

# POULTRY

**Director in charge: John Livingston**  
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**Poultry Check-In:**  
**Tues., August 30-** 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Poultry Barn)

**Market Chicken/Turkey/Duck/Geese Weigh-in:**  
**Tues., August 30** - 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Poultry Barn)  
 - **NO EXCEPTIONS**

**Market/Breed Show**  
**Wed. August 31 -**  
**1:00 p.m.** - Meat Project Selection (Duck, Geese, Chicken & Turkey) in Poultry Barn  
**3:00 p.m.** - Continue Show in South Arena

**Market/Breed Geese Show Order:**  
 Meat Duck, Meat geese, Meat Chicken, Meat Turkey, Fancy Turkey, Fancy Goose - Light, Fancy Goose - Medium, Fancy Goose - Heavy, Guinea, Fancy Duck - Bantam, Fancy Duck - Light, Fancy Duck - Medium, Fancy Duck - Heavy, Hybrid Production Hen, Hybrid Production Pullet, Cock - Standard, Cock - Bantam, Cockerel - Standard, Cockerel - Bantam, Hen - Standard, Hen - Bantam, Pullet - Standard, Pullet - Bantam, Trio - Standard, Trio - Bantam, Market Eggs

**Sportsmanship Contract**

A Parent/Guardian and Jr. Fair Exhibitor agree and understand it is their personal responsibility to adhere to the following sportsmanship policy when entering an exhibit in the Poultry Department:

**Verbal abuse, physical abuse or harassment towards directors, judges, ring stewards, superintendents, employees, OSU Extension Staff, Junior Fair members, club advisors or volunteers of the Hancock County Fair will not be tolerated. You may be escorted from the Junior Fair event, premiums forfeited and upon Hancock County Agricultural Society committee decision, the family members may not be able to exhibit at the Hancock County Fair for a period indicated by the committee based on the severity of the situation.**

**Class Description**

**Market**

01	Meat Chickens (Pen of 3)	04	Meat Geese (Pen of 2)
02	Meat Turkey	05	Egg (13 eggs)
03	Meat Duck (Pen of 2)		

**All Other Poultry**

06	Fancy Turkey
07	Cock - Standard
08	Cock - Bantam
09	Cockerel Standard
10	Cockerel Bantam
11	Hen Standard (Pen of 2)
12	Hens Bantam (Pen of 2)
13	Pullets Standard (Pen of 2)
14	Pullets Bantam (Pen of 2)

- 15 Trio - Standard (1 Male, 2 Females)
- 16 Trio - Bantam (1 Male, 2 Females)
- 17 Guinea (Pen of 1)
- 18 Hybrid Production Hen (Pen of 2) - Must be in production
- 19 Hybrid Production Pullet (Pen of 2) - Must be in production
- 20 Fancy Duck – Bantam
- 21 Fancy Duck – Light
- 22 Fancy Duck – Medium
- 23 Fancy Duck - Heavy
- 24 Fancy Goose – Light
- 25 Fancy Goose – Medium
- 26 Fancy Goose - Heavy

**Rules**

Per **Health Regulations from the State of Ohio Department of Agriculture – Rule 901:1-18-05**, each poultry exhibitor must comply with one of the following:

- (A) All TURKEYS, CHICKENS and GAMEBIRDS moved within or imported into Ohio for exhibition must either:
  - (1) Originate directly from a FLOCK or HATCHERY which is a participant in the NATIONAL POULTRY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (NPIP) for the eradication of disease and be accompanied by documentary evidence that they meet the requirement of this paragraph;
  - (2) Originate directly from a FLOCK which has had a NEGATIVE TEST for PULLORUM/FOWL TYPHOID DISEASE within TWELVE MONTHS PRECEDING THE OPENING DATE OF EXHIBITION and be accompanied by documentary evidence that they meet the requirement of this paragraph;
  - (3) Have had a NEGATIVE TEST FOR PULLORUM/FOWL TYPHOID DISEASE, WITHIN NINETY DAYS, PRECEDING THE OPENING DATE OF THE EXHIBITION and be accompanied by documentary evidence that they meet the requirement of this paragraph; or
  - (4) Be tested for pullorum/fowl typhoid disease upon arrival at the exhibition by a tester approved by the Ohio Department of Agriculture and found negative.
- (B) The RAPID WHOLE BLOOD TEST SHALL NOT BE USED TO TEST TURKEYS for compliance with the requirements of paragraphs (A)(2), (A)(3) and (A)(4) of this rule.
- (C) WATERFOWL, DOVES AND PIGEONS ARE EXEMPT from this rule.

