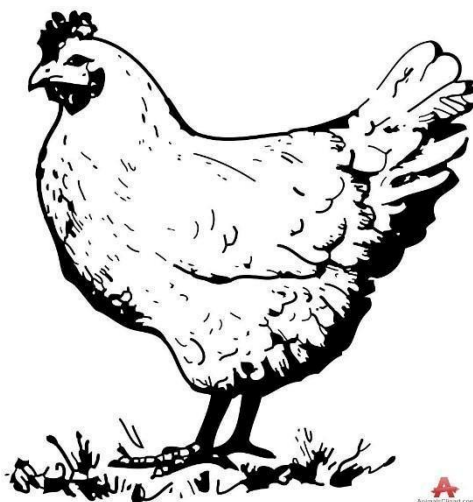


2025

Stark County Junior Fair

Poultry Rules



YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN ENTRY!!

DEADLINE IS JULY 25, 2025

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

Web Page: www.starkcountyjrfair4h.com

Facebook: Stark County Poultry Committee

Remind App: text @e943dc6 to 81010

PAYPAL FOR MARKET CHICKEN AND MARKET DUCK PAYMENTS:

@StarkCountyPoultry. You MUST use the FRIENDS AND FAMILY option.

Stark County Junior Fair – OVERALL General Rules for ALL Species

The Stark County Junior Fair operates under the authority of and in conjunction with the Stark County Senior Fair Board. The Junior Fair Board is a department of the Stark County Fair with its own objectives. These objectives in many instances, require rules or guidelines that differ significantly from those of other Stark County Fair Departments.

Any boy or girl enrolled in a Stark County Youth organization is eligible to participate in the Stark County Junior Fair. They must abide by the rules and age limitations of said youth organization (4H, FFA, Grange, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.)

1. To participate in 4H activities, youth must comply with the State 4H membership policy. 4H eligibility begins at age 5 (and in kindergarten as of January 1) and ends December 31st of the year in which they attain the age of 19.
2. Exhibitors in 4H classes must be enrolled in 4H club work in Stark County. Exhibits must be from 4H projects approved by the State or Local Extension office.
3. All members are encouraged to show in open class events.
4. Health rules for the livestock exhibits are the same as those governing all open class exhibits. Health papers must be shown, if requested, to the proper person before an animal is assigned a stall.
5. The Board of Directors of the Stark County Agricultural Society will, to the best of their ability, safeguard persons, livestock and articles on the grounds, but will not be responsible for injury, damage, disease, theft or loss of any kind.
6. Animals released due to illness or injury must have a signed release from the Fair Veterinarian, Junior Fair Coordinator and/or Barn Superintendent. Any animal removed without proper permission will be subject to 1-year suspension for the exhibitor.
7. Members are required to clean stalls or pens daily and maintain a neat and presentable area. Failure to keep the area clean or properly feed and water livestock may result in the committee withholding payment.
8. Anyone assisting with showing another exhibitor's animal must be enrolled as a current 4H or FFA or other youth organization member in Stark County.
9. All animals must remain on exhibit at the fair until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, the last day of the fair.
10. All animals sold remain the property of the member and in the member's care until Fair release time, 4:00 p.m., Monday, the last day of the fair. *Please be advised, some market animals may be released to contracted Livestock Brokers prior to the 4pm release time.*

