

MARKET POULTRY FAIR INFORMATION

See OSU extension website for Market Poultry Requirements and Deadlines checklist and/or contact your advisor

(https://portage.osu.edu/sites/portage/files/imce/Market%20Poultry_0.pdf)

Pre Fair Information

- Required to attend Quality Assurance at Portage Country Randolph Fairgrounds or other Extension approved QA. Deadline for Quality Assurance to be completed and paperwork turned in to Extension Office for out-of-county participation – June 1st.
- If your project dies prior to the fair please notify Fran Mansfield or Diane Ebie.
- All animals need to be bathed prior to check in. We can't check in wet birds, so plan accordingly.
- Any birds that have excessive manure on them will be sent home.
- Do not transport birds to the fair in a closed container. Birds covered in wet manure are difficult to handle.
- We are not able to help you sort your chicken pens at check in. Please have them marked before leaving home. Once checked in and banded, there will be no changes/switching out of birds. The entire pen needs to be checked in at the same time.
- Weigh small birds at home. Minimum weights are as follows: Chickens 5 lbs, Turkeys 14 lbs, Ducks 5 lbs, Geese 7 lbs.

Check In

- Check in will be Sunday, August 22nd from 11 am – 7 pm
- Move your vehicle from the small animal barn area as soon as you unload your birds.
- Please have your DUNF forms completed. Your advisor should provide you with these forms.
- Food and water need to be in place at all times. Cut out milk jugs, laundry detergent containers, etc., are recommended - don't use the metal rabbit feed containers.
- **All 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors must provide their own feed.**

Fair

- Pens must be cleaned by 8:00 pm on Monday prior to fair and 9:00 am daily Tuesday through Friday and Sunday of fair week and by 8 am on Saturday of fair week
- Night/evening pen cleaners (to be noted on pen judging form) - cleaning to be completed by 10:00 pm each day.
- Remove all the soiled bedding. Do not put clean shavings on top of manure. ☺

Wednesday

- 9:15 am Poultry Showmanship

Thursday

- 8:00 am – Pens must be clean
- 8:30 am – Skill-a-thon awards
- 8:45 am – Market Poultry Show

All market and non-market 4-H/Jr. Fair Poultry exhibitors will be responsible for the showing of their own animals. This includes taking the animal from the cage if needed, to the show area or to the showing table to be judged.

If the 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor is unable to be present for the show, it is his/her responsibility to designate another 4-H/Jr. Fair Poultry exhibitor or 4-H/Jr. Fair Parent to present his/her bird(s) for judging. Committee members will NOT be responsible for removing any poultry from their cages.

Birds will show in the following order:

- Chickens – will be placed in classes and will be brought to the judging table by class.
- Turkeys – will be placed in classes and will be brought to the judging table by class.
- Ducks – will show at the judging table (may be placed in classes).
- Geese – will show at the judging table (may be placed in classes).

Saturday – Auction Day

- Clean pens by 8:00 am. Children should stay in the area of their pens to greet and speak with buyers.
- **Parents will need to help set up chairs in the Arena.**

The Auction starts at 9:00 am. We will start lining the kids up at 8:45 am. If your child is not in line, **we are not responsible.**

All Jr. Fair Exhibitors in Market projects are expected to exhibit and sell their own animals. Exhibitors must be present to show in their market or showmanship class in order to be eligible to sell. Another Portage County Jr. Fair Exhibitor within the same species may show in the market class or in the sale, but not both. Any Jr. Fair Market Exhibitor that will miss either market show or sale must submit a form to the Sr. Fair Board Market Livestock Committee for review. Sr. Fair Board Market Livestock Committee decision is final. If form is not submitted and the show or sale is missed the exhibitor will be paid market price. The remainder of their market proceed check will be donated to the Jr. Fair Market Livestock Sale Scholarship Fund. (01/2019)

If the pen is 'Donated Back' the exhibitor(s) need to stay until the end of the species to resell their pen.

- All 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors need to remain at auction until their market species has finished selling the last 'donated back' animal/pen.
- All animals must have food and water when returning to the barn.
- Remember to THANK YOUR BUYERS!

