

# Wayne County 4-H / FFA / Jr. Fair 2023 Poultry Project Guidelines

## PROJECT CHECKLIST

- ☐ Check the 4-H calendar for the most up to date information regarding our program
  - o <https://wayne.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-calendar-events>
- ☐ **Enroll in 4-H** through 4-HOnline (<https://oh.4honline.com/>) by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Individual clubs may set an earlier date.
- ☐ **Attend Quality Assurance Training** Following are the dates for the 2023 QA sessions: May 9<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>, **June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Poultry Clinic**, and a last chance Quality Assurance will be held on July 19 (a fee will be charged for the last chance Quality Assurance). Please see the 4-H App calendar for locations and times of these QA sessions. \* Exhibitors only need to attend one QA session.
- ☐ **Project Record Book:** Purchase, complete, and bring with you to the Skillathon Interviews. Due August 8<sup>th</sup> at the late project judging.
- ☐ **Junior Fair Book:** Obtain and read a Wayne County Junior Fair Book for rules and regulations for our county fair.
- ☐ **Possession Date:** Obtain and care for your animal(s) by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Possession date for market ducks and market chickens is August 1<sup>st</sup>. The animal must remain in your care during the entire project period or through the duration of the fair (where applicable). See below for specific hatch dates for market poultry projects.
- ☐ **Animal ID:** Enter ALL possible and eligible animals (including family back-ups) that you may wish to enter in the fair through 4-H Online by June 1<sup>st</sup>. **Market chickens and market ducks must be entered into 4-H Online by August 1<sup>st</sup>.** Help sheets are available at [wayne.osu.edu/help](https://wayne.osu.edu/help).
- ☐ **Project Completion:** Attend and participate in Wayne County 4-H Skillathon Interviews, State Fair Poultry Skillathon, or complete the Wayne County Jr. Fair Outstanding Exhibitor Exam. *Proof of State Fair Skillathon completion must be submitted to the Wayne County Extension Office by August 8<sup>th</sup>.*
- ☐ **OME:** : All exhibitors who wish to participate in the Outstanding Market Exhibitor program will take an exam on July 11<sup>th</sup> at the Event Center, Wayne County Fairgrounds. ALL books and OME posters due August 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00-9:00pm at late project judging.
- ☐ **Fair Entries Due** - Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>: Make ALL fair entries online at [waynejrfair.fairentry.com](https://waynejrfair.fairentry.com) for your animal(s).
- ☐ **DUNF:** All market and lactating animals must complete an electronic DUNF at check-in at the fair (see the August edition of The Link for more information)

*Read and follow all rules pertaining to your project animal(s) in the Jr. Fair Book. This book should be given to you by your 4-H club advisor in July.*



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## **2023 Poultry Calendar of Events**

- **Wayne County Quality Assurance:** Following are the dates for the 2023 QA sessions: May 9<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>, **June 13<sup>th</sup>** at the Poultry Clinic, and a last chance Quality Assurance will be held on July 19 (a fee will be charged for the last chance Quality Assurance). Please see the 4-H App calendar for locations and times of these QA sessions.
- **Wayne County Skillathon:** Skillathon Interviews will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00pm at the Event Center, Wayne County Fairgrounds.
- **Poultry Clinic** – ~~June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, Sheep/Goat Arena~~
  - **\*New Date June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6-8pm, Sheep/Goat Arena**
- **Poultry Blood Testing:** ~~August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm Sheep/Goat Arena, Cost TBD~~
  - **\*New Date August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6-8pm Sheep/Goat Arena, Cost TBD**
- **OME Test:** July 11<sup>th</sup> 5:00-9:00 pm – Event Center
- **ALL PROJECT BOOKS AND OME POSTER:** Due August 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00-9:00pm Late project judging
- **Poultry / Rabbit Barn Set Up Day:** August 26<sup>th</sup> 9 am – Event Center
- **Market Poultry Sale Photo:** Due by September 1<sup>st</sup>, watch for information in the News & Notes emails.
- **Wayne County Fair Poultry Check in:** Friday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 – 9:00 pm
- **Poultry Show:** Monday September 11<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am – Event Center
- **Poultry Auction:** Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> – Event Center

