

2026

Stark County Junior Fair Poultry Rules



YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN ENTRY!!

DEADLINE IS JULY 24, 2026

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

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PAYPAL FOR MARKET CHICKEN, MARKET DUCK AND MARKET TURKEY PAYMENTS:

@StarkCountyPoultry

You MUST use the Friends and Family option.

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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 July 24th - NO EXCEPTIONS - No Changes will be permitted after entry deadline.**
19. *A junior livestock show exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show. An exhibitor may receive assistance in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show, provided that the assistance shall be limited to explanation or demonstration provided by the following: Family members (as identified in OAC Rule 901-19-31; "Family" includes, but is not limited to, the exhibitor's parent, step-parent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling, step-sibling, half-sibling, son, daughter, step-child, or guardian; Household members; Advisors or adult volunteers of 4-H or FFA in the exhibitor's club or county; Agricultural education instructors; County extension agents; Department representatives; Veterinarians; Members of the exhibitor's 4-H club, FFA chapter, or other youth organizations; and Guest speakers of the 4-H, FFA, or other youth organizations. Any person not specified in paragraph (B) of this rule who provides assistance to a junior livestock show exhibitor shall register in writing with the sponsor. The responsibility to register rests with the exhibitor. An assistant may register for more than one exhibitor. Failure to register constitutes grounds for disciplinary action against the exhibitor. Assistance shall be limited to explanation and minimal demonstration.*
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. 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.
23. Exhibitors must complete an online 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:

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 330.455.7856

Junior Fair Livestock Barn Superintendents (Subject to Change)

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| Beef | Amber Shoemaker | Danny Schmucker/Sarah Yungen/Justin Durkin |
| Dairy | Justin Durkin | Dan Farnham/Ashley Royer/Sarah Yungen |
| Goat | Jill McNeil | Mikayla Durkin/Dave Stock/Jill Sterling |
| Horse | Mikayla Durkin | Dan McCracken/Justin Durkin |
| Poultry | Julie Nicholas | Justin Durkin/Ashley Royer |
| Sheep | Dave Stock | Jill McNeil/Drew Kissel |
| Swine | Mikayla Durkin | Sarah Yungen/Julie Nicholas |
| Rabbit/Cavy | Jill Sterling | Drew Kissel/Mikayla Durkin |

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

GENERAL POULTRY RULES FOR MARKET AND FANCY/EXHIBITION PROJECTS

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. **There are two types of poultry projects. The first type of project is a MARKET PROJECT (chicken, turkey and duck) which are raised for meat production and sold at auction during the fair. The second type of project is the FANCY/EXHIBITION PROJECT. These are projects that are not raised for meat production and are not sold at auction. These projects return home with the exhibitor at the completion of fair.**
3. Each Junior Fair exhibitor is responsible for feeding, watering, pen cleaning and caring for his or her own birds at least twice daily while on exhibit at the fair. **This includes after load out of market animals if your bird was deemed “self-haul” by the buyer.** Starting on Monday, August 31, 2026 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.
4. 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, lice/parasites, or any other concerning findings WILL BE SENT HOME at the discretion of the Poultry Committee.
5. Fair pen assignments will be made by the Poultry Committee.
6. 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.
7. Posters and decorations will be allowed on the walls only. No items will be allowed on the pens.
8. 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.
9. The barn will be closed to the public at 4:00 pm on the last day of the fair.
10. It is the responsibility of the Junior Fair Exhibitor to secure all poultry for the projects except for 150CM Chicken, Market (broilers), 150TM Turkey, Market and 150DM Duck, Market **which will be supplied by the committee.** 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.

11. 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.
12. There is a Poultry Informational Clinic that will be held on Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 1:00 PM in the Art Hall. Quality Assurance will be offered, project fees accepted, and education on raising poultry. This is highly recommended for all exhibitors, but especially first year exhibitors of any different project (market or fancy/exhibition).

