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!

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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:
  Americaunas 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

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.

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