11. Animals sold are not eligible to be shown again by that exhibitor or any other 4H or FFA member in any Junior Show in the County or State or Independent Fair in the calendar year. All Grand and Reserve Grand Champion market animals are terminal**. **Does NOT apply to the Dairy Beef Feeder project**
12. Exhibitors are responsible for their own veterinary bill.
13. Veterinarians assigned to the Fair for check-in will decide all matters of health, presence of disease and stall release.
14. The Fair Board will provide ribbons and/or appropriate awards. If the budget is exceeded, the Fair Board reserves the right to prorate cash premiums.
15. Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H (clubs) and Vocational Agriculture (FFA) or be members of either organization. However, those involved in both must carry separate and distinct projects, including different animals and/or products, for each organization. Examples of distinct projects include Sheep Breeding, Market Lambs, Pullets, and Broilers. The same or similar animals or products cannot be exhibited in both organizations, even if classified under different projects or programs. Additionally, an animal or product may not be shown in more than one county in 4-H or FFA classes.
16. Stark County youth programs and the Junior Fair Board will not condone the use of alcohol or drugs by any of its members, volunteers or anyone else associated with the Junior fair. The Junior Fair Coordinator, Junior Fair Board advisors, FFA advisors, Extension office and the Senior Fair Board will contact parents or legal authorities to handle individuals caught using or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
17. In the event that a project animal dies after the designated possession date, members will not be permitted to replace the animal for the purpose of exhibition or sale in any Junior Fair event.
18. **All Entries are Due at midnight By or On The final Friday of July - NO EXCEPTIONS - No Changes will be permitted after entry deadline.**
19. All market animal grooming must be performed by the Stark County Junior Fair exhibitor or their immediate family, as defined by Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 901-19(P). "Family" includes, but is not limited to, the exhibitor's parent, step-parent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, sibling, step-sibling, half-sibling, son, daughter, step-child, or guardian. Additionally, a current Stark County Junior Fair exhibitor may assist. This rule applies to all projects entered in the Stark County Junior Fair show during the Stark County Fair from August 26, 2025, to September 1, 2025. Violation of this rule will result in the animal being ineligible for sale.
20. No one may handle a Junior Fair exhibitor's animal(s) without the exhibitor's permission, except in an emergency. Committee members are permitted to handle animals as part of their regular duties, including during the show, sale, weigh-in, photos, loading, and unloading.
21. Judges' Decisions are Final.

22. Any Medical/School excuses must be submitted in writing to Committee Chair and Junior Fair Coordinator.

23. ALL Junior Fair Exhibitors are REQUIRED to attend a QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) CLINIC by JUNE 1 before the fair. Exhibitors who do not complete this requirement will be ineligible to show at the fair or bring a carcass.

24. Exhibitors must complete a DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF) for all market and lactating animals before the show. Failure to comply WILL result in disqualification from showing. This requirement is mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture under Ohio Revised Code 901-19-06 and 901-19-07. All Junior Fair livestock must be free of drug residues on the first day of the fair unless otherwise noted on the DUNF. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their market animals until the fair concludes, the drug withdrawal period ends, or if the animal is placed under quarantine.

Junior Fair Coordinator

Julie Pinter

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330.455.7856

Junior Fair Livestock Barn Superintendents

Beef	Amber Shoemaker	Justin Durkin
Dairy	Justin Durkin	Dan Farnham
Goat	Jill McNeil	Mikayla Durkin
Horse	Mikayla Durkin	Justin Durkin
Poultry	Julie Nicholas	Justin Durkin
Sheep	Dave Stock	Jill McNeil
Swine	Sarah Yungen	Kevin King
Rabbit/Cavy	Jill Sterling	Julie Nicholas

(Please refer to the Fair Book for contact information or leave a message at office@starkcountyfair.com)

