

Deciding What 4-H Poultry Project to Take?

Step 1: Decide what 4-H poultry project to take using the [4-H Family Guide](#).

150CE	Chicken, Exhibition
150CM	Chicken, Market
150CEP	Chicken, Egg Production: Hens and Pullet
150DE	Duck, Exhibition
150DM	Duck, Market
150GE	Goose, Exhibition
150GM	Goose, Market
150TE	Turkey, Exhibition
150TM	Turkey, Market
150H	Helmeted Guinea Fowl



Step 2: Decide if you want to exhibit a 4-H poultry project at the Muskingum County Fair.

If you decide you do, use the chart below to ensure the 4-H project you have selected aligns with the county fair class you are planning to enter. Two poultry projects, 150TE and 150H, are not eligible for live animal exhibition at the fair. Youth are not permitted to change 4-H projects after the March 15th enrollment deadline, so be sure you are enrolling in the correct project early!

4-H Project Number	County Fair Class
150CM	Broiler/Roaster (market bird)
150CEP	Egg Layers
150CE	Standard Fancy
150CEP	Dual Purpose
150CE	Bantam Fancy Chicken
150TM	Turkey
150DM	Market Duck
150DE	Standard Duck
150GE	Geese
150GM	Market Goose



Step 3: Exhibiting at the County Fair, be sure you are following all exhibition requirements including purchasing acceptable breeds for your county fair class.

Broiler/Roaster (150CM Chicken, Market)

- Exhibit either two cockerels or two pullets.
- 6-8 week old birds at fair; must be ordered from an Ohio hatchery.

Egg Layers (150CEP Chicken, Egg Production: Hens and Pullet)

- Exhibit one pair of female birds of any age.
- Mediterranean Birds only. Acceptable breeds are:

Anconas	Andalusians	Catalanas	Leghorns
Minorcas	Sicilian Buttercups	Spanish	

Standard Fancy (150CE Chicken, Exhibition)

- Exhibit one female/male pair of birds of any age.
- Any type bird except Mediterranean, American or English. Acceptable breeds are:

Americaucanas	Araucanas	Aseels Brahmas	Campines
Cochins	Crevecoeurs	Cubalayas	Faverolles
Frizzles	Hamburgs	Houdans	La Fleche
Lakenvelders	Langshans	Malays	Modern Games
Naked Necks	Old English Games	Phoenix	Polish
Shamos	Sultans	Sumatras	Yokohamas

Dual Purpose (150CEP Chicken, Egg Production: Hens and Pullet)

- Exhibit one female/male pair of birds of any age.
- American and English birds only. Acceptable breeds are:

Australorps	Buckeyes	Chanteclers	Cornish
Delaware	Dominiques	Dorkings	Golden Comet
Hollands	Isa Brown	Javas	Jersey Giants
Lamonas	New Hampshire	Orpingtons	Plymouth
Redcaps	Rhode Island	Rhode Island	Rocks
Sussex	Wyandottes		

Bantam Fancy (150CE Chicken, Exhibition)

- Exhibit one female/male pair of birds of any age.
- All bantam chickens are acceptable.

Turkey (150TM Turkey, Market)

- Exhibit one tom turkey.
- Hatched March 15th – 20th; must be ordered from an Ohio hatchery.

Market Duck (150DM Duck, Market)

- Exhibit two male White Pekins; must be ordered from an Ohio hatchery.

Standard Duck (150DE Duck, Exhibition)

- Exhibit one female/male pair of birds of any age.
- All ducks are acceptable.

Geese (150GE Goose, Exhibition)

- Exhibit one female/male pair of birds of any age.

Market Goose (150GM Goose, Market)

- Exhibit one male or female.
- 10-13 week old birds at fair; must be ordered from an Ohio hatchery.

Tips for Poultry Project Participants

- When ordering market poultry, be sure to place your orders from an [Ohio hatchery](#) and place your order early. Hatcheries only have so many birds available at a time and you want to make sure you reserve your birds for the right week before they are all gone!
- Get together with other poultry project participants to place a bird order as most hatcheries have a minimum number of birds required to place an order.
- Poultry projects are to be in the possession of youth by June 1st unless specified otherwise. Market poultry should be in the possession of youth beginning the day their shipment arrives from the hatchery.
- Need help with your poultry project, contact the Extension Office or a 4-H Poultry Committee Member for assistance.