

## 2015 Ohio State Fair – Junior Poultry Show Plans

### Youth Participation

Junior poultry exhibitors will be able to highlight their poultry knowledge at the Ohio State Fair in two different ways:

1. Avian Bowl (located off-site at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center on Saturday, July 25 at 8:30 am); the deadline to enter at [ohiostatefair.com](http://ohiostatefair.com) is July 1
2. Skillathon (Wednesday, August 5, 10 am – 1 pm; awards ceremony at 4 pm)
  - a. Open to all junior market and breeding chicken, turkey and waterfowl exhibitors in the state of Ohio
  - b. In the absence of a traditional poultry show, all poultry skillathon premiums will be increased for 2015 only. The winner of each age group will receive the following premiums.
    - i. First place winner - \$225
    - ii. Second place winner - \$175
    - iii. Third place - \$155
  - c. The top winner in each age group will be invited to represent the poultry industry in the Sale of Champions on Sunday, August 9 at 2 p.m. In addition, each winner will receive a belt buckle and an additional \$100 premium above and beyond their winning skillathon premium.
  - d. For 2015 only, skillathon participants who register in advance will receive free admission for themselves and a parent or guardian, for a total of 2 free admission tickets. The deadline to register at [ohiostatefair.com](http://ohiostatefair.com) is July 13. Walk-ins are welcome, but complimentary admission tickets will not be provided.
  - e. Total skillathon premium allocations have increased by \$4,000 for 2015 only: \$3,000 to age group winners, and an additional \$1,000 in bonus premiums to first place winners participating in the Sale of Champions.

### Sale of Champions

- The poultry industry will be showcased in the 2015 Sale of Champions with one combined exhibit to represent all market and breeding chicken, turkey and waterfowl exhibitors (rather than selling the Grand Champion Market Chicken, Reserve Grand Champion Market Chicken, and Grand Champion Market Turkey, which will not be in the 2015 Sale.)
- The top youth skillathon winners in each age group (for a total of 10 winners) will represent the poultry industry in the sale. These winners will receive a belt buckle and an additional \$100 premium above and beyond their winning skillathon premium.
  1. Age 9
  2. Age 10
  3. Age 11
  4. Age 12
  5. Age 13
  6. Age 14
  7. Age 15
  8. Age 16
  9. Age 17
  10. Age 18
- Since the poultry industry is usually represented by market animals, this year's change will allow youth exhibitors who may otherwise never have the chance to be a part of the Sale of Champions to compete for their spot. Specifically, breeding chickens, breeding turkeys and waterfowl have not previously been a part of the Sale of Champions. We are hopeful to return to the previous Sale of Champions format in 2016.
- Because this is the only chance some junior poultry exhibitors may have to be a part of the Sale of Champions, we anticipate a spike in entries this year.
- All funds raised will go directly to the Youth Reserve Program; there will be no cap.
- The buyer of the poultry exhibit will receive one fresh or frozen turkey and four whole chickens courtesy of the Ohio Poultry Breeders Association.