

Ross County Jr. Fair Poultry Projects- 2015 Avian Influenza Plan

Statement from Ohio 4-H Youth Development Administration

Agricultural and food animal production involves both rewards and risks. Weather and diseases are factors that can and do negatively impact production. Avian influenza is one such disease. Part of the overall 4-H youth development experience is providing positive and supportive environments and experience in which youth learn from the thrill of successes. Equally important, youth members also learn to cope with the sting of disappointments. The negative impacts of avian influenza are certainly a tremendous disappointment. At the same time, it is also an opportunity to learn important life lessons in effectively coping with and responding to challenging situations. Youth will benefit from adult support to help them develop effective knowledge, skills, and strategies to do so. Yes, they won't be showing the live animal they originally had intended to show, but they will be learning how a disease can affect an animal and an industry.

Completing the 4-H and Jr. Fair Poultry Project

Ross County Jr. Fair exhibitors will not be picking up market chickens. Exhibitors are welcome to continue raising their turkeys, ducks, fancy and production poultry as planned but will not be allowed to bring them to the Jr. Fair. **To complete the poultry projects, members must:**

1. Attend required number of 4-H meetings/meet FFA requirements
2. Attend approved Quality Assurance
3. Compete in Poultry Skillathon—Station 1 Record Book not required for Market Poultry
4. Complete an entry form to sign up for Showmanship and participate in Showmanship at the Jr. Fair (no live birds will be used). Awards will be given just like the regular Showmanship contest.
5. Turn in a completed poster board display (one for each project an exhibitor is enrolled in) on Saturday, August 8 at 6:30 pm during scheduled poultry weigh-in. Approved poster board material will be supplied by OSU Extension starting July 1 or they will be available at Skillathon. Exhibitors must use approved poster board. Topics are assigned:

	Market Poultry	Production Poultry	Fancy Poultry	Turkey Production	Waterfowl
Junior	Parts, Brooding, Feed	Production related	Breed related	Breed related	Breed related
Intermediate	Nutrition, Housing, Production	Production related	Breed related	Breed related	Breed related
Senior	Diseases, Digestion, Management	Production related	Breed related	Breed related	Breed related

Posters will be judged on Monday, August 10 and displayed in the Poultry Barn for public viewing. Poster pickup will be on Saturday from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Any remaining posters in the barn will be recycled.



Switching 4-H Projects

- Members are not permitted to switch projects since enrollment and registration deadlines are past.
- If a member chooses not to complete their project, they will not be considered a 4-H member in good standing and their club will receive penalties accordingly.

Jr. Fair Vouchers

- Activity vouchers will be awarded to exhibitors who score 75% or above after competing in Skillathon.
- Project vouchers will be awarded after turning in poster and competing in Showmanship.

Jr. Fair Livestock Sale

- Poultry projects will not be included in the 2015 Ross County Jr. Fair Livestock Sale.

FAQs

Refunds

- Any market chicken orders will be refunded beginning Monday, June 15 at the Extension office or can be donated to the Ross County 4-H Endowment Fund. Families or advisors may pick up checks. Any checks that have not been picked up by July 1 will be considered donated.

Avian Influenza Information

- The best resources to find out more information about AI is: <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/animal/>

Note: At this time, there have been no cases of AI transfer from poultry to humans, either through contact or consumption. There have been no documented cases of AI in Ohio currently.

Questions

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