

Poultry Project Guide

Helpful information for your goat project (Richwood version)

Poultry Project Overview

There are several Poultry 4-H Project that you can enroll in as a 4-H member. Below is a summary of each project; the first number is the 4-H Project number, the RIF # is the class number this project would be eligible to show in at the Richwood Fair, followed by a description of what you would exhibit (take to the Fair) if you choose to enroll in this project.

150CE Chicken, Exhibition (Fancy Poultry) RIF #407

At the Richwood Fair, Fancy Poultry consists of a pen of 2 birds. Most 4H members show a male and female of the samebreed as a pair, but you may also show 2 females of the same breed. Exhibitors are limited to 1 entry in Class 407 (each entry consists of 2 birds). All birds must be owned by **June 1st**. Quail and Pigeons are considered fancy poultry and countas Fancy Poultry entries. **NPIP papers will be required for all fancy poultry (except Pigeons) for the year 2023.** This project **does not sell** at the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale.

150CEP Chicken, Egg Production: Hens and Pullets RIF #151

At the Richwood Fair the Egg Production project consists of a pen of 3 birds. All 3 birds are shown together as a group. Pullets are defined as females under one year of age. Hens are defined as females over one year of age. Your pen shouldconsist of 3 pullets OR 3 hens, not a mixture of the 2 ages. All birds must be owned by **June 1st**. **NPIP papers will be required for the year 2023.** This project **does not sell** at the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale.

150CM Chicken, Market (Broilers) RIF # 152

At the Richwood Fair the Market Chicken project consists of a pen of 4 broilers. Exhibitors are limited to one entry in Class 152. Each exhibitor must bring 4 Broilers and will show 3. Each bird must weigh a minimum of 4lbs and a max of 7lbs. Any pen with a bird not with in this range is ineligible to sell in the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale. Each exhibitor must follow the announced hatch-date. The 2023 hatch date is on or after **July 12, 2023**. **NPIP papers with hatch-date must be turned in at the time of check-in at the fair.** This project **does sell** at the Jr Fair Livestock Sale. **If you choose to participate in the Jr Fair Livestock sale; *Processing and delivery of the broilers for your buyer after the fair is your responsibility. Make plans/appointment ahead of time for processing.**



150TE Turkey, Exhibition (Fancy Turkeys) RIF #405

At the Richwood Fair, Exhibition Turkeys consist of a pen of 1 bird. Exhibitors are limited to 1 entry. The heritage breeds as defined in the Standard of Perfection qualify as exhibition birds. **Meat varieties (BB white or bronze) do not qualify for this class.** BB varieties are to be shown as market turkeys only. All birds must be owned by **June 1st**. **NPIP papers will be required for the year 2023. (If no NPIP paper: Testing turkeys is a blood test that must be done through a veterinarian.** This project **does not sell** at the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale

150TM Turkey, Market RIF # 404

At the Richwood Fair the Market Turkey project consists of one Market Turkey. ALL entries in the turkey market class must be of the BB Variety, either White or Bronze. Heritage breeds must be shown as exhibition birds and will not sell. Each exhibitor must follow the announced hatch date; The hatch date for 2023 is on or after **May 17, 2023**. **NPIP papers with hatch-date must be turned in at the time of check-in at the fair.** This project **does** sell at the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale. If your turkey is thought to be significantly underweight at the time of the fair, you may be asked by the barn superintendent to hold back your processing to assure that your buyer is getting a good size bird. ***Processing the turkey and delivering it to the buyer of your project after the fair is your responsibility. Make plans ahead of time.**

150DE Duck, Exhibition or Goose, Exhibition, RIF # 403

At the Richwood Fair the Duck or Goose Exhibition project consists of a pen of 2 birds. Most members show a male and a female of the same breed as a pair. **NPIP papers are not required for the exhibition duck or goose project.** All birds must be owned by **June 1st**. This project **does not sell** at the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale.