**All Classes**

- 1. Health certificates for each poultry project are **REQUIRED** to be submitted on line to the Poultry Superintendent by **July 31st**. Paper copies of health certificates will **NO** longer be accepted.
- 2. Exhibitors are **REQUIRED** to submit a completed **Hancock County Junior Fair Poultry Guideline Form** for the current year to the Poultry Superintendent by **July 31st**:
- 3. All birds are **REQUIRED** to enter the fairgrounds through the McCleary Gate and be subject to veterinarian inspection.
- 4. The poultry barn will be open for check-in on Tuesday prior to the fair from 9:00 AM until 8:00 PM.
- 5. All entries must be in place before 8:00 PM on Tuesday before the fair.
- 6. All exhibitors must check-in before entering the barn with their birds and/or eggs. Violation of this rule will result in the exhibitor removing all poultry exhibits from the premises.

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7. Birds CANNOT be removed prior to release date and dismissal time without approval of the Barn Superintendent, Barn Director and Veterinarian. Contact the Barn Superintendent or Barn Director to obtain approval and the proper release form.
  8. No sorting, swapping or substitution of birds will be allowed once checked-in at the Fair. Once a bird is checked-in, the bird CANNOT be replaced with a different bird. EXCEPTION - If a market bird expires or is damaged after weigh-in, the exhibitor must obtain approval from the Barn Superintendent and Barn Director to weigh a replacement bird PRIOR to the end of the posted weigh-in time.
  9. Eggs CANNOT be removed from the barn once checked in. They ARE NOT a take home project and will be disposed of by either the Barn Director or a Barn Superintendent.
  10. All birds and/or eggs must be selected from birds in exhibitor's project.
  11. Exhibitor is **REQUIRED** to provide their own food, bedding and dishes.
  12. All exhibitors are required to provide proper care. This includes clean their own exhibits and provide fresh bedding **twice a day**, provide fresh food **at least once a day**, provide fresh water **as needed throughout the day**. Each pen will have a care card and exhibits will be inspected at 9 AM and 9 PM daily. If an issue is discovered, a date and time stamped sticker will be placed on the care card. The exhibitor must resolve the issue and notify the Barn Superintendent within 24 hours. Failure to provide proper care in a timely manner or multiple care issues can result in withheld premiums, inability to sell in the Livestock Sale or inability to show poultry at the fair the following year.
  13. Exhibitor is responsible for cleaning pen and surrounding area once birds are released.
  14. Exhibitor is **REQUIRED** to dress in black/dark blue jeans, long-sleeve white shirt or lab coat and closed toe boots or shoes covering the foot to the ankle. Exhibitors will NOT participate in the Market/Breed Show, Showmanship or the Livestock Sale without the proper show attire.
  15. EXHIBITOR MUST BE PRESENT at time of show. No premiums will be awarded if exhibitor does not participate in show. If exhibitor cannot be present at time of judging, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to contact the Barn Superintendent and complete a notification form before judging. The decision is at the discretion of the Barn Superintendent and Barn Director. See **Hancock County Junior Fair Rules and Regulations – Section 20**.
  16. Birds are REQUIRED to have dry feathers and body for check-in, weigh-in, market/breed show, showmanship or sale in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. Exhibitors will forfeit the ability to weigh-in, exhibit, or sell their animals.
  17. Exhibitors must abide by all Junior Fair Rules and Regulations.
- weighed market birds are caged/penned, they will receive an alternate ID band and will go base bid.
3. A Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) form is required for each turkey or pen of meat chickens/meat ducks/meat geese. No form - no weigh-in.
  4. Birds with wet feathers and/or bodies will **not** be banded, weighed, exhibited or sold.
  5. Market birds will be banded prior to weigh-in. If a bird is not banded, it will **not** be weighed and must leave the fairgrounds.
  6. Weigh slips must be filled out completely or market animal will go base bid.
  7. Market animals must be weighed with exhibitor present before being penned. If an exhibitor CANNOT be present for weigh-in of their animals, the Barn Superintendent must be notified prior to weigh-in day.
  8. Market animals will only be weighed once.
  9. All market animals weighed will be caged for an exhibit and cannot go home.
  10. No sorting, swapping or substitution of birds will be allowed once checked-in at the fair. Once a bird is checked-in, the bird CANNOT be replaced with a different bird. EXCEPTION - If a market bird expires or is damaged after weigh-in, the exhibitor must obtain approval from the Barn Superintendent and Barn Director to weigh a replacement bird PRIOR to the end of the posted weigh-in time.
  11. This is a partial terminal sale for all species of market birds. All market birds are considered terminal (sold to the base bidder) unless the exhibitor notifies the Poultry Superintendent by July 31st that a specific exhibit is a take home project. Exception: Champion and Reserve Champions are required to be terminal.
  12. Exhibitor can sell only one (1) market class entry through sale ring. Exception Champion and Reserve Champion. See **Junior Fair Livestock Sale – Sale Ring, Market Bid, Take Home**.
  13. Each exhibitor is **REQUIRED** to provide their own pen/cage to sell their market birds in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.

