

2020 POULTRY

Ohio State University Extension
Erie County 4-H

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Project Numbers

150CM – Chicken, Market (Broilers)
150CE – Chicken, Exhibition (Fancy)
150CEP –Chicken, Egg Production: Hens and Pullet
150TE – Turkey, Exhibition (Fancy)
150TM – Turkey, Market
150DE – Duck, Exhibition
150DM – Duck, Market (Duck Meat Pen)
150GE – Goose, Exhibition
150GM – Goose, Market
150H – Helmeted Guinea Fowl
1008 - Fancy Racing & Utility Pigeons**
1032 – Gamebirds (formerly Utility)

Required Books

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**Individuals enrolling in the self-determined pigeons project would use the 365 Self Determined Project Guide and the 365.22 Idea Starter as project resources. Youth enrolling in this project would NOT exhibit/show their birds at the fair. This project will be evaluated with the other self-determined projects during Stills judging. Individuals wishing to enroll in this project should use project #365.22.

Important Dates: May 23rd - Huron Co. Poultry Clinic, 9amHuron Co. Fairgrounds- Poultry Barn

July 25th- Huron Co. Poultry Clinic, 9am, Huron Co. Fairgrounds- Poultry Barn

Possession of Birds - by June 22nd

Interviews - July 23rd 5-8 pm - **EHOVE**

Birds brought to fair - August 10th 5:00-9:00 pm

Weigh-in – As birds are brought to the fairgrounds on Monday, August 10th, 5:00-9:00 p.m. -

Birds should NOT be brought wet!

Show - Tuesday, August 11th 9:00 am - Show begins in Arena with Showmanship

Animals released from fair – Sunday, August 16th, 7 pm

Birds delivered to Junior Fair Small Project Auction buyers must be processed at a state licensed facility. The two closest state licensed facilities are Spring Maple Enterprises in Shiloh (Huron County) and Tea Hill Farms in Loudonville (Ashland County).

Poultry Committee Members -

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Interview Requirements

All exhibitors must be interviewed, have up-to-date records, and a complete project book in order to show and sell their animal at the fair. NO EXCEPTIONS! Interview date, time and location is listed above. If the exhibitor cannot attend interview judging on July 23rd, he/she must contact the Extension Office to schedule on one of the three alternative interview dates (listed in the 4-H calendar), which all occur PRIOR to the July 23rd interview judging.

Poultry skillathon stations: body parts; meat cuts; brooder; book/questions

General Exhibit Rules and Requirements

150CM –Chicken, Market (Broilers): 1 pen of 3 chickens. **Must be 3 males or 3 females.** Each pen must weigh between 15.0 - 25.0 lbs. The suggested age of the chickens at fair time is 7 to 8 weeks old. Under and overweight pens will not be allowed to show in their market class or sell. They may compete in showmanship.

150CE-Chicken, Exhibition: Can show up to 2 pair. The pair must consist of 1 male and 1 female. If showing 2 pair, they must be of different breeds. They can be Fancy, bantams, or miniatures.

150CEP- Chicken/Egg Production and Pullets (these will show as different classes). This can POTENTIALLY be a two year project.

- **Pullets** - Can show up to 2 pens. Each pen must be a pen of 2 female chickens. If showing 2 pens, they must be of different breeds. **These birds are not required to be laying by fair time – exhibitors are not required to bring eggs for the pullet project.**
- **Chicken/Egg Production** - Only exhibitors who showed/enrolled in pullets in 2019 will be able to compete in this class in 2020. Exhibit is 2 hens and 1dozen eggs. The idea is to keep and maintain the same birds for 2 years. One dozen eggs are brought in on the day of show and must be from the same breed as exhibited. Exhibitor will bring 2 hens and one dozen eggs to the table at the same time for judging. The exhibit must be the same birds or the same breed birds that was entered the previous year in pullets. Hatchery papers are invalid after one year of age. The hens must be pullorum tested prior to the fair—this can be done during fair check-in on Monday evening. Can show up to 2 pens, but must be different breeds

150TE-Turkey, Exhibition (Fancy): 1 turkey. This turkey is of a show variety, not market. If also exhibiting a market turkey, this project must be of a different breed.

150TM-Turkey, Market: 1 turkey. Toms must weigh a minimum of 20.00 lbs. Hens must weigh a minimum of 12.0 lbs. The suggested age of the turkey at fair time is 16-18 weeks. Underweight Turkeys will not be allowed to show in their market class or sell. They may compete in showmanship.

150DE-Duck, Exhibition: Can show up to 2 ducks. These are show variety, not market. If showing 2 ducks, they must be of different breeds.

150DM-Duck, Market (Meat Pen): 1 pen of 3 ducks. Pen must weigh a minimum of 15.00 lbs. The suggested age of the ducks at fair time is 8 weeks old. Underweight pens will not be allowed to show in their market class or sell. They may compete in showmanship.

