

## 2015 Stark County Poultry Project Statement- Junior Fair and 4-H

Due to the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) issuing a ruling that cancels all live poultry shows, the Stark County Junior Fair, Senior Fair Board, OSU Extension and the Stark County Junior Fair Poultry committees met to determine what will be done with the 2015 broiler, turkey and fancy projects. It has been decided that the order for the broilers will be cancelled, therefore, junior fair members who ordered chicks will not receive their chicks. Additionally, there will be no live or carcass judging for any poultry project for this year's fair.

This decision was not made lightly. We understand that this may be an unpopular decision, but due to the issues facing the poultry industry, we believe this is in the best interest of all involved, including Ohio's poultry farmers.

Please remember, Ohio 4-H does not support changing of 4-H projects after the county deadlines.

The committees are working on ways for the junior fair members to stay actively involved at the fair with their poultry projects. Due to this, a meeting will be held on July 21, 2015, at 6 pm at the fairgrounds for **all poultry members (broilers, turkeys, fancys, etc) to discuss what will be available alternatives for junior fair participants in the poultry projects.** Also, at that time, those who have paid for their broiler project will receive refunds. Please note that due to the number of broiler projects, we are unable to mail checks and you should attend the meeting to receive your refund.

We plan to keep you in the loop with any additional information as we have it. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (330) 455-7856 or starkjrfaircoord@aol.com

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