



So you want to take Market Chickens

Exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with all rules from ODA, Senior Fair Boards and Livestock Committees



Project Book: #150CM Raising Broilers for 1st year members, or Washington County Livestock Record Book for 2nd year members and beyond (required for Skillathon). FFA exhibitors see your advisor for requirements.

ALL project books must be in print form.

Enrollment Form Due: April 15th – *Must be ordered and paid for by this date* April 15 – completed enrollments turned in between April 16 and May 1 will be accepted with a \$10 late fee. *Poultry order is not guaranteed and is pending availability after April 16.* After May 1 **NO LATE ENROLLMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Project Animal Requirements: *Order must be placed and paid for by April 15
*Maximum of 12 chicks can be ordered
*Possession: From time of pick-up (usually July) through sale
*Min. Fair weight 3 1/2# Max. No Maximum weight

Pre-Fair Tag-In: NONE – exhibitors will be notified for pick-up of chicks

Quality Assurance: *Exhibitor and one parent/guardian must attend one of the sessions offered in Washington County or any other Ohio County.*

See Important Market Livestock Dates in the Junior Fair Activities Guide or 4-H Calendar available at the Extension Office or online at <http://washington.osu.edu> for dates, times and locations.

Skillathon: *Skillathon is required for exhibitor to be eligible to show and/or sell at the fair*

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What Fair will I show at? Washington County Fair (always Labor Day Weekend)

Fair Pen Reservations Due? Mail directly to the Fair Board Office – 922 Front St., Marietta, 45750
See Junior Fair Activities Guide or website <http://washington.osu.edu> or pick up a copy at the Extension Office

What happens at the Fair?

Check in – 7:30-9:00pm-Friday (completed DUNF must be presented to committee before weighing in)

Buyer Thank you posters – make a Thank You poster to thank previous buyer. Hang it in the barn. See Jr Fair Guide for details and size

Classes – To be eligible to **SELL**, exhibitor **must do both** Showmanship and Market Classes.

See Fair Schedule for dates and times of showmanship and market classes **Judging** - Saturday

What is the Premier Exhibitor Award?

High scoring exhibitor from skillathon (100 points), showmanship (100 points) & market class placing (50 points)

Sale – Tuesday **See Fair Schedule for time and location**

What happens after the Sale?

Thank/contact buyers – thank buyers by note, call or in person

Sale Checks – checks are mailed directly to the exhibitors after payment from buyers has been made. If you have questions about your checks contact a 4-H Livestock Committee member.

For Further information or Questions contact OSU Extension Office at 740-376-7431
visit our web site at: <http://washington.osu.edu>



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Market Poultry Basics

What to look for and do the day birds arrive:

- Check beaks - they are trimmed before shipping if too short they will have trouble eating
- Legs and toes should be straight with no deformities
- Birds should be alert and active
- Be sure to bring water with you. Birds are shipped soon after they are born.

When you bring them home:

- Add electrolytes to water. (can be found at any feed store)
- Teach birds to drink by gently dipping their beaks in water source
- Feeding the proper type of feed at the correct age is important:
 - Turkeys - starter mash
 - Chickens – broiler starter ration
- Do not use stale, spoiled or moldy feed
- Make sure birds have plenty of fresh feed and water at all times
- Facilities for healthy growth:
 - Birds need to be kept warm and dry
 - Ventilation and sanitation are very important
 - Room to move and exercise must be available
 - Protection from weather, disease and predators is necessary

As they grow:

- Facility area needs to grow with growing birds
- Ventilation and sanitation should be top priorities
- Some good bedding choices are: wood shavings, ground corn cobs or rice hulls and straw

Going to the fair:

- Review project books to help you select birds for the fair
- Review the Junior Fair Activities Guide for rules, dates, times and locations of all fair events
- Make sure your birds are clean for the fair and throughout the fair
- Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their birds throughout the day each day of the fair.

Remember to have fun while you learn with your project!

Need poultry resources: www.poultry.osu.edu