150DM Duck, Market, Pen of 3, RIF # 402

At the Richwood Fair the Market Duck project consists of a pen of 3 market ducks (Breeds in the Heavy Class as listed in the Standard of Perfection). Market Ducks will not be weighed in at the fair. You will be taking your best 2 ducks in for competition at the time of the show. Ducks are required to be no more than 11 weeks in age. Each exhibitor must follow the announced hatch-date. Hatch-dates are published each year. The hatch date for 2023 is on or after **June 14, 2023**. **NPIP papers with hatch-date must be turned in at the time of check-in at the fair.** This project **does not sell** at the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale.

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 info it contains Note: do not use for your annual record keeping.
- **Union County Livestock Project Record Book** (free) Download this document and use as your Record book for your project. Keep a new one each year.

It is highly recommended you download the Handbook which matches your project. These are available on the Extension website [union.osu.edu](https://union.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/project-resources) under Project Resources or:

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- 4-H Broiler Handbook
- 4-H Turkey Handbook
- 4-H Pullets Handbook
- 4-H Ducks Handbook
- 4-H Fancy Handbook
- The American Standards of Perfection; amerpoultryassn.com
- For articles and other research-based information: ohio4h.org/poultryresources

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

Note to those with Food Animal (Market) 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 Union County Livestock Record Book to keep this information.

Participation in Richwood Junior Fair

If you are interested in exhibiting a Poultry project at the Richwood Fair,

You need to know and meet the exhibition requirements. Basic exhibition requirement include:

- You must participate annually in Livestock Quality Assurance Education, by the deadline of July 1st.
- You must be a member in good standing of your 4-H Club: meaning attending a minimum of 5 meeting, doing a demonstration, etc.
- In coordination with your 4-H Advisor you must submit a Fair entry card
By the Fair entry deadline of August 1st.

Fair Entries and Fair Rules

4-H Advisor coordinate the submission of Fair entry cards. Discussion of and completion of Fair entry cards will likely take place at one of your club meetings (another reason it is very important to attend meetings). It is your responsibility to communicate with your 4-H Advisor about what you want to enter in the Fair and the details of your entry (example; breed and age of your breeding Poultry entry).

Richwood Junior Fair entries are due to the Fair Board on August 1st. Therefore: completing entry cards will take place in July. Your Advisor will be able to answer questions about the Fair entry process.

When you choose to become a Jr 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 Richwood Fair website or in the fair paper under Jr Fair Rules.

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.

It is important to note that at the fair, the only people permitted to care for, fit, clip, or groom your animal are your immediate family members, 4H advisors, or other members of your club and assistance is limited to explanation and minimal demonstration (ORC 901.19.31).

Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF)

If you are exhibiting a Market animal you are required, by the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) to submit a DUNF immediately prior to the Fair. This form requires you to declare the use of any medication that has been given to your animal. An online link will be sent to you by email to use for completing your form. You are not eligible to exhibit a market animal until this form is submitted to ODA.

Activities that will take place at the Fair

The following Fair related activities are described below: Arrival/departure, Barn Meeting, Weigh-in, Classes Posted, Skillathon, Showmanship and Show, Jr Fair Sale

Arrival & Departure

Check the Fair Schedule and/or ask your Advisor to confirm the window of time you must arrive with your animal to the Fairgrounds. Upon arrival, find your assigned cage and unload your birds efficiently so as not to create a line. There are Barn Superintendents in the Barn on arrival day to answer questions.

If you are not going to sell your Poultry through the Jr Fair Livestock Sale; check the time that animals are released at the end of Fair week; meaning this is the time you can re-load and take your birds home.

Barn Meeting

Check the Fair Schedule for the time of the Barn Meeting. Usually, a Barn Meeting for all Poultry Exhibitors will be held on Tuesday evening of the Fair, prior to weigh in.

Weigh-In

Only market animals are weighed.

Check the Fair Schedule, and listen at the Barn meeting, for the weigh in time for Poultry. You MUST bring your Poultry to the scales at the correct time to be eligible to show. There will be Barn Superintendents in the Barn to direct and help you get to the scales, but you MUST be present to get your birds weighed. Your picture will also be taken with your project during weigh in.

Classes Posted

Once all Poultry (Broilers and Market Turkeys) are weighed classes will be created by dividing in approximately equal size classes based on their weights. These Classes will be posted on the Poultry barn bulletin board. It is your responsibility to review the Class posting for accuracy. Check to see that weights are correct. If you have questions about the Class Posting contact the Jr Fair Board office immediately for assistance.

