2023 Poultry Production Project Guide
Noble County

4-H Project Book: #150CE Chicken Exhibition, #150CEP Chicken Egg Production, # 150DE Duck Exhibition #150GE Goose Exhibition and #150TE Turkey Exhibition or paper copy Livestock Record Book (required) *First year members should use project book. **FFA** – AET Records

Resource Guide: Resources available at www.ohio4h.org/poultryresources or www.articles.extension.org/poultry

Project Animal Requirements:

Chickens – Exhibition (Bantams) or Chicken Egg Production (Laying Pullets & Hens)
* All entries to be a single or pen entry. Pen entries will not compete with single entries; birds must either be entered as single or pen entries. A Young Pen consists of two pullets and one cockerel (birds hatched after Jan. 1, 2023) and an Old Pen consists of two hens and one cock (birds hatched prior to Jan. 1, 2023). Old and young birds are not to be mixed in a pen.
*Originate from a Pullorum free flock or NPIP hatchery
*Possession: By June 1, 2023

Ducks, Geese and Turkey Production (Hens & Tom)
*These poultry projects are shown as single entry or pen of two (male & female)
*Originate from a Pullorum free flock or NPIP hatchery
*Possession: By June 1, 2023

Pre-Fair Tagging: None

Quality Assurance: Exhibitor and one parent/guardian **must** attend one of the sessions offered in Noble County or any other Ohio County **OR** youth must be tested out or completed the YQCA On-Line certification.
*See 4-H Newsletter available at the Extension Office or online at http://noble.osu.edu *for dates, times and locations.*

Fair Pen Reservations Due: Exhibitor must let your club advisor know how many pens you will need for your poultry. Indicate what type of poultry (ie. Ducks, geese or turkeys) and whether they are single or pen of two entries. Stall/Pen assignments are due **by August 10th** to your club advisor.

Showmanship Sign-up: If you plan to show in showmanship, a sign-up sheet will be included as part of the Stall/Pen Assignment sheets. Sign-up prior to fair with your club advisor; due **by August 10th** to your club advisor. *You will also be able to sign up for showmanship at the fair. Sign up sheets will be located in the Rabbit/Poultry Barn area.

What happens at the Fair?
Time to be on Fairgrounds – Poultry should be brought to fairgrounds on **MONDAY, August 28th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. ** Pen assignments will be posted.** *Feeders/waters/signs **only** can be brought in after 9:00 AM on Saturday and all day Sunday and Monday

Health Requirements: No health papers required. The Fair Veterinarian will visually inspect animals in their cages. If they find an animal that does not meet the health requirements for exhibition your animal may be disqualified and sent home. Decisions of the Fair Veterinarian are FINAL.

Shows –Showmanship: **Thursday, August 31st** @ 1:00 PM – (determined by age - Senior Division first)

Production Classes: **Thursday, August 31st** @ 1:00 PM - *(following showmanship) Show order will be printed on a Show Bill*

Dress Code Guidelines for Poultry Exhibitors:
- Full-length pants, belts are strongly encouraged. No shorts. Dark jeans
- Hard soled shoes or boot are suggested. No clogs, slides, sandals, or athletic shoes.
- Long-sleeved shirt, **preferably white** and collared. May also wear white show coat.
- No exposed jewelry. No halter-tops, tank tops, or bare midriff.
- Equipment: No special equipment needed

What is the Premier Exhibitor Award?
High scoring exhibitor from skillathon/interview (project book required), showmanship and breeding & market class placing. Special awards, cash awards, etc.

Skillathon: *Skillathon is **OPTIONAL** for 4-H & FFA members.* Skillathon will be held August 7th & 8th at the Fairgrounds. Sign-up Genius will be used to schedule a time – more information to be shared.

What happens after the Fair?

Premium money – exhibitors are paid $8.00/project (not animal) for completed project shown at the Fair; up to a total of 4 projects. This money will be given to you by your club advisor.

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