

## Union County Poultry Projects

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

At the Union County Fair, Fancy Poultry consists of a pen of 2 birds. Most 4H members show a male and female of the same breed as a pair but you may also show 2 females of the same breed. Exhibitors are limited to 2 entries under fancy poultry (each entry consists of 2 birds). Entries should not be in the same class. All birds must be owned by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Quail and Pigeons are considered fancy poultry and count as fancy poultry entries. **NPPI papers will be required for the year 2023.** This project **does not sell** at the livestock auction.

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

At the Union County 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 should consist of 3 pullets OR 3 hens, not a mixture of the 2 ages. All birds must be owned by May 1<sup>st</sup>. **NPPI papers will be required for the year 2023.** This project **does not sell** at the livestock auction.

### 150CM Chicken, Market (Broilers)

At the Union County Fair the Market Chicken (Broiler) project consists of a pen of four (4) broilers which are to be raised to a uniform in size/weight and confirmation to simulate commercial broiler production, generally between 6 to 7 lbs per bird. Maximum total pen weight for four birds is 28.0 pounds and minimum total pen weight for four birds is 18.0 pounds. Pen weights between 18.0 and 28.0 pounds are eligible to sell in the livestock sale. Pens that are under 18.0 pounds or over 28.0 pounds are not eligible to sell in the livestock sale. Four broilers must be weighed/checked in and three will be shown at the fair. The exhibitor will select the three best matched birds (in size and confirmation) to take into the show ring for judging. All entries in the broiler class must be Cornish Cross. There is a minimum pen weight of 18.0 pounds for all 4 birds. Any pen weighing less than 18.0 lbs will be shown in an underweight class and will not be allowed to go through the livestock sale. No exceptions. Any pen weight more than 28.0 lbs will be shown in an overweight class and will not be allowed to go through the livestock sale. No exceptions. Each exhibitor must follow the announced hatch-date, typically 6 weeks prior to the date of the show. These dates are published each year. This year's hatch date is on or after June 11, 2023. If you wish to purchase day old chicks with the Union County order you need to contact Dick Cryder at 937-597-9095 (cell) or 642-6430 (home) or June Seymour at 937-935-3038 (cell) or email [seymoju@gmail.com](mailto:seymoju@gmail.com) no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> to place your order. **NPPI papers with hatch-date must be turned in at the time of check-in at the fair.** This project **does sell** at the livestock auction. **\*Processing the broilers after the fair is your responsibility. Make plans ahead of time.**

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

At the Union County Fair, Exhibition Turkeys consist of a pen of 2 birds, a male and female of the same breed. 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. BB varieties are to be shown as market turkeys only. All birds must be owned by May 1<sup>st</sup>. **NPPI papers will be required for the year 2023. NPPI papers expire after 12 months so if your turkeys need a new test it is a blood test that must be done through a veterinarian.** This project **does not sell** at the livestock auction.

### **150TM Turkey, Market**

At the Union County Fair the Market Turkey project consists of one Market Turkey. Turkeys are shown at about 15 weeks of age. 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. Hatch-dates are published each year. The hatch date for 2023 is on or after April 10, 2023. If you wish to purchase day old turkey poults with the Union County order you need to contact Dick Cryder at 937-597-9095(cell) or 642-6430(home) or June Seymour at 937-935-3038(cell) or email [seymoju@gmail.com](mailto:seymoju@gmail.com) no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> to place your order. **NPIP papers with hatch-date must be turned in at the time of check-in at the fair.** This project **does** sell at the livestock auction. If your turkey is thought to be significantly underweight at the time of the fair, you will 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 after the fair is your responsibility. Make plans ahead of time.**

### **150DE Duck, Exhibition**

At the Union County Fair the Duck 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 project.** All birds must be owned by May 1<sup>st</sup>. This project **does not sell** at the livestock auction. **Exhibitors are limited to 2 entries of exhibition waterfowl which includes exhibition ducks and exhibition geese. Market ducks are a separate project.**

### **150DM Duck, Market**

At the Union County 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 must be weighed in to be shown at the fair. There is a minimum pen weight of 15 pounds for all 3 ducks. Any pen weighing less than 15 lbs. will be shown in an underweight class and **will not** be allowed to go through the livestock auction. No exceptions. There is no upper weight limit for a pen of three ducks. 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 May 8, 2023. If you wish to purchase day old ducklings with the Union County order you need to contact June Seymour at 937-935-3038(cell) or [seymoju@gmail.com](mailto:seymoju@gmail.com) no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> to place your order. **NPIP papers with hatch-date must be turned in at the time of check-in at the fair.** This project **does sell** at the livestock auction if we have a minimum of 10 market duck entries. **\*Processing the meat ducks after the fair is your responsibility. Make plans ahead of time.**

### **150GE Goose, Exhibition**

At the Union County Fair the 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 goose project.** All birds must be owned by May 1<sup>st</sup>. This project **does not sell** at the livestock auction. **Exhibitors are limited to 2 entries of exhibition waterfowl which includes exhibition ducks and exhibition geese. Market ducks are a separate project.**