### **Important Notes**

- **Junior Fair check in time is Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Poultry will only be checked in on Friday.**
- **Poultry Exhibition:** Exhibitors are only allowed to take **6 Fancy chickens** instead of 10 fancy birds.
- **Outstanding Market Exhibitor:** All exhibitors who wish to participate in the Outstanding Market Exhibitor program will take an exam on July 7<sup>th</sup> at the Event Center, Wayne County Fairgrounds. Project books and OME posters due August 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00-9:00pm at late project judging.
- **Sale Photograph:** Champions are the only animals that will enter the sale ring. Our goal is to display a clean and professional photo of every exhibitor with their animal during the time each exhibitor is selling. Market poultry exhibitors will submit their picture by **September 1<sup>st</sup>**, watch News & Notes for more information.
- **Awards:** All exhibitors who receive a trophy, plaque, or other award sponsored by a donor are expected to send a Thank You note to the sponsor(s). The Thank You card will be provided with your award. Please turn in your unsealed thank you card to the award box located in the Coliseum or Jr. Fair office. Failure to turn in a thank you card may result in a loss of premium. The name and address of the sponsor can be found on the award. If you cannot find it, contact the Jr. Fair secretary.
- **Outstanding Record Book Award:** Books will be due October 4, 2023 at the Extension office.

- **Poultry Blood Testing:** August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8pm Sheep/Goat Arena, Exhibitors are required to bring 4 birds per exhibitor **OR** 12 birds per family. Payment of test is due on date of testing, this is a responsibility of the families.
- **Section 100 chickens** Class 2 and 4 for Production Hen and Pullet will be a single bird class. One dozen eggs produced by your flock must be brought in the day of show.
- We will have a Champion and Reserve Champion for Production, Fancy and Bantam Poultry instead of having an overall poultry award.

**Hatch  
Dates**

- Geese must be hatched after January 1 of the current year.
- Turkeys must be hatched between May 20<sup>th</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year
- Ducks must be hatched July 13<sup>th</sup> or after of the current year.
- Chickens must be hatched July 20<sup>th</sup> or after of the current year.

**Wayne County Fair Poultry Weights**

**Market Chickens: Min 5 lbs. Max 8.5 lbs.**

**Market Ducks: 5 lbs. minimum**

**Market Goose: recommended 6 lbs.**

**Market Turkey: Min 20lbs Max 40 lbs.**

**Wayne County Fair Poultry Definitions**

**Cock: Male previous year**

**Cockerel: Male current year**

**Hen: female previous year**

**Pullet: female current year**

**Drake: male**

**Duck: female**

**General Information**

- Each member must participate in a state-approved Quality Assurance training AND the Wayne County or Ohio State Fair Poultry Skillathon in order to be eligible to exhibit at the Wayne County Junior Fair. If completing QA and/or Skillathon outside of the county, you must submit proof of completion to the Extension office.
- **Required attire:** A long sleeved, plain white shirt or white coat, nice jeans, and closed-toe shoes are **required** for showmanship and breed classes, but not the auction. Exhibitors in the Junior Fair are not permitted to wear any type of commercial advertisements or names on their clothing while in the show ring.
- It is essential that all animals have clean water at all times during the fair. Please ensure that you have a watering bowl/container of adequate size for your poultry.
  - A gallon milk jug with the top cut off is a cheap option that works well! Make sure the container you choose is secured to the cage.
  - Keep in mind that ducks especially love to play in their water and may require a larger container.