General Poultry Rules

1. Stark County Fair exhibitor's rules, inspection and health requirements of livestock exhibited in Ohio are found in the Stark County Agricultural Society Fair book. Any bird could be rejected and sent home if not in compliance with the rules and regulations. The decision of the Poultry Superintendent will be final.
2. Each Junior Fair exhibitor is responsible for feeding, watering, pen cleaning and caring for his or her own birds daily while on exhibit at the fair. A list of all Poultry exhibitors will be posted daily in the barn and must be signed each time the exhibitor cares for their birds. Evaluation by the Committee will be made three (3) times a day around 10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Violating this rule will result in pen being tagged, exhibitor being warned, exhibitor's advisor being notified and possibly exhibitor being asked not to show poultry the following year or fees withdrawn from their check.
3. Each bird shall be free of any evidence of dangerously contagious or infectious disease and all birds must be lice-free. Birds showing any evidence of dangerously contagious, infectious disease, or lice/parasites WILL BE SENT HOME at the discretion of the Poultry Committee.
4. All Junior Fair exhibitors, having a poultry project, must show at the Junior Fair Show on Tuesday. All market exhibitors must be present at the time of sale or arrange to have another Junior Fair exhibitor represent them. The Committee is NOT responsible to get your birds to the show or sale.
5. The Poultry Committee will provide plastic feeders and waterers to be used in the chicken, duck and turkey pens. No other feeders are acceptable.
6. The Poultry Committee will provide bedding to be used in the chicken, duck and turkey pens.
7. Fair pen assignments will be made by the Poultry Committee.
8. Photos may be purchased for all projects. Photos will be taken from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, **August 25, 2025**. Photos are mandatory for all market Projects.
9. Recommended dress attire for show day is casual shorts, pants, skirt and a long sleeve white shirt or lab coat, overall appearance should be neat.
10. Posters and decorations will be allowed on the walls only. No items will be allowed on the pens.
11. All decorations and displays must remain in the barn until 4:00 pm on the last day of the fair. After 4:00 pm all decorations and displays must be removed so the barn can be cleaned.
12. The barn will be closed to the public at 4:00 pm on the last day of the fair.
13. It is the responsibility of the Junior Fair Exhibitor to secure all poultry for the projects except for 150CM Chicken, Market (broilers) and 150DM Duck, Market which will be supplied by the committee.

14. All poultry must be hatched, purchased, and in possession of the Junior Fair Exhibitor by June 1 of the current year, excluding 150CM Chicken, Market (broilers) and 150DM Duck, Market.
15. Junior Fair Poultry exhibited at the Stark County Fair will be supervised by the Poultry Committee. Questions about rules, exhibits, procedures, classes etc. will be decided first by the Committee, then by the Junior Fair Coordinator, and finally by the Superintendent in charge.

MARKET POULTRY RULES

1. Market Poultry exhibitors are limited to one entry per class.
 - a. 150CM Chicken, Market(broilers)
 - b. 150TM Turkey, Market
 - c. 150DM Duck, Market.
2. ONLY chicks and ducklings distributed by the committee can be used for project 150CM Chicken, Market (Broiler) and 150DM (Market Duck). No exhibitor shall obtain chicks from any other source for this project. **When the chicks are picked up, you become responsible for them. There are no replacements from any other sources**, i.e. another Junior Fair member, Advisor or Committee.
3. Project 150TM Turkey Market must be hatched, purchased, and in possession of exhibitor between **May 11, 2025** and **May 17,2025**. All turkeys must come from an NPIP Hatchery; a rapid whole blood test will not be used to test turkeys. Paperwork with hatch date must be attached with project entry form.
4. You MUST upload a receipt that includes ALL of the following, Hatchery Name with NPIP number AND Hatch Date/Ship Date to your entry on FairEntry. Failure to do so will result in an incomplete entry and you will not be able to show or sell your turkey at the fair.
5. Due to state regulations, birds may not be comingled with other birds that exhibitor has in his/her possession.
6. Project 150CM Chicken, Market (broilers) weighing less than 4.0 pounds will result in both birds (pen) being unable to participate in the Market Show and Showmanship and WILL BE IMMEDIATELY SENT HOME.
7. Project 150DM Duck Market weighing less than 5.0 pounds will result in both birds (pen) being unable to participate in the Market Show and Showmanship and WILL BE IMMEDIATELY SENT HOME.

