



CHAUTAUQUA
COUNTY

4-H

Market Poultry Handbook 2024-2025

2024-2025 Committee Members

Market

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any committee member.



Meeting Dates for Market Poultry

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Feb 10th	6:30pm	JCC
April 9th	6:30 pm	JCC
April/May	Chick Pickup	TBA
Sept. 9th	6:30 pm	JCC

Market Poultry Show

June 14 th	9:00 am	Barn Set up
June 15 th	TBA To follow	Chicken Weigh-in Chicken Show Starts

Look for Facebook or Extension Connection



2024-2025 MARKET POULTRY RULES

1. Market Enrollment Form must be completed and turned in by **February 10th, 2025**.
 2. Each member must attend **2 of the 4** informational Market Poultry Project meetings.
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3. Records will be kept for Market Poultry. These records must be submitted to the 4-H Office by **September 15, 2025**. Members that start and do not complete the project may not be eligible to enroll in the Market Project the next year and will be notified prior to the first meeting. Project completion will include meeting attendance, a poultry related topic informational poster to hang for display in the poultry barn at the Chautauqua Co. Fair, and on time record submission. If for some reason you lose all your birds, you are still required to make the required meetings and submit a record up to the date of the death of your birds.
 4. Thank you notes must be sent to any/all buyers by **August 10, 2025**. Thank you notes must also be sent to all award sponsors by **August 10, 2025**. A copy of both must be included in your Market Project Records submitted to the 4-H Office by **September 15, 2025** or records will not be able to receive any special awards and score no higher than a red award.
 5. All market chicks will be bought as a lot by the Poultry Committee and distributed to each member enrolled in the program. We will be purchasing males only, please understand that this is not 100% and you may get a few females. Each market member is only required to purchase a minimum 8 chicks. We strongly suggest that each member purchase 8 – 10 market chicks to make up for any mortality during the project. **Please note that you are not allowed to purchase or obtain birds elsewhere - only the chicks purchased through the Market Poultry Program can be shown and sold.** If you suffer a large loss, please contact the committee.

- 6. Cloverbud requirements** – Cloverbuds can show 1 pair of chickens at the Market Poultry show but are not able to sell in the Meat Animal Sale. It is suggested that they also purchase a minimum of 8 chicks. They will also make a poster on a poultry related topic at the show. Records are not required.
- 7.** Regardless of number of market chicks purchased, only a maximum of 4 (2 pens of 2) will be eligible to be entered into the 4-H Market Class at the show. Birds in this class must be entered in pens of 2. In order to show and sell, each 4-H member must bring 4 birds to the show.
- 8.** Market poultry will receive wing bands when they are purchased and distributed. These wing band numbers will be the birds' identification along with a leg band received at check-in at the show.
- 9.** Weigh-in will be upon arrival at show. Only up to 4 market birds will be weighed on the 4-H market scale at that time. Weights will be recorded by a committee member. All Market Poultry must weigh a minimum of 6 pounds per bird. If one or more birds do not meet the minimum weight requirement, that pen will NOT be judged. Please be sure that you have them matched the way you would like them penned and judged and then apply the leg band to each pair accordingly.
- 10.** Market birds must be clean and free of external parasites.
- 11.** The 4 birds that are in the show **MUST** go to be processed and will be frozen. They can be donated or the 4-H family is responsible to go to processor and pick-up.
- 12.** The Meat Animal Sale sign-off sheet must be filed with the adult superintendent prior to the beginning of the 4-H Poultry Show. This should be done with fair vouchers.
- 13.** It is suggested that each member secure 3 bidders minimum.
- 14.** Any charitable contribution forms must be filed with the adult superintendent when sale order is drawn.
- 15.** Payment for all animals sold at the Meat Animal Sale will come directly from the 4-H Office. Commissions will be deducted, and the net amount of the proceeds will be mailed. Checks will be payable to the 4-H member who is registered as owning the animal. No other parties will be recognized unless there is previous written agreement with the 4-H Office.
- 16.** These rules are in addition to the 4-H Meat Animal Sale rules.



Informational Websites:

www.cce.cornell.edu/Chautauqua

<http://washington.cce.cornell.edu/agriculture/ag-production/livestock/poultry>

<http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/poultry>



Past Champions

Grand Champion

Reserve Champion

2011 Katelynn Gierlinger.....	Katelynn Gierlinger
2012 Rachael Harper.....	Eric Witherow
2013 Rachael Harper.....	Meagan Gierlinger
2014 Katelynn Gierlinger.....	Jacob Purol
2015 Rachael Harper.....	Rachael Harper
2016 Kamryn Harper.....	Kamryn Harper
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2018 Kamryn Harper.....	Kelsey Jackson
2019 Lydia Covert.....	Kamryn Harper
2020 COVID-19.....	Corona
2021 Kamryn Harper.....	Rachael Harper
2022 Bird Flu.....	HPAI
2023 Abigail Carlberg.....	Levi Overend
2024 Lydia Covert.....	Grayson Coil