### Meat Chickens

1. Meat Chickens must be hatched and in exhibitor's possession five (5) to seven (7) weeks prior to the first day of the fair of the current year.
2. Exhibitor allowed one (1) entry in class.
3. A pen of meat chickens contains three (3) commercial chickens of same breed, variety, age and sex. The birds can be de-beaked, de-toed, dubbed or subjected to any practice generally accepted in the commercial production of meat type poultry.
4. Broiler weight is a minimum of 13 pound and 8 ounces and a maximum of 21 pounds. The combined weight of all three (3) meat chickens must be broiler weight. If a pen does not make weight, it is NOT eligible for awards and must go base bid.
5. Refer to All **Market Birds – Meat Chickens, Meat Turkey, Meat Ducks, Meat Geese** section for additional guidelines.
6. Trophies are selected from Broiler weight class unless no Broiler pen is found worthy by the judge.
7. Trophies: Grand Champion Meat Chickens and Reserve Champion Meat Chickens

### All Market Birds – Meat Chickens, Meat Turkey, Meat Ducks, Meat Geese

1. Weigh-in will be held Tuesday prior to the fair and market animals must be weighed during the posted weigh-in time. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
2. Market animals **not** weighed during the posted weigh-in time CANNOT be sold in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. If non-

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### Meat Turkeys

1. Meat Turkeys must be hatched no earlier than April 15th of current year.
2. Meat Turkeys must be in exhibitor's possession no later than June 1st of current year.
3. Exhibitor allowed two (2) entries in class.
4. Meat Turkeys are **REQUIRED** to be a hen.
5. Meat Turkeys must weigh a minimum of 18 pounds and a maximum of 30 pounds. If a bird does not make weight, it is NOT eligible for awards and must go base bid.
6. Refer to **All Market Birds – Meat Chickens, Meat Turkey, Meat Ducks, Meat Geese** section for additional guidelines.
7. Trophies: Grand Champion Meat Turkey and Reserve Champion Meat Turkey.

### Meat Ducks / Geese

1. Meat Ducks/Geese must be hatched no earlier than October 1st of previous year.
2. Meat Ducks must be in exhibitor's possession seven (7) weeks prior to the first day of the fair of the current year.
3. Meat Geese must be in exhibitor's possession sixteen (16) weeks prior to the first day of the fair of the current year.
4. Exhibitor allowed one (1) entry in Meat Duck class and one (1) entry in Meat Geese class.
5. A pen of meat ducks/geese contains two (2) birds of same breed, variety and sex. Both Meat Ducks/Geese should be similar in age.
6. Meat Duck breed is **REQUIRED** to be Rouen or Pekin.
7. Refer to **All Market Birds – Meat Chickens, Meat Turkey, Meat Ducks, Meat Geese** section for additional guidelines.
8. Trophy selected from Meat Duck and Meat Geese classes.
9. Trophy: Grand Champion Meat Waterfowl.