8. Project 150TM Turkey, Market weighing less than 20.0 pounds will result in the bird being unable to participate in the Market Show and Showmanship and WILL BE IMMEDIATELY SENT HOME.
9. Market poultry MUST BE CLEAN AND DRY at weigh in. Projects that don't meet the minimum required weight are disqualified and must be immediately removed from the barn. If for some reason the exhibitor did not hear that their project did not meet the minimum weight, the exhibitor must remove their project immediately after being notified.
10. The Poultry Committee will provide feed for the 150CM Chicken, Market (broilers), 150DM Duck, Market and the 150TM Turkey, Market projects.
11. **Project 150CM Chicken, Market (broilers)** will be supplied by the Poultry Committee.
 1. A non-refundable project fee of \$45 for the first 20 chicks must be paid in the exact change or by PayPal by **May 09, 2025**.
 2. Exhibitors may choose to purchase additional chicks in groups of 10 with a maximum of 20 chicks. Each additional group will be \$20
 3. If you are dropping money off with the Junior Fair Coordinator, use the mailbox in front of the Junior Fair Office – and make sure your payments are in an envelope with your name and club on it! **NO LATE PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
 4. Please do not mail in or drop money off at the Senior Fair Board Office.
 5. Make checks out to Stark County Poultry Committee. ****Please make sure to include your exhibitor's NAME AND CLUB on your check! ****
 6. Payments for Project 150CM Chicken, Market (broilers) will be accepted at the Poultry Clinic.
 7. Project 150CM Chicken, Market (broilers) pick-up time will be **Thursday, July 17, 2025, from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm** at the Poultry Barn. This will be the only chick pick-up time for this project. Your receipt is needed to pick-up the chicks. If the committee has your receipt, you can get it at the chick pick-up.
1. **Project 150DM Duck Market** will be supplied by the Poultry Committee.
 1. A non-refundable **\$4** per duck project fee must be paid in the exact change by **May 9, 2025**. If you are dropping money off with the Junior Fair Coordinator, use the mailbox in front of the Junior Fair Office. **NO LATE PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
 2. Clearly mark how many ducks you want when you turn in your non-refundable project fee (**\$4** per duck). There is a minimum order of 2 and a maximum of 20 ducklings per exhibitor.

3. Do not mail in or drop money off at the Senior Fair Board Office.
4. Make checks out to the Stark County Poultry Committee.
5. Payments for Project 150DM Duck, Market will be accepted at the Poultry Clinic.
6. Project 150DM Duck, Market pick-up time will be **Thursday, June 26, 2025 from 4:30pm until 6:30pm at the Poultry Barn**. This will be the only duck pick-up time for this project. Your receipt is needed to pick-up the ducklings. If the committee has your receipt, you can get it at the duck pick-up.

HENS AND PULLETS RULES

1. Project 150CEP Chicken, Egg Production: Hens and **Pullets** - Hatched on or after January 1 of the current year.
2. Project 150CEP Chicken, Egg Production: **Hens** and Pullets - Hatched on or after January 1 of the previous year). An example is the same birds you took as pullets the previous year.
3. Project 150CE Chicken, Exhibition (Fancy Poultry I) - Hatched on or after January 1 of the current year
4. Project 150CE Chicken, Exhibition (Fancy Poultry II) - Hatched on or after January 1 of the previous year. An example is the same birds you took for the Fancy project the previous year.
5. All EXHIBITION/PRODUCTION (150CE Chicken, Exhibition, 150CEP Chicken, Egg Production) poultry projects must have a negative test for pullorum fowl typhoid disease completed at testing and banding clinic (see calendar/important date page). There is a **MANDATORY \$2 FEE per bird**, payment due on testing date.
6. Production Hens and Pullets
 - a. First year exhibitors may enter only 1 class.
 - b. 2nd year and beyond may show 2 projects.
 - c. Pullets - Birds must be hatched after Jan. 1 current year
 - d. Hens - Birds hatched Prior to Jan 1 of current year.

FANCY/EXHIBITION POULTRY RULES

1. Exhibitors may show 2 pairs their first year. 2nd year and beyond may show up to 4 pairs (young/ old or a combination of both.)
2. Exhibitors may only show 1 pair per class below.
3. Birds will be judged by the 6 major classes as per the APA Standard of Perfection.