MARKET PROJECT RULES

(150 CM CHICKEN, 150TM TURKEY, AND 150DM DUCK)

GENERAL MARKET RULES

1. Market poultry exhibitors are limited to one entry per class.

First year exhibitors are limited to one market project (either 150CM, 150 TM, or 150DM).

Classes:

- a. 150CM Chicken, Market (broilers)
- b. 150TM Turkey, Market
- c. 150DM Duck, Market

2. Due to state regulations, birds may not be comingled with other birds that exhibitor has in his/her possession.
3. The Poultry Committee will provide feed for the 150CM Chicken, Market (broilers), 150DM Duck, Market and the 150TM Turkey, Market projects.
4. Every market project must show at the Junior Fair Show on Tuesday by either the exhibitor or another Junior Fair exhibitor in order to participate in the market sale. **It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to arrange for another Junior Fair exhibitor to show their project in their place.** If an exhibitor (or representative) is not able to show in their assigned class in the show order, they must notify a committee member and will be moved to the last class in the show. If the exhibitor (or representative) does not show their project in that last class, they will not be permitted to sell their project. 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.

NO SHOW=NO SALE.

5. Photos may be purchased for all projects. Photos will be taken from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, August 31, 2026. **Photos are mandatory for all market Projects.**

150TM Turkey, Market Project

1. Only pouls distributed by the committee can be used for project 150TM, Turkey, Market. No exhibitor shall obtain pouls from any other source for this project. **When the pouls are picked up, you become responsible for them. There are no replacements from any other sources**, including but not limited to another Junior Fair member, Advisor or Committee.
2. Project 150TM Turkey, Market will be supplied by the Poultry Committee.
 - a. A non-refundable \$7 per bird project fee, per exhibitor, must be paid in the exact change or by PayPal at the Informational Clinic on Sunday, March 8, 2026 from 1:00-3:00PM in the Art Hall or contact the current treasurer by 3:00 PM on Sunday, March 8, 2026 to make alternative arrangements. If payment is not received or arrangements with treasurer made by 8:00PM on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, turkeys will not be ordered.
 - b. The maximum number that can be ordered, per exhibitor, is five (5) pouls.
 - c. The per bird project fee and number that can be ordered is subject to availability and hatchery pricing and may be changed at the discretion of the committee. Advance notice of changes will be given via email.
 - d. Make checks out to Stark County Poultry Committee. ****Please make sure to include your exhibitor's NAME AND CLUB on your check! ****
 - e. Project 150TM Turkey, Market pick-up time will be **Thursday, May 21, 2026 from 4:30-6:30PM** at the Poultry Barn. This will be the ONLY poult pick-up time for this project. Your receipt is needed to pick-up the pouls, **unless you paid via Pay-Pal.**
 - f. **You must have a transport container for your pouls.**
3. 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.**

150DM Duck, Market Project

1. Only ducklings distributed by the committee can be used for project 150DM (Duck, Market). No exhibitor shall obtain ducklings from any other source for this project. **When the ducklings are picked up, you become responsible for them. There are no replacements from any other sources**, including but not limited to another Junior Fair member, Advisor or Committee.
2. 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.
3. Project 150DM Duck Market will be supplied by the Poultry Committee.
 - a. **A non-refundable \$5 per bird project fee, per exhibitor, must be paid in the exact change or by PayPal at the Informational Clinic on Sunday, March 8, 2026 from 1:00-3:00PM in the Art Hall or contact the current treasurer by 3:00 PM on Sunday, March 8, 2026 to make alternative arrangements. If payment is not received or arrangements with treasurer made by 8:00PM on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, ducklings will not be ordered.**
 - b. **The per bird project fee and number that can be ordered is subject to availability and hatchery pricing and may be changed at the discretion of the committee. Advance notice of changes will be given via email.**
 - c. **There is a minimum order of 2 and a maximum of 20 ducklings per exhibitor.**
 - d. **Make checks out to the Stark County Poultry Committee.**
 - e. **Project 150DM Duck, Market pick-up time will be Thursday, June 25, 2026 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, unless payment was by Pay-Pal.**
 - f. **You must have a transport container for your ducklings.**