150GE-Goose, Exhibition: Can show up to 2 geese. These are show variety, not market. If showing 2 geese, they must be of different breeds.

150GM-Goose, Market: 1 goose. The goose must weigh a minimum of 9.00 lbs. The suggested age of the goose at fair is 10-13 weeks old. Underweight geese will not be allowed to show in their market class or sell. They may compete in showmanship.

150H- Helmeted Guinea Fowl, Exhibition: Must be a pair – one of each sex.

1008-Fancy Racing & Utility Pigeons: can show up to 2 pair. If showing 2 pair, they must be different breeds.

1032-Gamebirds: Pheasants, quail, **partridges.** Can show up to 2 pair. For home use and specialty gourmet markets. When showing 2 pair, they must be different breeds. Youth exhibiting gamebirds are asked to supply their own pens. It is recommended that pheasant pens be no taller than 8.5 inches and quail pens be no taller than 7 inches. This is for the safety of the birds.

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1. Every exhibitor of a market, dairy, or breeding animal MUST attend a Quality Assurance program with his/her parent or legal guardian to be eligible to bring the animal(s) to fair to exhibit, show, or sell. There are no exceptions. **This Quality Assurance program must be completed after October 1, 2019 and by June 27, 2020 (45 days prior to the start of the Erie County Fair).**
2. Every exhibitor of a market or lactating animal will turn in a signed Drug Use Notification Form for each animal upon arrival and check-in at the fair.
3. All livestock trailers must be removed from the fairgrounds after animals are unloaded. No trailers are to be left on the fairgrounds.
4. A premier exhibitor will be named for juniors, intermediates, and seniors based on skillathon, live placing, and showmanship. Individuals not attending the livestock interview judging on July 23rd will NOT be eligible for premier exhibitor.
5. Buyers' plaques will be available at interview judging and at the sale office during the fair. Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to obtain buyers plaques, attach a picture of themselves and their project animal, and present the plaque(s) to their buyer(s) at the sale.
6. **All birds must be hatched after January 1 of the current year.** Pullets should be hatched after January 1 and before April 1 of the current year. (The only exception is Hen & Egg project birds.)
7. All birds are expected to be cared for and raised by the exhibitor. Because of the nature of the project, it is recommended this be done on premise or residence of the exhibitor.
8. Exhibitors must have a complete project book with up-to-date records at interview judging. Books will be checked by key leaders and any exhibitor without a complete book will not be permitted to show at fair.
9. All turkeys, chickens, and gamebirds must be negative for pullorum/fowl typhoid disease to exhibit at fair. Exhibitors must be able to conform and supply the following documentation to meet this requirement:
 - A) Birds to be exhibited must come from a hatchery or flock that is a participant in the national poultry improvement plan (NPIP) and cannot be raised on property that is shared with any other poultry (ducks and geese are an exception as they do not contract Pullourm/Typhoid) acquired before January 1 of this year or any other birds not from a NPIP hatchery. The exhibitor must supply documentation (hatch papers or NPIP certificate from the hatchery) that the birds for exhibit are from a NPIP hatchery at fair check-in.
 - B) If the exhibitor cannot supply proper documentation that the birds are from a NPIP hatchery or the birds have been on premise with other birds that don't meet the requirements listed above, then the birds will have to have a blood test.
 - C) Chickens and game birds can be blood tested upon arrival at the fair. If the results are negative, the exhibitor will be allowed to exhibit and show the birds. (Any exhibitor in hen & egg will have to have their birds tested since these birds are over a year old. This can be done at fair check-in. Any other birds brought to fair, that were kept on the same property as the hen & egg birds will have to be tested also.)
 - D) Turkeys require a test that can't be conducted upon arrival at the fair. If your turkey needs tested, it's the responsibility of the exhibitor to contact a veterinarian to have the test done prior to the fair. Keep in mind that it can take several weeks to get the test results back.

