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To: Youth (4-H & FFA) enrolled in Poultry Projects  
Organizational 4-H Advisors & FFA Instructors

You are receiving this letter because our records indicate that you are enrolled in a Poultry project in the 2022 4-H year. Be sure to read all the information for each project that applies to you.

The purchase of **Market Turkeys, Market Broilers, Market Ducks and Exhibition, Fancy, Production and Egg Laying Projects** is the responsibility of the 4-H member. Participants may purchase their poultry through local feed or farm supply stores or may order from a hatchery. The following are hatcheries from Ohio:

**Ridgway Hatchery**

615 N. High St., Box 306  
LaRue, Ohio 43332-0306  
740-499-2163  
www.ridgwayhatchery.com

**Mt. Healthy Hatcheries**

9839 Winton Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45231  
800-451-5603  
www.mthealthy.com

**Meyer Hatchery**

626 St. Rt. 89  
Polk, OH 44866  
419-945-2651  
www.meyershatchery.com

**Market Turkeys-** Each exhibitor must be enrolled in the Market Turkey Project by March 1<sup>st</sup>, with the Extension office. Participants may exhibit one market turkey at fair. It is recommended that participants order debeaked male turkeys. Turkeys should be 4-5 months old by fair time. Turkeys should be born between 4<sup>th</sup> week of April - 4<sup>th</sup> week of May of the current year. The Qualifying Weight Range for Market Turkeys at fair weigh-in is 25-50 pounds per bird. Participants must provide paperwork showing that the turkeys were hatched at a National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) Hatchery. This paperwork will also show the date when the turkeys were hatched. **YOU MUST HAVE THIS FORM AT FAIR TIME IN ORDER TO SHOW.** All exhibitors are required to participate in Livestock Quality Assurance and Livestock Skill-a-thon to participate in the fair.

**Market Broilers-** Market Broiler Pens must consist of **THREE** chickens of the same breed type (Cornish cross). Youth will show a pen of three and sell all three. One pen per exhibitor. Broilers should be 6 weeks of age by fair time. Broiler should be born between 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July – 4<sup>th</sup> week of July of the current year. The Qualifying Weight Range for Market Broilers at fair weigh-in is 6-8 pounds per bird. Participants must provide paperwork showing that the broilers were hatched at a National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) Hatchery. This paperwork will also show the date when the broilers were hatched. **YOU MUST HAVE THIS FORM AT FAIR TIME IN ORDER TO SHOW.** All exhibitors are required to participate in Livestock Quality Assurance and Livestock Skill-a-thon to participate in the fair.

**Market Ducks-** Market Ducks consist of 2 ducks of the same breed type (White Pekin). Youth will show a pen of two and sell both ducks. One pen per exhibitor. Market Ducks should be 6 weeks of age by fair time. They should be born between 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July – 4<sup>th</sup> week of July of the current year. The Qualifying Weight Range for Market Ducks at fair weigh-in is 5-10 pounds per bird. **YOU MUST HAVE THIS FORM AT FAIR TIME IN ORDER TO SHOW.** All exhibitors are required to participate in Livestock Quality Assurance and Livestock Skill-a-thon to participate in the fair.

**Exhibition, Fancy, Production, and Egg Laying Projects-** An exhibit is one bird or one pair. All exhibitors must own and have their poultry projects in their possession by June 1 of the current year. All non-market poultry must be Pullorum-Fowl Typhoid free. **EACH EXHIBITOR MUST PROVIDE NPIP HATCH PAPER OR HAVE BIRDS BLOOD TESTED IN ORDER TO SHOW AT THE FAIR.** All exhibitors are required to participate in Livestock Skill-a-thon to participate in the fair.

**NEW FOR 2023-** Members taking **Chicken Egg Production Projects** are **REQUIRED** to attend Livestock Quality Assurance Training.

**Pullorum Testing:** Pullorum testing is required for all **NON-MARKET AND CHICKEN EGG PRODUCTION** poultry projects coming to the 2023 Belmont County Fair. **THERE IS NO MAKEUP DATE.**

**PULLORUM TESTING: SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. AT THE BELMONT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

**\*\* ATTENTION POULTRY EXHIBITOR \*\***

It is the Member's responsibility to be aware of any Rule Changes and Established Procedures for the Belmont County Junior Fair Poultry Exhibition and Participation. Please review the sections pertinent to you in the 2023 Belmont County Fair Tab. The Fair Tab will be available in early summer and contains all the Junior Fair Livestock Rules and Policies.

**SKILL-A-THON INFORMATION** – Please reference the chart below to use as a guideline on what to study for skill-a-thon this year. The pages noted on the Skill Station Topics column are from the additional handouts.

| Junior (Ages 8-13) – Senior (Ages 14-19) -- As of January 1st – This Year   |  |   |  |                    |
|---|--|---|--|--------------------|
| Species-Station   | Projects   | Station Topics  |  |                    |
| CHICKEN<br>JUNIOR   | 150CE-CHICKEN, EXHIBITION (FANCY)<br>150CM-CHICKEN, MARKET<br>150CEP-CHICKEN, EGG PRODUCTION; HENS AND PULLETS   | Station 1   | Parts of a Chicken (Cockerel/Roster)   | Additional Handout |
|   |  | Station 2   | Medication Label   | Additional Handout |
|   |  | Station 3   | Feed Tags  | Additional Handout |
| CHICKEN<br>SENIOR   | 150CE-CHICKEN, EXHIBITION (FANCY)<br>150CM-CHICKEN, MARKET<br>150CEP-CHICKEN, EGG PRODUCTION; HENS AND PULLETS   | Station 1   | Parts of a Chicken (Hen)   | Additional Handout |
|   |  | Station 2   | Identifying Comb Types in Poultry  | Additional Handout |
|   |  | Station 3   | Feed Tags  | Additional Handout |
| DUCK, GOOSE,<br>TURKEY OR GUINEA<br>FOWL<br>JUNIOR  | 150DEDUCK, EXHIBITION (FANCY)<br>150DM-DUCK, MARKET<br>150GE-GOOSE, EXHIBITION (FANCY)<br>150GM-GOOSE, MARKET<br>150TE-TURKEY, EXHIBITION (FANCY)<br>150TM-TURKEY, MARKET<br>150h-HELMETED GUINEA FOWL | Station 1   | Parts of a Duck<br>Parts of a Goose<br>Parts of a Turkey<br>Parts of a Guinea Fowl | Additional Handout |
|   |  | Station 2   | Diseases & Parasites in Poultry*   | Additional Handout |
|   |  | Station 3   | Feed Tags  | Additional Handout |
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| *Diseases & Parasites in Poultry to Study:  |  |   |  |                    |
| <u>Juniors to Study:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Avian Influenza</li><li>• Bumblefoot</li><li>• Botulism</li><li>• Lice</li><li>• Mites</li></ul> |  | <u>Seniors to Study:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Avian Influenza</li><li>• Coccidiosis</li><li>• Fowl Cholera</li><li>• Infectious Bronchitis</li><li>• Cecal Worms</li></ul> |  |                    |

**If you have any questions, please call the Belmont County Extension Office at (740) 695-1455**

Sincerely,

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