Sunday

We will begin loading birds at 6:00 pm. Everyone is expected to help. Younger children can remove feed and water from the pens. Older children and adults can load the birds. Remember that after loading the birds the cages will need to be broken down and the area cleaned. This can be a very 'busy' and 'crazy' time with so many people in the barn. Please be patient! We want all the birds to be loaded in an orderly fashion with safety as our main concern.

BIRDS MUST BE TREATED IN A HUMANE MANNER AT ALL TIMES. ROUGH TREATMENT OF ANY ANIMAL AT ANYTIME IS NOT PERMITTED! THEY CAN BE EASILY BRUISED AND/OR RECEIVE BROKEN BONES.

All of the above times and dates may change. Please check with your advisor, Fran, Diane or Dan if you have any questions or concerns.

****It is the responsibility of the 4-H member and/or parent/guardian to keep up-to-date with all rules, deadlines, and any other changes throughout the year. Dates and times are subject to change. Please refer to the Livestock Calendar for specific dates or contact any of the following for questions concerning projects:**

Extension Office

Email: hughey.28@osu.edu or palmer.915@osu.edu

Committee Contact

President: Chris Campbell charles750@centurylink.net

Jr. Fair Coordinator

Emma George

330-325-7476

Fair Board Superintendent

Linda Kisamore

330-325-7476

POULTRY AUCTION INFORMATION

Paperwork to be completed and turned in prior to leaving tonight.

1. Order forms. Please **complete one form for EACH child**, so we have their information in our data base.
2. Do not order birds if you are not taking the project.
3. Pullorum testing is required to be completed by June 1st.
4. Each family needs to sign up to help the committee before, during, or after the fair.
5. The Market Poultry Committee will then assign jobs after the entry forms are received in June. Notification to the families and club advisors of the assigned jobs will be by email from the Extension Office. If you are unsure of your job, please contact Fran Mansfield 330-325-1672 or Diane Ebie 330-322-2525.
6. If you are unable to complete your assigned job, **you** are responsible for finding a replacement. **Failure of the family to show up or find a replacement for assigned job AND complete their assigned job will result in the family's club being fined \$50 per non-compliant family for lack of family support to the Market Poultry Committee. If all of the market animals die, or the project does not come to the fair the family is still required to fulfill their assigned jobs.**

Other information:

1. See OSU extension website for Market Poultry Requirements and Deadlines checklist and/or contact your advisor. https://portage.osu.edu/sites/portage/files/imce/Market%20Poultry_0.pdf
2. Death of a bird at the fair requires the bird(s) to be replaced on Sunday afternoon (speak with a committee members for assistance).
3. If your project dies prior to the fair please notify Fran or Diane, not your advisor.
4. Sale order will rotate in the barn after the top animals are placed.
5. Check in time/weigh in: Sunday, August 22nd from 11 am – 7 pm. This includes the donated turkey and chickens that are being raised.
6. If you are having problems with your birds, i.e. death, leg problems, etc., please call one of us to help you troubleshoot. Fran 330-325-1672, Diane 330-322-2525, or Dan 330-541-6788
7. Most leg issues start at pick up when the birds are placed in large carriers with no bedding.
8. Members must follow the 2/1/1 rule.
9. Members are expected to be present on Sunday evening to help load all birds to take to the processor.
10. Be aware of the feed directive – it does not affect the medicated starter feed for poultry. The medication in the poultry feed is not antibiotics. An example would be if you would need to put an antibiotic in the poultry's water, then you would have to contact a vet and go through them to get the written paperwork that is required.

Species	Pickup Date	Time
Turkey	April 21st (Wednesday)	7:00 pm
Geese	April 28th (Wednesday)	TBA
Ducks	June 30th (Wednesday)	TBA
Chickens	July 7th (Wednesday)	7:00 pm

Turkey and Chicken pickups will be at the Fairgrounds (Farm Bureau Barn) unless notified differently. Please remember committee members will be available for 30 minutes after the posted time of pickup. At that time, any remaining birds will be resold to members wishing to purchase additional birds. **Money will not be refunded.**