4. Standard Class
 - a. Adult Pair (hatched prior to January 1 of current year)
 - b. Young Pair (hatched AFTER January 1 of current year)
5. Bantam Class
 - a. Adult Pair (hatched prior to January 1 of current year)
 - b. Young Pair (hatched AFTER January 1 of current year)
6. Committee reserves the right to combine classes.
7. Birds must be shown in a pair (Cock/hen, cockerel/ pullet)
8. Exhibitor should choose birds of similar age.
9. Bantams and Standard will show separately, but will both compete for Champion Fancy.

Exhibition Duck

1. Separate birds than the 150DM (Market Duck) project.
2. Exhibitors can bring a pair of ducks (DRAKE AND HEN) or a single duck (DRAKE OR HEN). Drakes will be judged against drakes and hens against hens.
3. ALL EXHIBITION DUCKS MUST BE HATCHED BY APRIL 17TH OF CURRENT YEAR
4. Standard Class
 - a. Drake
 - b. Hens
5. Bantam Class
 - a. Drake
 - b. Hens

SKILL-A-THON

1. It is mandatory for all Junior Fair Exhibitors to attend and complete the skill-a-thon. Failure to attend and complete skill-a-thon will result in not being able to participate at the fair.
2. The Poultry skill-a-thon will be held on Sunday, August 10, 2025 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm in the Poultry Barn.
3. Make up date will be held on Sunday, August 17, 2025 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm
4. You are required to submit an UP-TO-DATE project book at Skill-a-thon

LOAD-IN / CHECK-IN

1. ALL MARKET BIRDS (chickens, ducks, and turkeys) will be weighed in and banded on **Monday, August 25, 2025**, from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm (Pictures will be taken at this time). This will be the only weigh-in for the market birds.
2. Birds that get injured or die after being checked in can be replaced up to 8:30 pm on **August 25, 2025**. A bird that is injured needs to be cleared by the Stark County Fair Veterinarian prior to being replaced. Birds that have died do not need to be cleared by the Stark County Fair Veterinarian to be replaced.
3. Birds that die after 8:30 pm on **Monday, August 25, 2025**, will not be permitted to be replaced for the show (all birds must be checked in by 8:30 pm).
4. Exhibitors or parents must be present to weigh-in the birds.
5. All other non-market poultry projects must be placed in their assigned pens no later than Monday, **August 25, 2025** by 8:30 pm. Late arrivals will not be accepted.

CLASSES AND AWARDS

1. Ribbons will be awarded by the Stark County Agricultural Society.
2. There must be a minimum of 5 birds in each class for exhibitors to be eligible for awards.
3. Rosettes will be awarded if there are less than 5 birds in a class.

SHOWMANSHIP

1. Market Showmanship will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 following the Market Poultry Show
2. Exhibition Poultry Showmanship will be held on Friday, August 29, 2025 following the Exhibition Poultry Show.
3. Any person participating in showmanship, must show their own junior fair birds.
4. Sign-up sheet will be available the day of the show.
5. Showmanship classes (All ages are as of January 1 of the current year) for both days
 - a. Senior (15 Years of age and over)
 - b. Intermediate (12-14 Years of age)
 - c. Junior (9-11 Years of age)
 - d. First Year Novice (13 years old and over who have NEVER SHOWN A POULTRY PROJECT)

- e. First Year (12 and under WHO HAVE NEVER SHOWN A POULTRY PROJECT)

