

Monroe County 4-H Poultry Projects – 2015 plan in response to the Ohio Department of Agriculture ban on poultry exhibitions

Switching 4-H Projects

- Members are not permitted to switch projects since enrollment and registration deadlines are past.

Completing the 4-H Poultry Project

- Monroe County 4-H members should continue to raise their turkeys, ducks, fryers and fancy poultry as planned.
- Members will participate in project interviews and skillathon as planned on July 28.
- If a member chooses to not raise birds for their project, the project would be complete after attending project judging.

County Fair & Sale Participation

- Members choosing to raise their poultry as planned will develop a tri-fold display for each pen of 4-H poultry (fryers, turkey, ducks, fancy poultry) previously registered for the fair. The displays will be exhibited in the poultry barn during the Monroe County Fair. More specific details about the poster dimensions and topics will be shared in July.
- Leg bands will be distributed and placed on the birds as usual to identify the birds.
- Exhibitors will be checked the week prior to the fair to assure possession and care of the poultry.
- Poultry project members will participate in poultry showmanship during the fair. The fairboard will hire a judge as usual for the competition on August 26. The county poultry showmanship champion will participate in supreme showmanship.

Sale Participation

- Poultry project members will be eligible to participate in the sale if they raise their project animals, attend project interview & skillathon, participate in poultry showmanship, and exhibit a tri-fold display for each market poultry pen.
- The small livestock sale order on August 27 will be: Goats, Ducks, Turkeys, Rabbits, Lambs, Fryers.
- Members will participate in the sale by taking their displays into the sale ring.
- County Poultry Showmanship Champion and County Poultry Showmanship Reserve Champion will sell first in the sale order followed by A – Z (first time through) and A – Z (second time through).
- Members will be expected to contact prospective sale buyers as usual by face to face contact and letters. Exhibitors should take this opportunity to educate potential buyers about Avian Influenza and how the poultry projects will be sold at the fair.
- Buyers will not take possession of any poultry projects. Members will retain possession of the birds for home processing or delivery to a processor.

County Fair Premiums

- Fair premiums will be paid as follows:
 - Market ducks - \$9 per display (max of 2)
 - Market turkeys - \$9 per display (max of 2)
 - Market Fryers - \$9 per display (max of 2)
 - Fancy Poultry - \$9 per display (max of 2)

Questions

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