

Deciding What 4-H Poultry Project to Take?

Step 1: If you want to exhibit your 4-H poultry project(s) at the Muskingum County Fair, be sure that you enroll in the correct 4-H poultry project for the class(es) by the April 1 4-H Enrollment Deadline. Projects are listed as they are found in the [4-H Family Guide](#).

4-H Project Number/Name listed in the Family Guide	County Fair Class(es) youth can enter if enrolled in this project
150CE Chicken, Exhibition	Standard Fancy Egg Layers Dual Purpose Bantam Fancy
150CM Chicken, Market	Market Chicken
150DE Duck, Exhibition	Bantam Duck Breed Duck
150DM Duck, Market	Market Duck
150GE Goose, Exhibition	Geese
150GM Goose, Market	Market Goose
150TE Turkey, Exhibition	Exhibition Turkey
150TM Turkey, Market	Market Turkey
150H Helmeted Guinea Fowl	Guinea Fowl

Step 2: Be sure you follow all exhibition requirements including purchasing acceptable breeds for your county fair class(es). Classes are listed as they appear in the Fair Entry system.

Refer to the Standard of Perfection (can be found on Amazon or the American Poultry Association's-APA website) for details regarding breeds and varieties.

01: Market Chicken (150CM Chicken, Market)

- Exhibit two market birds.
- Must be Pullorum free at check-in.
- Birds must be the same breed.
- 6-8 weeks old at fair.

02: Market Turkey (150TM Turkey, Market)

- Exhibit one turkey. When completing the fair entry, youth would enter the market turkey division and be separated into market hen and market tom classes at fair check-in. One overall grand and reserve market turkey would be selected.
- Must be Pullorum free at check-in.
- Recommended breed: Broad Breasted White Turkey.
- Recommended hatch date first week of March.

03: Market Duck (150DM Duck, Market)

- Exhibit pair of White Pekins.
- 6-8 weeks old at fair.

04: Market Goose (150GM Goose, Market)

- Exhibit one male or female.
- 10-13 weeks old at fair.

05: Egg Layers (150CE Chicken, Exhibition)

- Exhibit one pair of female birds, any age.
- Must be Pullorum free at check-in.
- Mediterranean Birds only. Birds must be same breed. Acceptable breeds are:

Anconas	Andalusians	Catalanas	Leghorns
Minorcas	Sicilian	Buttercups	Spanish

06: Standard Fancy (150CE Chicken, Exhibition)

- Exhibit one female/male pair of birds of any age.
- Must be Pullorum free at check-in.
- BBreeds must come from the Asiatic, Continental, or AOSB (All other standard breeds) classes. Birds must be same breed. Acceptable breeds are:

Ameraucana	Araucana	Aseel	Barnevelders
Brahma	Campines	Cochins	Crevecœurs
Cubalaya	Faverolles	Hamburgs	Houdans
La Fleche	Lakenvelders	Langshans	Malay
Marans	Modern Game	Naked Neck	Old English Game
Phoenix	Polish	Shamo	Sultan
Sumatra	Wessummers	Yokohama	

07: Dual Purpose (150CE Chicken, Exhibition)

- Exhibit one female/male pair of birds of any age.
- Must be Pullorum free at check-in.
- Breeds must come from the English and American classes. Birds must be same breed. Acceptable breeds are:

Australorps	Buckeyes	Chanteclers	Cornish
Delawares	Dominiques	Dorkings	Hollands
Javas	Jersey Giants	Lamonas	New Hampshire
Orpingtons	Plymouth Rocks	Red Caps	Rhode Island Reds
Rhode Island Whites	Sussex	Wyandottes	

08: Bantam Fancy (150CE Chicken, Exhibition)

- Exhibit one female/male pair of birds of any age.
- Must be Pullorum free at check-in.
- Birds must be of the same breed. All bantam chickens are acceptable.

09: Breed Duck (150DE Duck, Exhibition)

- Exhibit one female/male pair of birds, any age.
- All standard ducks are acceptable. Birds must be the same breed.

10: Bantam Duck (150DE Duck, Exhibition)

- Exhibit one female/male pair of ducks, any age.
- All bantam ducks are acceptable. Birds must be the same breed.

11: Exhibition Turkey (150TE Turkey, Exhibition)

- Exhibit male/female pair.
- Birds must be Pullorum free at check-in.
- Acceptable varieties are:

Beltsville Small White	Black	Bourbon Red	Bronze
Narragansett	Royal Palm	White Holland	Slate

12: Geese (150GE Goose, Exhibition)

- Exhibit one female/male pair of birds, any age.
- Birds must be same breed.

13: Guinea Fowl (150H Helmeted Guinea Fowl)

- Exhibit one female/male pair of birds, any age.
- Birds must be Pullorum free at check-in.
- All guineas are acceptable. Birds must be the same breed.

Tips for Poultry Project Participants

- Be sure to place market poultry orders early. Hatcheries only have so many birds available at a time.
- Place a bird order with other poultry participants, as most hatcheries require a minimum number of birds in an order.
- Poultry projects must be in the member's possession by June 1, unless specified otherwise. Market poultry should be in the possession of youth beginning the day their shipment arrives from the hatchery.
- Contact the Extension Office or a Junior Fair Poultry Committee member if you have questions.