### Market Eggs

1. Limited to exhibitors in either the Hybrid Production Hen or Hybrid Production Pullet class.
2. Exhibitor allowed one (1) entry in class.
3. Must provide thirteen (13) eggs produced by hens entered in the Hybrid Production Hen or Hybrid Production Pullet class.
4. NO store-bought eggs permitted.
5. Eggs will be judged on uniformity, size, shape, color, sheen and freshness, and shell texture.
6. One (1) egg will be broken to judge interior quality.
7. Barn Director or Barn Superintendents will dispose of Market Eggs. They ARE NOT a take home project, ARE NOT sold in sale ring or go base bid.
8. Monetary Award: Best of Show – Market Eggs.

### Fancy Turkeys

Per **Heath Regulations from the State of Ohio Department of Agriculture - Rule 901:1-18-05**, the RAPID WHOLE BLOOD TEST SHALL NOT BE USED TO TEST TURKEYS. Please review the entire text of Rule 901:1-15-05 for health certificate and/or testing guidelines.

1. Refer to **All Other Poultry** section for additional guidelines.

### All Other Poultry

1. All birds must be in exhibitor's possession no later than June 1st of current year.
2. Exhibitor allowed one (1) entry in each class.
3. Age definition:
  - Cock – Male hatched prior to September 1 of previous year
  - Cockerel – Male hatched after September 1 of previous year
  - Hen – Female hatched prior to September 1 of previous year
  - Pullet – Female hatched after September 1 of previous year
4. The following classes require two (2) female birds of same breed, variety and similar in age. Trio class requires male bird to be same breed and variety as females.
  - Hen – Standard (Pen of 2)
  - Hen – Bantam (Pen of 2)
  - Pullet – Standard (Pen of 2)
  - Pullet – Bantam (Pen of 2)
  - Trio – Standard (1 Male, 2 Females)
  - Trio – Bantam (1 Male, 2 Females)
  - Hybrid Production Hen (Pen of 2) – Must be in production
  - Hybrid Production Pullet (Pen of 2) – Must be in production
5. Trophies: Multiple
6. Monetary Awards: Best of Show – Fancy and Best of Show – Production.

**Showmanship Show**  
**Friday Sept. 2, – 2:00 p.m. South Show Arena**  
**Showmanship Order:** Turkey, Waterfowl, Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Super, Pee Wee, Adult

### Class

<b>Turkey Showmanship</b>	<b>(8 years and older)</b>
<b>Waterfowl Showmanship</b>	<b>(8 years and older)</b>
<b>Senior Showmanship</b>	<b>(14 years and older)</b>
<b>Intermediate Showmanship</b>	<b>(11 years to 13 years)</b>
<b>Junior Showmanship</b>	<b>(8 years to 10 years)</b>
<b>Super Showmanship</b>	<b>(Previous Winners)</b>

<b>Pee Wee Showmanship</b>	<b>(7 years and under) – Participatory Only</b>
<b>Adult Showmanship</b>	<b>(18 years and older) – Participatory Only</b>

### Rules:

1. Class is determined by exhibitor's age on January 1st of the current year.
2. Winners in Showmanship Classes may not compete in the same class the following year but may compete in the next higher age division or Super Showmanship. Exhibitor may resume competition upon completion of one (1) year absent period.
3. Exhibitor who receives first place in the Senior Showmanship and the Showman of Showmen representative (if not the first-place winner) may not compete the following year in the same class. Exhibitor may resume competition upon completion of one (1) year absent period.
4. Super Showmanship includes previous winners of ALL poultry types (chicken, waterfowl, turkey).
5. Winners of Senior Showmanship, Waterfowl Showmanship and Turkey Showmanship compete in the Small Animal

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Showman of Showmen. If an exhibitor is a previous winner of the Small Animal Showman of Showmen, they cannot participate in the contest a second time and participation will be given to the second-place winner of their respective class.

6. All exhibitors must use ONLY birds that belong to them. No borrowing or swapping of birds.
7. Blankets: Turkey, Waterfowl, Senior, Intermediate, Junior and Super.

