Important Dates 2024

- 4/1 Enrollment Deadline
- Attend ONE Quality Assurance training (all animals exhibiting at the fair must attend one of these sessions)
 - > 3/12 6:30-7:30pm at Fairgrounds
 - > 3/16 9:00-10:00am at Fairgrounds
 - > 4/13 9:00-10:00am at Fairgrounds
 - > 4/21 5:00-6:00pm at Fairgrounds
- Enroll in Fair Show Classes via Blue Ribbon from May 1st – June 1st.
- Livestock Judging and Skill-a-thon (July 13th 8am- noon)
- Fair Move in on 7/14/24 from 2:00-5:00pm
- Show at the Ottawa County Fair-July 16th at 9:00am
- Livestock Sale on 7/19/24
- · Barn Meeting -

Remember to thank your buyer(s) after the sale!

Poultry Committee Contacts

Questions about your Poultry Project?

Contact a member of the Ottawa County 4-H Poultry Department



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Poultry





Considering a Poultry Project?

Consider the following project requirements and guidelines for Ottawa County 4-H Poultry Projects.

Members must:

- ☐ Enroll in 4-H by the April 1st Deadline
- □ Secure Poultry Projects by required hatch date(s).
- ☐ Own and raise enough poultry to exhibit at the county fair.
- Attend Quality Assurance training (if applicable)
- ☐ Complete Project Book and attend Livestock Judging and Skill-a-thon (July)
- ☐ Bring poultry to the Fair at scheduled time
- ☐ Bring proof of negative Pullorum test

Recommended Items





Resources for Poultry Projects

Ottawa County 4-H Handbook on OSU

<u>Website</u> – <u>https://ottawa.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-handbook-0</u>

Ottawa County Fair Handbook on OSU Website

https://ottawa.osu.edu/program-areas/4-hyouth-development/ottawa-county-fair

Equipment & Cost Considerations

- · Costs of poultry can vary
- A coop for the poultry
- · Heat Lamp
- · Cost of feeds can vary
- · A clean continuous water supply is needed
- Shavings

The Ottawa County Fair Book lists all exhibition rules and requirements.

Exhibiting a Poultry Project

Items needed for the fair:

- · Cage to transport animal in
- Frozen water bottles
- Food
- · Grooming materials

Dress code: White, long-sleeved shirt or lab coat. Pants with no holes. No open toed shoes.

Fair Exhibition Requirements:

Market Poultry

- Egg Production, Pullets (taken first year)
- Egg Production, Hens (bring eggs along)
- Broilers
- Turkey
- Breeder Market Turkey
- Duck
- Helmeted Guinea Fowl

Fancy Poultry

- Exhibition Fancy, Large Fowl
- Duck
- Pigeon
- Goose
- See Fair Handbook for class descriptions