

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. 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 on time!

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
150TE	Exhibition Turkey
150TM	Market Turkey
150DM	Market Duck
150DE	Bantam Duck
150DE	Breed Duck
150GE	Geese
150GM	Market Goose
150H	Guinea Fowl



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

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.

Broiler/Roaster (150CM Chicken, Market)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bantam Fancy (150CE Chicken, Exhibition)

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

Market Turkey (150TM Turkey, Market)

- Exhibit one tom turkey
- Hatched March 15th – 20th; must be Pullorum free at check-in

Exhibition Turkey (150TE Turkey, Exhibition)

- Exhibit one male or female
- Birds must be pullorum free at check-in
- Acceptable varieties are:

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

Market Duck (150DM Duck, Market)

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

Bantam Duck (150DE Duck, Exhibition)

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

Breed Duck (150DE Duck, Exhibition)

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

Geese (150GE Goose, Exhibition)

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

Market Goose (150GM Goose, Market)

- Exhibit one male or female
- 10-13 week old birds at fair

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

Tips for Poultry Project Participants

- When ordering market poultry, be sure to place your orders 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 must 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.