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10. All birds will receive lice inspections upon arrival at the fair. Questionable birds will be kept outside until they can be checked by the Fair Veterinarian, who will make the final determination. Contagious birds will be sent home immediately and are not allowed to show.
11. Exhibitors must provide their own bedding, wood chips or saw dust. No Straw!!
12. Exhibitors may not bring any tack, bedding, equipment, etc. to the fairgrounds until 8 a.m. the Saturday before the fair.
13. Drinkers and feeders will be provided.
14. Youth exhibiting gamebirds are asked to supply their own pens. It is recommended that pheasant pens be no taller than 8.5 inches and quail pens be no taller than 7 inches. This is for the safety of the birds.
15. Exhibitors are expected to provide food and water to animals on a regular basis and keep livestock pens clean and neat. If an animal is not being taken care of or a pen is found to be unacceptable by the appropriate livestock committee, a notice will be posted on the pen. Failure to comply within 24 hours will result in the animal being sent home forfeiting the exhibitor's ability to show or sell.
16. Grooming of animals during the Erie County Fair is limited to the Junior Fair exhibitor, exhibitor's immediate family, 4-H Advisor, FFA Advisor, or livestock species committee members. Immediate family is defined as members of the exhibitor's household limited to parents, step-parents, or legal guardian, brothers and sisters. Exhibitors must be present and actively engaged during the grooming of their project animal(s).
17. Birds must be washed and cleaned for exhibit.
18. Adding any substance to externally build up, change, or alter the shape or conformation of the livestock, including but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, hemp, and powders (Ohio Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rule 901-19-33). This includes anything with pigment to change or enhance the color of the animal, including but not limited to paint and baby powder.
19. A judging area will be designated. Only exhibitors, the judge and Key Leaders will be allowed in the area.
20. All poultry exhibitors must participate in showmanship. Exhibitors must show their own bird in showmanship.
21. The exhibitor must show his or her own project animal(s) unless an exception is permitted by the committee. In this case, the animal(s) must be shown by another Erie County Fair Junior exhibitor.
22. All exhibitors must be dressed appropriately for livestock interviews, show and the sale. Proper show attire is long pants and shirts with a collar and sleeves. No shorts, extreme low rise pants, tank tops, tube tops, or hats should be worn. Appropriate footwear should also be worn. No flip flops.
23. **Exhibitors must be available to help with tear down at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday evening. Each exhibitor MUST clean out their own bedding and remove their birds by 8:00 p.m.**
24. All decisions of the Poultry Committee are final. Grievances will be handled in accordance with the grievance policy which can be found at <http://eriefair.com/>

Meat Projects and Sale Exhibit Rules & Requirements

1. **Exhibitors of all market poultry projects must own the poultry within five days of hatch. This includes the following projects: 150CM, 150DM, 150GM, 150TM and 1032.**
2. Meat Pen Rules - Exhibitors DO NOT need to show in breed classes in order to show a meat pen. Exhibitors must have a record book for interviews. Meat pen number, size, and age requirements are listed above in the Project Numbers area. Limited to one meat pen per type.
3. Meat Pen Poultry, Market Goose, Market Turkey, Market Ducks and Gamebirds are the only poultry eligible for sale in the small project sale.

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4. Poultry will be weighed and tagged as birds are brought to the fairgrounds on Monday, August 10th between 5:00-9:00 p.m. Scales will be kept clean during the weighing. Exhibitors should be present when birds are checked in and weighed.
5. Exhibitors must sign up exactly what birds they will bring to fair at the project interviews. Bringing something different than what was signed up for, will result in ineligibility to show in market classes and sell. The exhibitor will be permitted to show in Showmanship.
6. **Birds delivered to Junior Fair Small Project Auction buyers must be processed at a state licensed facility.** Poultry butchering arrangements and fees are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
7. All sale products should be delivered to the buyer within two-three weeks of the sale date. Upon delivery of the product, the buyer should sign a receipt indicating they have received the product. That receipt should then be forwarded to the Sale Committee Treasurer. Failure to do so will result in no money issued to the exhibitor and a full refund to the buyer. The exhibitor will not be able to participate in the sale the following year. Receipt forms will be given out at the sale on Friday evening.
8. Those exhibitors who sell their project through the fair auction will be required to submit a written thank you note(s) in order to receive their sale check. Look for further details in the 4-H newsletter and at the fair. This is in addition to turning in the receipt signed by the buyer indicating the poultry product was delivered.
9. **No checks from the Livestock Sale or the Small Project Auction will be mailed! All checks will need to be picked up at the Erie County Fair Sr. Fairboard Office on Saturday, October 17, 2020 from 9am to 1pm. Checks can be picked up by the exhibitor or immediate family member with a valid form of ID. If the exhibitor or an immediate family member cannot pick up, anyone presenting a signed letter from the exhibitor or the exhibitor's legal guardian can pick up the check. All checks will require a signature of the person picking up the check.** All sale checks must be cashed by November 25th of the current year or funds are forfeited. This includes issued checks and checks held for not meeting requirements, i.e. Thank you notes or poultry cards not submitted. No exceptions allowed.
10. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their pens and taking the bedding to the proper place for disposal.

*** Please take note, if you are raising any game birds for your project, there are laws that require special licensing. It is your responsibility to make sure you meet these requirements and follow the law. For more information on this topic, please contact the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division at 419-424-5000.

*Show order will be posted on bulletin board in small animal building.

These rules are reviewed and adopted annually by the Erie County Senior Fair Board and apply to all Junior Fair exhibitors.

*Junior Fair projects may not be sold on the fairgrounds except through the fair project auctions.
For sale signs may not be posted on projects.