150CM Chicken, Market Projects (Broilers)

1. Only chicks distributed by the committee can be used for project 150CM Chicken, Market (Broiler. 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**, including but not limited to another Junior Fair member, Advisor or Committee.
2. Project 150CM Chicken, Market (broilers) 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**.
3. Project 150CM Chicken, Market (broilers) will be supplied by the Poultry Committee.
 - a. **A non-refundable project fee of \$45 for 20 chicks, per exhibitor, must be paid in the exact change or by PayPal at the Informational Clinic on Sunday, March 8, 2026 from 1:00-3:00PM in the Art Hall or contact the current treasurer by 3:00 PM on Sunday, March 8, 2026 to make alternative arrangements. If payment is not received or arrangements with treasurer made by 8:00PM on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, broilers will not be ordered.**
 - b. Exhibitors may choose to purchase additional chicks in groups of 10 with a maximum of 20 additional chicks. Each additional group of 10 will be \$20.
 - c. Make checks out to Stark County Poultry Committee. ****Please make sure to include your exhibitor's NAME AND CLUB on your check! ****
 - d. Project 150CM Chicken, Market (broilers) pick-up time will be **Thursday, July 16, 2026, 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, **unless you paid via Pay-Pal**.
 - e. **You must have a transport container for your chicks.**

MARKET PROJECT 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 for all exhibitors (market and exhibition) will be determined based on the discretion of the Junior Fair Committee.**
3. **You are required to submit an UP-TO-DATE, fully completed project book on Sunday, August 9, 2026 from 1:00-3:00 PM in the Art Hall. At the committee's discretion, incomplete project books will be sent back home with the exhibitor at check in on Sunday, August 30, 2026 and must be returned, fully**

completed on Monday, August 31, 2026 from 5:00-8:30 PM during pictures. Exhibitors who do not turn in a completed book will not be permitted to show.

MARKET PROJECT LOAD-IN / CHECK-IN

1. All market birds (chickens, ducks, and turkeys) will be weighed in and banded on **Sunday, August 30, 2026, from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm**. **PICTURES WILL NOT BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME (see below)**. This will be the only weigh-in for the market birds.
2. Photos will be taken from **5:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, August 31, 2026**. **Photos are mandatory for all market projects. Exhibitors who do not get a photo taken will not be permitted to sell their market project.**
3. Birds that get injured or die after being checked in can be replaced up to 8:30 pm on **Sunday, August 30, 2026**. 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.
4. Birds that die after 8:30 pm on **Sunday, August 30, 2026**, will not be permitted to be replaced for the show (all birds must be checked in by 8:30 pm).
5. Exhibitors or parents must be present to weigh-in the birds. **Exhibitors must determine, prior to getting to the scale, which bird(s) are to be used for weigh-in and, when applicable, pairs of birds.** Exhibitors will not be permitted to determine birds to be weighed or pairing when at the scale. In other words, be prepared prior to getting to the scale.
6. Market poultry **MUST BE CLEAN AND DRY** at weigh in. **Poultry that is wet and/or dirty will not be permitted to weigh-in or check-in until they are BOTH clean and dry.** 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.

MARKET PROJECT 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 market class for exhibitors to be eligible for awards.
3. Rosettes will be awarded if there are less than 5 birds in a class.

MARKET PROJECT SHOWMANSHIP

1. Market Showmanship will be held on **Tuesday, September 1, 2026** following the Market Poultry Show
2. Any person participating in showmanship must show their own junior fair birds.
3. In order to participate in showmanship, you **MUST** sign up on FairEntry when fair entries are due. Exhibitors who do not sign up on FairEntry will not be permitted to participate in showmanship. There will no longer be paper sign-up sheets!
4. 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 PROJECT SALE

1. All Market birds must be sold at the Poultry Sale on **Wednesday, September 2, 2026**, starting at 6:00 p.m.
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
4. Processing fees will be added to the buyer's invoice.
5. An unsealed thank you card with the buyer's address, stamp and a return address including the exhibitors name must be turned in to the committee from 9:00 AM to noon on Saturday, September 5, 2026 or Sunday, September 6, 2026 from 12:00-1:00PM to receive your check. **All thank-you cards and envelopes must be reviewed by a committee member for appropriateness, neatness, and a properly addressed and stamped envelope.** A detailed review of how to write a thank you and address an envelope will be reviewed at the Informational Clinic each year. If you are unable to drop off the thank

you during these times, please contact a committee member to make alternative arrangements. A list of buyer addresses will be in the Poultry Barn. No thank you – No check!

