in the Fair Book under Junior Fair Rules, poultry.

You should also be familiar with Ohio Revised Code Sections 901.70, 901.71, 901.72, 901.73, 901.74, 901.75, 901.76, 901.99 and 2925.94. These govern all livestock shows in the state of Ohio.

Should you have any questions about rules, please contact the Fair Board Poultry Committee.

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