## RABBITS

**Director in charge:** John Livingston  
**Superintendents:** Bev Welty & Avery Hollond  
**Wednesday – 3:00 p.m. Showmanship**  
**NWO Arena**

### Showmanship

1. All Jr Fair Exhibitors must enter Showmanship.
2. No premiums will be awarded if exhibitor does not participate.
3. Exhibitors must show own rabbit.
4. Exhibitors should dress with white long sleeve shirt or white lab coat and dark pants.
5. Age of exhibitor determined as of January 1, current year.
6. **Classes:**
  - Senior Showmanship – 14 yrs and older**
  - Intermediate Showmanship – 11 yrs to 13 yrs**
  - Junior Showmanship – 8 yrs to 10 yrs**
  - Super Showmanship – Previous Winners**
  - Adult Showmanship – Rosettes Only**
7. Winners in Showmanship Classes may not compete in that class the following year, but may compete in Super Showmanship. Exhibitor may resume competition upon completion of year absent period.
8. 1st Rabbit Senior Showmanship is eligible to participate in Small Animal Showman Contest and must represent their department. [Refer Small Animal Showman rules.] (Winner must sit out Senior showmanship the following year but can compete in Super Showmanship).
9. Awards to: Senior, Intermediate, Junior, and Super Showmanship winners.

### Order Of Events:

#### Tuesday:

- Check in 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Weigh-In (at check-in) – Market Pen & Fryers only 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Barn meeting will be held, and time will be posted in barn at check in.

#### Wednesday, NWO Arena, 3:00 p.m.

#### Showmanship is Mandatory

Jr. Fair Rabbit Showmanship  
 Senior Showmanship – 14 yrs. and older  
 Intermediate Showmanship – 11 yrs. to 13 yrs.  
 Junior Showmanship – 8 yrs. to 10 yrs.  
 Super Showmanship – Previous Winners  
 Adult Showmanship

#### Saturday, NWO Arena, 10:00 a.m.

Jr. Fair Rabbit Market/Breed Show

Order of show:

1. Meat pen of 3
2. Single Fryer
3. Single Rabbit
4. Doe and Litter

## RABBITS

### Saturday – 10:00 a.m. Market/Breed Show NWO Arena

#### Order of Show:

1. Meat Pen of Three – Born & Raised (must bring the breed doe)
2. Meat Pen of Three – Independent
3. Single Fryer
4. Trio of Rabbits
5. Single Rabbits (by breed, sex, and age)
  - a. Senior Buck
  - b. Senior Doe
  - c. Junior Buck
  - d. Junior Doe

Buck is Male. Doe is Female.  
 Senior is age 6 months and up.  
 Junior is under 6 months of age.
6. Meat Doe & Litter
7. Fancy Doe & Litter

#### Class Description

#### Meat Pen of Three Classes

- 01 Born & Raised by Exhibitor Meat Pen of Three (3)
  - Age limit is 8-12 weeks old depending on your breed.
  - Weights will be minimum of 3.5 lbs. and maximum of 5.5 lbs. each rabbit. All rabbits must make this weight at weigh in at the fair.
  - These three rabbits may not be shown in any other class.
  - The four factors in order of their importance for judging meat pens are: 1) Meat Type, 2) condition, 3) uniformity, 4) fur.
  - Meat pens shall be all the same breed and variety
- 02 Independent Meat Pen of Three (3)
  - Three (3) rabbits must be in exhibitor's possession by August 1 of present year and remain in their possession until shown at the Hancock Co Fair
  - The exhibitor must have another project rabbit in their possession on or before June 1 to show in this class
  - These three rabbits may not be shown in any other class.
  - The four factors in order of their importance for judging meat pens are: 1) Meat Type, 2) condition, 3) uniformity, 4) fur.
  - Meat pens shall be all the same breed and variety.
  - Age limit is 8-12 weeks depending on the breed.
  - Minimum weight is 3.5 lbs. and maximum weight is 5.5 lbs. each rabbit. All rabbits weights must be made by weigh in at the fair

**All rabbits must be sold at auction unless noted to go to base bid.**

#### Breed Show Classes

#### 01 Trio of Rabbits

Three Rabbits of breeding age et. One buck and two does. This trio will be all the same breed and showing the best qualities of that breed. You demonstrate how correcting the best traits will improve your flock.

#### 02 Single Fryer

Rabbit Any sex, 8 – 12 weeks old, commercial breed for meat only. Minimum 3.5 lbs. and maximum 5.5 lbs Cannot be part of any meat pen. And will not be sold at the sale. This ideally could be returned to your stock and used for breeding next year.

#### Single Rabbits

- 03 Single Rabbit, Meat, New Zealand
- 04 Single Rabbit, Meat, Californian