Showmanship and Show Classes

There are 3 different types of Classes within the Poultry Show:

1. Showmanship Classes: in these classes the Judge is evaluating the showmanship skills of the Exhibitor (you!). These classes are therefore divided by the age of the exhibitor.

These classes will be posted in the Poultry Barn. Check the posting for accuracy.
Participation in your Showmanship class is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

2. Breeding Poultry Classes

Classes for breeding Poultry will be divided into classes for Fancy Pullets, Exhibition Turkeys, Ducks, and Geese.

- ## 3. Market Poultry Classes:
- in these classes the Judge is evaluating the conformation of the poultry. These classes are divided by the weight of the poultry. Following weigh-in, these classes will be posted in the Poultry Barn. Check the posting to see which Class you are in. It is required to participate in showing your poultry to be eligible for awards and to be eligible to sell your Poultry in the Jr Fair Livestock Sale.

The Poultry Show will begin with Showmanship Classes, then Breeding classes, followed by Market Classes. Check the Barn Bulletin Board and listen for announcements on Show Day for any updates.

Skillathon

This is where you have the chance to shine as an exhibitor. This is a contest to show what you have learned about your project. You will study various topics on poultry and at the fair, you will go into the skillathon and answer the questions they pose for you. There are typically 3 levels: juniors (8-10 years old), intermediates (11-13 years old), and seniors (14-18 years old.) The exhibitors with the highest scores can earn outstanding ribbons and then have a chance to earn cash prizes.

- The goal of the Skillathon is to facilitate learning about your Poultry project and practice other life skills (interviewing for example). It is *expected* that you participate in the Poultry Skillathon.
- A Poultry Skillathon Study Guide is available which outlines what each topic and station in the Skillathon will be about. The Study Guide can be found on the Union County 4-H web site <https://union.osu.edu/program-areas/4-H-youth-development/study-guides-skillathon-information>
- Information for the Poultry Skillathon can be found in your Poultry Resource Handbook or is attached to the Study Guide.
- Prizes are awarded to exhibitors who do well in the Skillathon. Prizes typically include cash and rosettes.

Premier Exhibitor Award Qualifications

- Premier Exhibitor is an award given to 1 Exhibitor per specie which recognizes the individual which has the best overall Combination of Skillathon score (40%), Showmanship (40%), market class placing (20%).
- To be eligible an exhibitor must; show a market animal project, participate in Skillathon, and participate in Showmanship.

Jr Fair Livestock Sale

The Richwood Fair Jr Fair Livestock Sale is held on Monday, the last day of the Fair.

Exhibitors with market animals are eligible to sell ONE animal or ONE pen of poultry through the Jr Fair Sale, if they have met eligibility criteria (shown their animal, animal is within correct weight range, turned in Sale Designation form on time, etc).

During the Poultry Show: Sale Designation Forms will be made available to all Exhibitors. If you want to sell your pen of 4 Broilers or Market Turkey through the Jr Fair Sale, you must complete the Sale Designation Form and turn in the Form by the end of the Poultry Show. You MUST be present during the Jr Fair Sale on Monday in order to sell your Poultry. A Sale Catalog (list of animals for sale) will be created and posted. It is generally posted in the Barn on Sunday of the Fair. Check the posted Catalog to see where you are in the Sale order so you can be ready.

Once your Animal or Pen is sold through the Sale, the Sale Committee will handle loading and transporting your animal. Your responsibility is to keep your animal watered and comfortable until it is loaded, and to clean your cage once the animal is loaded.

When selling Poultry; it is your responsibility to be prepared to process and deliver your finished product to the buyer of your bird(s). Be sure to make processing arrangements early so that you are prepared to do this if you participate in the Sale. If you are not able to do this; do NOT participate in the Jr Fair Livestock Sale.

Finishing your Poultry project When the project year is concluded its time to thank the people that have helped you with your project. It's a great idea to send thank you notes to:

- the buyer of your animal if you participated in the Jr Fair Sale
- Your 4-H Advisors
- Other folks who helped you with your project
- The sponsors of any awards, ribbons, banners, or other recognition you received.