- The Wayne County Junior Fair Book is available to all Junior Fair exhibitors in July. The Junior Fair Book should be distributed to club members by their advisor. All details pertaining to the fair are listed in this book and in the August "Link" newsletter, which is sent to every Jr. Fair family.
- **Poultry Limits: Exhibitors are only allowed to take six fancy or exhibition chickens to fair;** however, they may only make one entry per class. Members may only sell two poultry meat pens OR a poultry meat pen and a rabbit meat pen. ALL poultry and rabbit meat pen classes will be a terminal show and sale. All poultry meat pens will be sold on Wednesday at the Junior Fair Auction and must go to a market. All market rabbits will be turned.
- Exhibitors wishing to participate in Showmanship must make an entry for their respective showmanship class when completing the Junior Fair Entry form due August 1<sup>st</sup>. All ages are as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- All poultry projects must be in place by Friday, September 8, 2022, at 9:00 pm. Poultry projects can be checked in between 3:00 pm and 9:00 pm on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- All market poultry projects are required to fill out an electronic DUNF before arriving at check-in.
- Do not bring your NPIP papers with you to check-in! Your NPIP papers must be uploaded into 4-H Online by August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Entries will be checked upon arrival and sent home if exhibiting signs of illness or external parasites. Please bring clean birds to check-in. *The committee suggests putting shavings in the pens to keep them clean during transportation.*
- The top five exhibitors will be placed in classes and showmanship.
- Poultry that are overweight will be put into an overweight class and will not be eligible for champion.
- Junior Fair participants are not permitted to bring additional birds into the barn to sell or exhibit after Friday, September 8, 2022, at 9:00 pm. Members are not permitted to post "For Sale" signs on their cages at the fair.
- Market exhibitors selling their animal(s) at the Junior Fair Sale MUST send a "Thank You" note to the buyer(s). This "Thank You" note is to be delivered to the Extension Office beginning the Monday after the fair in a stamped, sealed and addressed envelope, and no later than one week after the sale. *Checks for the sale of market animals will be sent to members only after a "Thank You" note is presented to the Extension Office.*

### **FANCY TURKEYS**

Fancy Turkeys are not shown at the fair.

Fancy turkey projects may be exhibited as a still poster in the Junior Fair building. The poster project must be judged at project judging and members must complete Skillathon.

**Market Poultry**

- All market poultry projects are required to complete an electronic Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) **at** poultry check-in
- **Pen Cleaning:** Please remove feed from your market animal by 6:00pm on Wednesday. Market exhibitors can clean their pens and remove their supplies any time after animals leave on Wednesday night. (**Pens are NOT to be cleaned BEFORE the animal leaves.**)
- Chicken Meat Pen: (two birds) must be hatched no sooner than the Wayne County Fair Hatch Date. It is required that chicks be from an approved NPIP hatchery. Chickens in the meat pen should be of the same sex and not under *5 pounds* or over *8.5 pounds per bird*. Meat pens with either animal under 5 pounds will not be able to exhibit, and the pen will be sent home. Animals sent home are disqualified and the participant is not eligible to show in the applicable class. Birds over 8.5 pounds may show in the overweight class but are not eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion.
- Meat Duck: (one bird) must be hatched no sooner than the Wayne County Fair Hatch Date. Meat ducks must reach a minimum weight of 5 pounds.
- Meat Goose: (one bird) must be of current year's hatch, exhibitor must have animal entered in the 4-H Online system by June 1. Recommended weight limit is 6 pounds, but there is not a minimum or maximum limit. Market geese are a very seasonal commodity, it is recommended that you order them in January to receive geese with a March hatch date. The best places to get market geese are Eagles Nest, Myers, Cackle, and Murray McMurray.
- Meat Turkey: (one bird) must be hatched between the Wayne County Fair Hatch Dates. Turkeys must come from an approved NPIP hatchery. Champion Class will consist of birds between 20 and 40 pounds at weigh-in. Meat turkeys that are under 20 lbs. will not be able to exhibit and will be sent home. Animals sent home are disqualified and the participant is NOT eligible to show in the applicable class. Birds over 40 pounds may show in an overweight class but are not eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion.

