

## POULTRY

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**Poultry Check-In:**  
**Tues., August 29-** 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Poultry Barn)  
**Market Bird Weigh-in:**  
**Tues., August 29 -** 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (South Show  
 Arena) - **NO EXCEPTIONS**

**Market/Breed Show**  
**Wed. August 30**  
**1:00 p.m.** - Flight Risk Fowl (Fancy: Turkey,  
 Goose (Light, Medium, Heavy) & Guinea  
**1:30 p.m.** - Continue Show in South Arena

**Market/Breed Geese Show Order:**  
 Fancy Turkey, Fancy Goose - Light, Fancy Goose - Medium,  
 Fancy Goose - Heavy, Guinea, - Meat Duck, Meat Geese, Meat  
 Chicken, Meat Turkey, - 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** – Each poultry exhibitor must comply with one of the following:

#### 901:1-18-05 Poultry and Fowl

See: <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-901:1-18-05>



- (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

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- 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.
  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, the exhibitor is required to complete a **Junior Poultry Show Replacement Form** for each class and personally submit the form to a Poultry Superintendent prior to 11am on the first day of the fair. The exhibitor must state on the form who is permitted to show and move their bird(s). An exhibitor forfeits the right to have their bird(s) compete in a class upon failure to complete or properly submit the **Junior Fair Poultry Show Replacement Form**. The final 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.
- 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-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

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practice generally accepted in the commercial production of meat type poultry.

4. Pens will be placed in a weight class for judging. The weight class is determined by the combined weight of all three (3) meat chickens:
  - Fryer – Under 13 pounds and 8 ounces.
  - Broiler – Minimum of 13 pounds and 8 ounces and a maximum of 21 ounces.
  - Overweight – Over 21 pounds.
5. Pens must be judged in the Broiler weight class to be eligible for trophies.
6. Pens must be judged in the Broiler weight class to be sold in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.
7. Refer to All **Market Birds – Meat Chickens, Meat Turkey, Meat Ducks, Meat Geese** section for additional guidelines.
8. Trophies: Grand Champion Meat Chickens and Reserve Champion Meat Chickens

### 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 one (1) entry in class.
4. Meat Turkeys are **REQUIRED** to be a hen.
5. Meat Turkeys will be placed in a weight class for judging. The weight classes are:
  - Fryer – Under 18 pounds.
  - Young Turkey – Minimum of 18 pounds and a maximum of 30 pounds.
  - Overweight – Over 30 pounds.
6. Meat Turkeys must be in the Young Turkey weight class to be sold in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.
7. Meat Turkeys must be in the Young Turkey weight class to be eligible for trophies.
8. Refer to **All Market Birds – Meat Chickens, Meat Turkey, Meat Ducks, Meat Geese** section for additional guidelines.
9. 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 and Reserve 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. Birds entered in the Hybrid Production Hen (Pen of 2) or Hybrid Production Pullet (Pen of 2) class cannot be entered in additional classes (hen, Pullet or Trio).
4. 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
5. 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
6. Trophies: Multiple
7. Monetary Awards: Best of Show – Fancy and Best of Show – Production.

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### Showmanship Show

Friday – 12:30 p.m. South Show Arena

**Showmanship Order:** Turkey - Senior, Turkey - Junior, Waterfowl - Senior, Waterfowl - Junior, Chicken - Senior, Chicken - Intermediate, Chicken - Junior, Super, Pee Wee, Youth and Adult

### Junior Fair Showmanship Class

Turkey Showmanship - Senior	(14 years and older)
Turkey Showmanship - Junior	(8 years to 13 years)
Waterfowl Showmanship - Senior	(14 years and older)
Waterfowl Showmanship - Junior	(8 years to 13 years)
Chicken Showmanship - Senior	(14 years and older)
Chicken Showmanship - Intermediate	(11 years to 13 years)
Chicken Showmanship - Junior	(8 years to 10 years)
Super Showmanship	(Current and Previous Winners)

### Open Showmanship Classes - Participatory Only

Pee Wee Showmanship	(7 years and under)
Youth Showmanship	(8 years to 17 years)
Adult Showmanship	(18 years and older)

### Showmanship Rules:

1. Participation in any showmanship class is determined by Exhibitor's age on January 1 of the current year.

### Junior Fair Showmanship Rules:

1. Exhibitors are permitted to participate in the showmanship class for any species the exhibitor showed in the Junior Fair Market/Breed judging contest of the current year.
2. Exhibitors are 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.
3. Exhibitors are required to show their own bird(s). No borrowing or swapping of birds.
4. Only exhibitors present during showmanship class judging are eligible for award placement.
5. Super Showmanship includes current and previous showmanship winners for all poultry species (chicken, waterfowl, turkey) of any age specification.
6. Showmanship class winners cannot compete in the same class the following year but may compete in the next higher age division or Super Showmanship. An exhibitor may resume competition upon completion of one (1) year absent period.
7. The exhibitor who receives first place in any senior showmanship class will sit out the following year as well as the Showman of Showmen representative if it was not the first place winner. Exhibitors may resume competition upon completion of one (1) year absent period.
8. Winners of the following showmanship classes compete in the Small Animal Showman of Showmen contest:
  - a. Chicken Showmanship – Senior
  - b. Waterfowl Showmanship – Senior
  - c. Turkey Showmanship – Senior
9. 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.
10. Awards: All Junior Fair Showmanship Classes.