6. All processed birds will be picked up at the Stark County Fairgrounds on **Wednesday, September 9 2026**, from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Unclaimed birds will be donated after 6:30 p.m.

FANCY/EXHIBITION PROJECT RULES

(150CEP, 150CE, Exhibition Duck)

150CEP, Chicken, Egg Production (Hens and/or Pullets)

1. Two classes of egg production chickens which are shown in **PAIRS** of same breeds.
 - a. Pullets (2 Pullets) -- Hatched between the date of January 1st and April 17th of 2026
 - b. Hens (2 Hens)- Hatched before January 1 of 2026.
2. First year exhibitors may enter only 1 class (either Hens OR Pullets)
3. 2nd year and beyond may enter both classes. (Hens AND Pullets)
4. All EXHIBITION/PRODUCTION poultry projects must have a negative test for Pullorum Fowl Typhoid disease completed at testing and banding clinic on **Sunday, August 9, 2026 from 12:00PM-3:00 PM.**

TESTING IS MANDATORY. There is a MANDATORY \$2 FEE per bird, payment due on testing date. **There will be no pullorum testing at load-in/check-in.**

150CE Chicken, Exhibition (Fancy Poultry I/Young & Fancy Poultry II/Adult)

1. Project 150CE Chicken, Fancy 1/Young must be a pair (cockerel and pullet) hatched between the date of January 1st and April 17th of 2026.
2. Project 150CE Chicken, Fancy II/Adult must be a pair (cock and hen) hatched prior to January 1, 2026.
3. **Classes:**
 - A. Two classes for Project 150CE Chicken, Fancy 1/Young:
 1. Standard
 2. Bantam
 - B. Two classes for Project 150CE Chicken, Fancy II/Adult
 - a. Standard
 - b. Bantam

4. Committee reserves the right to combine classes.
5. Exhibitor should choose birds of similar age.
6. Bantams and Standard will show separately, but will both compete for Champion Fancy.
7. Exhibitors may show 1 pair their first year (either Fancy 1 or Fancy 2). 2nd year and beyond may show up to 4 pairs (Fancy I or Fancy II or a combination of both.) Exhibitors may only show 1 pair per class.
8. All fancy/exhibition poultry projects must have a negative test for pullorum fowl typhoid disease completed at testing and banding clinic on **Sunday, August 9, 2026 from 12:00PM-3:00 PM.** **TESTING IS MANDATORY.** There is a MANDATORY \$2 FEE per bird, payment due on testing date. **There will be no pullorum testing at load-in/check-in.**

Exhibition Duck

1. Separate birds than the 150DM (Market Duck) project.
2. **Exhibitors must bring a pair of ducks (DRAKE AND HEN).**
3. ALL EXHIBITION DUCKS MUST BE HATCHED AND IN YOUR POSSESSION BY JUNE 1, 2026.
4. **Exhibition Duck Classes and Subclasses:**
 - a. Standard Class
 - b. Bantam Class
5. First year exhibition duck exhibitors may bring 1 pair of ducks. 2nd year and beyond may show up to 2 pairs of exhibition ducks. Exhibitors may only show 1 pair per class.

