

# ADAMS COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR BOARD

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## MEMORANDUM

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To: 4-H and FFA Adams County Fair Poultry Exhibitors

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pc: 4-H Club Head Advisors and FFA Advisors

Information of interest to you and your family regarding the 2025 Adams County 4-H and FFA poultry projects and fair opportunities. This information is as we know it today. If a ban on the exhibition of poultry due to Avian Influenza is imposed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture at any time between now and the week of the Adams County Fair, the poultry show will be canceled, and the Senior Fair Board will work with OSU Extension Adams County and the 4-H Advisory and Small Animal Committees to find an appropriate way for poultry project members to complete their projects.

**Poultry Project Guidelines/Fair Requirements**—Poultry Project Guidelines and Fair Requirements is available on our webpage at [adams.osu.edu](https://adams.osu.edu). These detail the project requirements; health tests and documentation; check-in, weigh-in, and show times; and QA and Skillathon requirements for all poultry projects.

**Jr Fair Poultry Entries**— Poultry entry form will be submitted online and due June 1. No late entries will be accepted. Every Junior Fair exhibitor of *fancy or production* poultry; miscellaneous birds; or waterfowl, exhibition ducks, turkeys, and all geese **MUST** complete the online form at <https://go.osu.edu/acpoultry>. You do not need to complete the form to register your market poultry, and showmanship may be entered at the time of fair check-in.

**Market Chick/Duck Pick-Up**—Market Chicks and Ducks will be distributed from 4-5 p.m. on May 21 at the fairgrounds. Youth do not need to be present to pick up their own chicks or ducks.

**Quality Assurance:** Quality Assurance will be offered several times. Visit [adams.osu.edu](https://adams.osu.edu) for dates and times. Youth 12 and older may test out of QA. Interested youth should check with the FFA advisor at the local school.

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Pullorum testing will be done for Fancy Poultry and Production Poultry for 2025.

Weigh-in of market poultry (chickens, ducks, and turkeys) will take place at check-in.

All market poultry ordered through the 4-H Small Animal Committee are from a NPIP hatchery and need no additional testing.

**GENERAL ADAMS COUNTY FAIR POULTRY DIVISION RULES (See fair book for complete rules.):**

1. All meat-type poultry must be ordered through the Extension Office by February 15.
2. Youth may enter and exhibit two pens of commercial meat-type chickens. Each pen must weigh a minimum of 9 pounds at weigh-in. Youth may enter two meat-type tom turkeys; each with a minimum weight of 25 pounds. Youth may enter two meat-type ducks of either sex; each with a minimum weight of five pounds. Underweight meat pens, turkeys, and ducks may be shown in designated market classes and in showmanship but may not compete for champions and may not be sold in the Small Animal Sale.
3. All poultry must arrive on the fairgrounds clean, dry, and ready for display to the public. Market birds will be weighed only once; no re-weighs.
4. Committee members will not advise members regarding which chickens to match in a pen. Exhibitors must present a pen of meat chickens to the Committee for weigh-in; unofficial scales will be available to help exhibitors match chickens for their pens prior to the official weigh-in. Chickens may not be switched from one pen to another after the official weigh-in.
5. To compete for Outstanding Market Poultry exhibitor, a youth must exhibit one of his/her current market project animals in the appropriate showmanship class. Only placings from market showmanship classes will be used to calculate OME scores. An exhibitor may only show in one poultry showmanship class regardless of how many birds s/he has on exhibit. Showmanship entries must be made at check-in.
6. Exhibitors must use designated areas for washing their birds.
7. All poultry that will be returning home will be released from the fairgrounds at 10 p.m. on Thursday evening.
8. Exhibitors **may sell only one Sale unit** unless they have multiple qualifying champions, which must be sold. A sale unit may be one steer, one market swine, one market goat, one market lamb, one pound of butter, one pound of goat milk fudge, one meat pen of rabbits, one meat-type turkey or duck, one pen of meat-type chickens, or one grand or reserve champion baked good. Qualifying champions must be sold-OME's are no longer a qualifying champions. The exhibitors of such champions will not be eligible to sell any additional units in the Sale unless those units were also designated as qualifying champions in their respective shows. (See Sale rules for complete details and a list of qualifying champions.)

**Questions?** Don't hesitate to ask. Contact me via email at [watters.92@osu.edu](mailto:watters.92@osu.edu) or call me at the Extension Office at 544-2339.