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**POULTRY HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

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- It is recommended that you buy your chicks from an approved National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) hatchery; or that your supplier buys from an approved NPIP hatchery. **Be sure to request a dated proof of purchase to be turned in when fair entry is made.** This dated document must be uploaded into your 4-H online animal ID by August 1<sup>st</sup>.
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## 4HOnline Animal ID Instructions

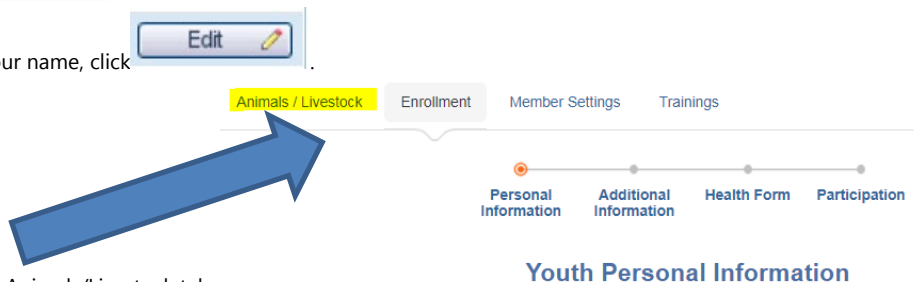
Every animal that may be taken to the fair MUST be identified in Oh.4honline.com by June 1<sup>st</sup> except Market Poultry and Market Rabbits, which are due August 1<sup>st</sup>. Please complete the following steps through 4-HOnline to add your Animals' information.

### Step 1:

- Log in to Oh.4honline.com
- Click "I have a profile"

- Click 

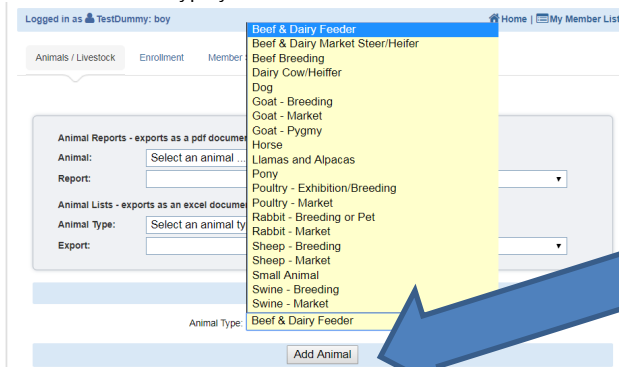
- To the right of your name, click .



- Next, click on the Animals/Livestock tab.

### Step 2:

- Select the animal type you want to submit then click "Add Animal"



### Step 3:

- Fill in the information – **ALL BOLD FIELDS MUST BE COMPLETED!**
- Add documents and photos of your animal. Click the "Select" button and find the file or photo. (Acceptable file formats include PDF or .jpg)

### Step 4:

- MAKE SURE ALL INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE! You cannot edit the information once you hit save.



- After you have made sure everything is complete, click

\*\* To add additional animals, start at Step 2 and repeat! \*\*

If you happen to find a mistake on an animal that has already been submitted, it cannot be edited by members. You will need to create a new animal with the correct information, or you can contact the Extension office and they will make the change only if it is before the deadline. The ONLY exemption to this is if an animal tag is lost and replaced.

**Species specific requirements can be found at [wayne.osu.edu/help](http://wayne.osu.edu/help)**

The following table lists the fields in 4-HONLINE Animal ID Poultry Section and details which are required and which are optional to complete.

Poultry		
	Breeding	Market
Type of Poultry (List species i.e. Chicken, Duck, Goose):	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>
Tag (Identifier): Turkey must use wing tag. All other mark X1, X2, X3...etc.	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>
Animal Name:	Optional	Optional
Pen Name:	Optional	Optional
Sex:	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>
Birthdate:	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>
Beginning Weight:	N/A	Optional
Beginning Weight Date:	N/A	Optional
Breed:	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>
NPIP Identifier OR Pullorum Test Date (you MUST submit one of these):	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>
Files/Photos of Animal		
County Form:	Optional	Optional
NPIP or Pollorum Test Paperwork:	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required for chickens</i>
Photo of Poultry/ Pen:	Optional	Optional