FANCY/EXHIBITION PROJECT 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 for all exhibitors (market and exhibition) will be determined based on the discretion of the Junior Fair Committee.**
3. **You are required to submit an UP-TO-DATE, fully completed project book on Sunday, August 9, 2026 from 12:00-3:00 PM in the Art Hall. At the committee's discretion, incomplete project books will be sent back home with the exhibitor at check in on Sunday, August 30, 2026 and must be returned, fully completed on Monday, August 31, 2026 from 5:00-8:30 PM during pictures. Exhibitors who do not turn in a completed book will not be permitted to show.**

FANCY/EXHIBITION PROJECT LOAD-IN / CHECK-IN

1. All exhibition birds will have a health check on **Sunday, August 30, 2026, from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm**.
2. Birds that get injured, become sick, or die after being checked in can be replaced up to 8:30 pm on **Sunday, August 30, 2026**. **Any replacement bird must have been pullorum tested and banded at the pullorum testing clinic**. A bird that is injured or becomes sick 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 **Sunday, August 30, 2026**, will not be permitted to be replaced for the show (all birds must be checked in by 8:30 pm).
4. Poultry **MUST BE CLEAN AND DRY** at check in. **Poultry that is wet and/or dirty will not be permitted to check-in until they are BOTH clean and dry**.

FANCY/EXHIBITION PROJECT SHOWMANSHIP

1. Fancy/Exhibition Showmanship will be held on Friday, September 4, 2026 following the Fancy/Exhibition Poultry Show
2. Any person participating in showmanship must show their own junior fair birds.
3. **In order to participate in showmanship, you MUST sign up on FairEntry when fair entries are due. Exhibitors who do not sign up on FairEntry will not be permitted to participate in showmanship. There will no longer be paper sign-up sheets!**
4. 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)

2026 Poultry Committee

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Luke Hawk

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Caleb Walter

2025 Poultry Ambassador

Emmah Berkley

2026 POULTRY DATES

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

Educational Clinic **and QA** (highly RECOMMEND attending) at 1pm in Art Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

Payments for Market Chickens, Market Turkeys, and Market Ducks will be accepted
Project 150CM, Market Broilers, Project 150TM, Market Turkey and Project 150DM, Market Duck
payments due by 8:00pm

NO LATE PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

Poultry Ambassador Application due.
Mail to Stark County Jr Fair, ATTN Poultry Committee
PO Box 80182 Canton, OH 44708

Saturday/Sunday, MAY 16-17, 2026

All-Species Skillathon (Mandatory) - More Info to Follow!

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026

Project 150TM, **Turkey Market pick up** at the Fairgrounds from 4:30pm to 6:30pm in the Poultry Barn. You must have your receipt and an appropriate transport container for your poult.

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026

Project 150DM, **Duck Market pick up** at the Fairgrounds from 4:30pm to 6:30pm in the Poultry Barn. You must have your receipt and an appropriate transport container for your ducklings

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

MANDATORY Pullorum Testing Clinic from 12:00pm to 3:00pm at the fairgrounds
for Fancy I and II, Hens and Pullets **Completed Project Books Due**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

Weigh in/leg banding for all market birds and check in for exhibition poultry from 5:00pm to 8:30pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026

Mandatory (for Market Project) Photos from 5:00pm to 8:30pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

Poultry Sale at 6:00pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

ALL MARKET POULTRY LOAD OUT – TBD- WATCH REMIND APP FOR BARN CLEAN OUT TIMES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

Cloverbud Poultry Show starting at 9:00am

Exhibition Poultry Show and Showmanship to follow

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

Thank You notes for buyers due in the Poultry Barn to committee member from 9:00AM-noon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Poultry Costume Contest starts at 12:00pm (Market Poultry can submit photo)

Pee-Wee show to follow

Thank You notes for buyers due in the Poultry Barn to committee member by 12:00-1:00 PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

Poultry Barn closed at 4:00pm to the public

Exhibition and Self-Haul Poultry released at 4:00pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

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. **APPLICATION and ESSAY DUE MAY 1, 2026. Please mail your completed application and essay to Stark County Jr Fair, ATTN Poultry Committee, PO Box 80182 Canton OH 44708.** Open to anyone **15-19** who has shown poultry for at least 2 years at the Stark County Fair.

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, 2026: _____

Number of years in Poultry Project: _____

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

