

Lucas County 4-H Poultry Project Information



Helpful Information for your Poultry Project.

The contents of this guide are meant to be just that, a **guide and may be subject to change without notice. Be vigilant about referencing the Lucas County Fair website for the most up to date information regarding the fair.

Poultry Project Summary

There are several Poultry 4-H Projects that you can enroll in as a 4-H member. Below is a summary of each project:

4-H #	Title	Description
150CE	Chicken, Exhibition	Pen of three exhibition chickens: Fancy or Bantam (1 Male, 2 Females).
150CM	Chicken, Market	Pen of three. Broilers must be birds grown for meat.
150CEP	Chicken Egg Production: Hens & Pullets	Laying chickens used for egg production. (2 Hens or 2 Pullet – same breed)
150DE	Duck, Exhibition	Pen of two exhibition large or bantam (Breeding Pair)
150DM	Duck, Market	Market ducks grown for meat. (2)
150GE	Goose, Exhibition	Pen of two exhibition large fowl: geese. (Breeding Pair)
150GM	Goose, Market	Market geese grown for meat. (2 per pen)
150TE	Turkey, Exhibition	Pen of one exhibition large fowl: purebred turkeys.
150TM	Turkey, Market	Market turkeys grown for meat.
150H	Helmeted Guinea Fowl	Pen of two exhibition birds: guinea, quail, partridge, peacock, pheasant, pigeon. (Breeding Pair)

Project Literature

You will need the following project materials for your poultry project:

- **Poultry Project and Record Book** (\$12) - Obtain and keep for the resource information it contains.
 - One record book per year, even if you are taking multiple types of poultry, such as chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys.
 - You will need to purchase a new record book each year you take a poultry project.

**Note to those with Market Animal Projects; as a food animal producer you are required, by law, to keep a record of any treatments, medications, drugs, etc. that are used for the health of your animal. Use the Treatment Record within your Lucas County Livestock Record Insert to keep this information.

Optional Resources:

- The American Standards of Perfection: amerpoultryassn.com
- For articles and other research-based information: ohio4h.org/poultryresources
- Poultry Handbook – this handbook is a comprehensive guide to all that you need to know to raise poultry safely and successfully:
 - https://wood.osu.edu/sites/wood/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/livestock/Branded%20Poultry%20Handbook%20FINAL.pdf

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 4-H PARTICIPATION: * = Mandatory

Activity	Due Date	Location	Reference Page # (in this guide)
*Enroll in 4-H	No later than April 1	https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in	2
*4-H Project Interview Judging	Monday of Fair	Lucas County Fairgrounds Entertainment Tent	2
*Fair Entry	May 15	https://go.osu.edu/lclivestockfaireentry	3
*Skill-a-thon	Monday of Fair	Lucas County Fairgrounds Entertainment Tent	3

Activities that will take place prior to the fair

The following 4-H activities are described below.

4-H Enrollment

Membership requires enrollment in an authorized Ohio 4-H club or group under the direction of an OSU Extension professional or an approved adult volunteer. Your 4-H club Advisor will assist you with the online enrollment process. Joining Ohio 4-H is a privilege and responsibility for individuals and is subject to the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct and applicable policies of The Ohio State University. Members must remain in good standing with their 4-H club, meaning: attending a minimum of five meetings, completing a demonstration, fully participating, etc.

Project Interview

Project judging is an exciting time to showcase your hard work spent on your 4-H project. Our judges love talking with you and learning about your project. Project judging is the last station of skillathon. Please be patient and understand if a judge is running behind. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Tips to be Successful

- Arrive at the Entertainment tent with your record books. Remember to wear nice attire to judging. See Dress Code below.
- Check in at the registration desk.
- Be prepared to talk about your project, know what you did, how you did it, and what you learned. Be proud of your accomplishments! You worked hard. Have a seat, talk to friends and RELAX!



Dress Code Rule for All Junior Fair Exhibitors

The Junior Fair Dress Code is in effect for Livestock Shows and all Interview Judging Days.

- Livestock Interview: No rips or cut-offs and no tank-tops or sleeveless tops.
- Livestock Shows: exhibitors must wear a collared polo or buttoned shirt with some sleeve and nice blue jeans (no rips or cut-offs and no tank-tops, t-shirts or sleeveless tops) or your show coat. Pants should be black, khakis or jeans, reach exhibitors' shoes and have no holes. Shoes are closed toe.
- **Consequences for not following this rule may include class disqualification, or no interview until wardrobe is changed.

Skill-a-thon

This is where you have the chance to shine as an exhibitor. This is a contest to show who knows the most about their species. You will study various topics on poultry and then at 4-H Project Interview, you will go into the skill-a-thon and answer the questions they pose for you. There are 3 levels: juniors (8-12 years old), Intermediate (13-15 years old) and seniors (16-18 years old.) The exhibitors with the highest scores can earn ribbons and then have a chance to earn cash prizes.

- The Poultry Skill-a-thon is an activity that takes place prior to fair, at 4-H Project Interview. It is a series of stations on topics you are learning about in your poultry project. The goal of the Skill-a-thon is to facilitate learning about your poultry project.
- Prizes are awarded to exhibitors who perform well in the Skill-a-thon. Prizes typically include cash and rosettes which are handed out at Sunday awards in the Livestock Arena.

Congratulations on the successful completion of your project!

County Fair Entry

For exhibition information, such as move-in, possession and show information, visit the Lucas County Fair junior fair exhibition rules at: <https://lucascountyfair.com/exhibitors/#junior> then select "Livestock Rules"

- Fair Entry is due **May 15** and is completed online using this link: <https://go.osu.edu/lclivestockfaireentry>
- Late or edited entries will be accepted until **May 22 with a \$50 fee payable to the Lucas County Fair.**
- For Entries after the late entry date, May 22, penalties are Grade and Exhibition only, \$50 fee, no premium, awards, or auction. Exhibition request will need approval.