



2025 Market Poultry Project Guide

Noble County



4-H Project Book: #150CM Market Chicken #150TM Market Turkey 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:

Market Chickens (A pen is TWO chickens)

* Market chickens need to be 6 to 10 weeks old at Fair

*Originate from a hatchery w/ NPI paperwork

*Possession: By July 22, 2025

*Fair weight limits: Pen weight must be 12-16 lbs. (6 to 8 lbs/chicken)

*Eligible to show and sell 2 pens of two market chickens at fair

Market Turkey – Can be Hens and/or Toms (A white meat breed – broad breast)

*Possession: By May 20, 2025

*Originate from a hatchery w/ NPI paperwork

*Fair weight limits: Minimum weight of 15 lbs. at Fair – NO maximum weight

*Eligible to show and sell 2 market turkeys at fair

Pre-Fair Tagging: Leg bands will be distributed after August 1, 2025. Legs band ID's must be used on online DUNF form and bands must be on birds brought to the Fair Check-in on Sunday, August 24th.

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 of market chickens or how many turkeys you will bring to the fair. A maximum of 2 pens of Market Chickens and/or 2 turkeys can be brought to the fair. Stall/Pen assignments are due **by August 7th** 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 7th** 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.

Pictures – Taken by exhibitor prior to fair. Exhibitor must provide a 4X6 color photo for the Buyer Thank You Cards handed out during the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale. Make sure you and your animals are in the photo and all of you are clean! **If you have two pens of chickens or two turkeys – you will need TWO PICTURES). Drop these off to the Extension Office by Friday before the fair or to the Jr. Fair Office by Tuesday of Fair Week. Put Name and Leg Band # on back of photo.

What happens at the Fair?

Time to be on Fairgrounds – Market Poultry should be brought to fairgrounds on **Sunday, August 24th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM**. ** **Must be weighed and leg band checked prior to penning. Pen assignments will be posted.**

*Feeders/waters/signs can be brought in starting Thursday, August 21st and all day Friday, Saturday, Sunday. No poultry on grounds until Sunday, August 24th after 5:00 PM.

Drug Use Notification Form (completed DUNF must be completed on-line by Friday, August 22nd). Instructions for completing DUNF forms will be given to you by your advisor prior to the fair. All market poultry must be **DRUG FREE** by 7:00 AM on Monday, August 25th regardless of if they are selling or not. **Must be drug free to show.**

Buyer Thank you posters – make a Thank You poster to thank previous year's buyer. Hang it in the barn above your pen/stall.

Fair Weigh-In – on SUNDAY, August 24th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. ** Must be weighed and leg band checked prior to penning. **All market poultry must be weighed in by 7:00 PM on August 24th.** *Underweight & Overweight Market Chickens will show in one class, but will not place or sell. **Chickens from an underweight or overweight pen can still be used to show in Showmanship. *Underweight Market Turkeys will show in one class, but will not place or sell. **Turkeys that are underweight can still be used to show in Showmanship.

****PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN SHOW SCHEDULE**

Shows – Market Classes (Market Chickens & Market Turkeys): MONDAY, August 25th @ 12:00 NOON-
(determined by weight)

*Underweight & Overweight Market Chicken pens will show in one class, but will not place or sell.

*Underweight Market Turkeys will show in one class, but will not place or sell.

Showmanship: Thursday, August 28th @ 1:00 PM – (determined by age - Senior Division first)

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: Market Chickens - No special equipment needed. Market Turkeys – cane to guide turkeys to walk

Sale – Saturday, August 30, 2025. Each Jr. Fair member exhibitor may sell a maximum of two pens or animals in the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale. Jr. Fair participants must designate 2 hours after the last show on Thursday of fair week which animals they are not taking through the sale ring or forfeit their right to pull their animal(s) from the sale. **If a Jr. Fair participant has three or more market animals** and does not designate 2 hours after the last show on Thursday of fair week which animals they will sell, then their first two animals in the sale order will sell. **Exhibitors that agree to process and/or dress their market poultry and deliver to buyers after the fair usually receive a higher price.

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 4th at the Fairgrounds. Sign-up Genius will be used to schedule a time – more information to be shared.

What happens after the Sale?

Thank/contact buyers – thank buyers by note, call, or in person. Some members present tokens of appreciation to their buyers on sale day; not required.

Sale Checks – checks are mailed directly to the exhibitors by the Noble Co. Livestock Sale Committee after payment from buyers has been made. **** Payment will be at least 30 days after the Fair.** If you have questions about your check, contact the Extension Office. **3% of the selling price of all livestock marketed through the junior fair sale will be deducted to cover the expenses of the sale and promotional costs.

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.

For Further information or questions contact OSU Extension Office at 740-732-5681 visit our web site at:
<http://noble.osu.edu>