MARKET SALE

1. All Market birds must be sold at the Poultry Sale on **Wednesday, August 27, 2025**, starting at 6:00 p.m. (Exhibition birds cannot be sold until after the fair).
2. Each Junior Fair Meat Pen Exhibitor must be present or represented by another Junior Fair member at the sale. *If no one is present to sell your birds, your project will be placed at the end of the sale.*
3. A sale fee for each market pen will be assessed as follows
 - a. Champion Pen – 6% of sale price
 - b. Reserve Champion Pen – 3.5% of sale price
 - c. All other pens - \$10.00 from sale price.
4. Processing fees will be added to the Buyer's invoice.
5. Please note: All sale checks must be cashed within 90 days of issue date.
6. A thank you card with the buyer's address, stamp and a return address including the exhibitors name must be turned in to the committee by Noon, Saturday, **August 30, 2025**, to receive your check. A list of buyer addresses will be in the Poultry Barn. No thank you = No check!
7. All processed birds will be picked up at the Stark County Fairgrounds on Thursday, September ?, 2025, from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Unclaimed birds will be donated after 6:30 p.m.

2025 Poultry Committee

President	Danielle Kiko	330.206.7180
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2024 Poultry Ambassador

Maison Whitacre

2025 POULTRY DATES

March 9, 2025 – 1pm

Educational Clinic for all members in the Art Hall.

Payments for Market Chickens and Market Ducks will be accepted

MAY 1, 2025

Poultry Ambassador Application due.

Mail to Stark County Jr Fair, ATTN Poultry Committee

PO Box 80182 Canton, OH 44708

May 9, 2025

Project 150CM, Market Broilers and Project 150DM, Market Duck payments due by 8:00pm

NO LATE PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED

May 11-May 17, 2025

Poultry 150TM, Turkey hatched and in possession of exhibitor

JUNE 1, 2025

All poultry must be hatched and in possession of exhibitor, except 150CM and 150DM

Mandatory for all Junior Fair exhibitors to have attended a Quality Assurance prior to June 1, 2025

JUNE 26, 2025

Project 150DM, Duck Market pick up at the Fairgrounds from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

You must have your receipt and an appropriate transport container for your ducklings

JULY 17, 2025

Project 150CM, Chicken Market pick up at fairgrounds from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

You must have your receipt and an appropriate transport container for your chicks

AUGUST 10, 2025

Skill-a-Thon from 12:00pm to 3:00pm at the Fairgrounds

MANDATORY Pullorum Testing Clinic from 12:00pm to 3:00pm at the fairgrounds

for Fancy I and II, Pullets and Hens

AUGUST 25, 2025

Weigh in/leg banding for ALL MARKET BIRDS and Check-in for Exhibitor poultry from 5:00pm to 8:30pm

Market Project Sale Photos from 5:00pm to 8:30pm

AUGUST 26, 2025

Market Poultry Show starts at 9:00am with Showmanship to follow

AUGUST 27, 2025

Poultry Sale at 6:00pm

AUGUST 29, 2025

Exhibition Poultry Show starts at 9:00am with Showmanship to follow

AUGUST 30, 2025

Thank You notes for buyers due in the Poultry Barn by 12:00pm

AUGUST 31, 2025

Poultry Costume Contest starts at 12:00pm

SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

Poultry Barn closed at 4:00pm to the public

Poultry released from 5:00pm to 6:30pm

TBD

Processed Poultry Pick Up at the Fairgrounds from 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Poultry Ambassador Application

Requirements as the Stark County Poultry Ambassador will be to attend Poultry Committee meetings throughout the year, assist with the Poultry Clinic, Fair setup/ teardown, participate in the Poultry Show, and represent Stark County at surrounding Fairs. Open to anyone 14-19 who has shown poultry for at least 2 years at the Stark County Fair.

APPLICATION and ESSAY DUE MAY 1, 2025.

Please mail your completed application and essay to:

**Stark County Jr Fair, ATTN Poultry Committee
PO Box 80182
Canton, OH 44708.**

Please attach an essay stating your contributions to the Poultry Industry and why you feel suited for this Ambassador Position.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Age as of January 1, 2025: _____

Number of years in Poultry Project: _____

List any activities and involvements in School, Church, Community, and 4-H/FFA: _____
