



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



Enrollment Due: April 1st

Project Book: #150CM Poultry Project & Record Book (1st year member), or Washington County Livestock Record Book (2nd year members and beyond). FFA exhibitors see your advisor for requirements. **ALL project books must be in print form and required for skillathon.**

Bird Orders: Poultry order is not guaranteed and is pending availability, through approved hatchery. Birds are ordered through OSU Extension Office.

Project Animal Requirements: *Order must be placed and paid for by April 14
*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
*3 Chickens per pen

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

Fair: Washington County Fair (always Labor Day Weekend)

Pen Reservations Due: Pen reservation information will be collected at Skillathon.

What happens at the Fair?

Check in	7:30- 9:00 pm-Friday (completed online DUNF is required before animals cross the scales) Birds must be washed clean and dried before crossing the scales.
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.
Judging	Saturday See Fair Schedule for dates and times
Pictures	Are required to sell, See Junior Fair Guide for all picture times.
What is the Premier Exhibitor Award?	High scoring exhibitor from skillathon (100 points), showmanship (100 points) & market class placing (50 points)
Sale	Tuesday, See Junior Fair Activities Guide for sale order and time and location
Thank/contact buyers	Thank buyers by note, call or in person at their business after the fair.
Sale Checks	Checks are available for pick up by the exhibitors after payment from buyers has been made. Livestock check pick up dates TBD, for questions about your checks call 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