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Dear Market Duck exhibitors and 4-H advisors,

As you begin your projects for this year, please find enclosed some important fair rules for market duck exhibitors. Included is information that will be helpful for exhibitors at the Delaware County Fair, Ohio State Fair, and the Hartford Independent Fair. A more complete listing of rules for each fair will be available in each fair's exhibitor handbook once it is published.

For Delaware county fair you will need to get your market ducks on your own, there will not be a purchase pool ran through the committee. You need to have possession of your market ducks within 3 days of hatch. The required hatch dates are between **July 22** through **August 5**. You must upload your hatch paperwork by **August 8** to https://go.osu.edu/delduck or by scanning the QR code. Late hatch forms are accepted for one week with a $50 late fee per exhibitor.

Quality assurance is mandatory for market duck projects. Email Jacci Smith.11005@osu.edu for questions.

Again this year at the Delaware County Fair: (details are on the next page)

- **Check-in will only be Friday night**
- We will not be showing the Market duck by weight.
- All birds except heritage turkeys will be table judged.
- Delaware County Fair schedule has some slight modifications. Please check https://go.osu.edu/jrfairschedule for updates.
- All birds will be required to have a leg bands or wing bands as identification.

For updated information visit the Delaware 4H Poultry Committee's Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/newdelco4hpoultry/. While at the fair, your picture may appear on this private Facebook page.

If you have any questions, please contact your project advisor or call the Extension office. Best of luck with your market duck project this year!

Sincerely

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Enclosure: Fair Rules
DCF Jr. Fair Sale info
Quality Assurance Flyer

For Delaware County Fair Market Duck Exhibitors

- All 4-H and FFA members who wish to exhibit market ducks at the county fair **must purchase or hatch their own market ducks there will not be a group purchase through the committee.** . You need to have possession of your market ducks within 3 days of hatch. The required hatch dates are between **July 22** through **August 5**. You must upload your hatch paperwork by **August 8** to https://go.osu.edu/delduck
- The breed must be Pekin/ Jumbo Pekin. They can be either male or female ducks.
- Exhibitors may show 1 pen of two market ducks.
- Junior Fair exhibitors may enter and exhibit a market project in up to 2 departments if they meet the conditions outlined by the Fair Board. Market turkeys, market ducks, and market chickens are all in the poultry department. Exhibitors are now allowed to exhibit all three. **Exhibitors will still only be allowed to sell one market project through the sale.** Please see the "Fair General Rules" of the Exhibitors handbook posted on the Delaware County Fair's website (www.delawarecountyfair.com)
- Interview judging for Market Poultry exhibitors will be held Saturday, **September 9** from 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Members should bring their project books completed up to that date. Livestock exhibitors who are unable to be interviewed on that date should schedule an interview with your advisor.
- All market duck exhibitors must attend a Quality Assurance program July 1.
- Members must complete a fair entry form to exhibit at the county fair. Junior fair entries are due by Friday, **August 25** online.
- Be sure to keep your paperwork from when you pick up your duck. You will need to show your hatch paperwork at check-in, digital copies will be accepted.
- Minimum market duck weight is 5 pounds per bird.
- It is expected that you will check on your birds at least twice per day while at the fair.
- Fair check-in is only on Friday 4-10p.m. SATURDAY CHECK-IN WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE.
- All birds are required to have a leg band or wing band with unique identifier (numbers or symbols).
- All birds except heritage turkeys will be table judged; the heritage turkeys will remain being cage judged.
- Champion and Reserve Champion meat ducks must sell in the Junior Fair Sale on Tuesday during fair.
- Exhibitors selling through the Junior Fair Auctions will not be permitted to take that project home.

For Hartford Independent Fair Market Duck Exhibitors

- May exhibit up to 6 market poultry animals (2 per lot)
- Meat chickens must be purchased from the Hartford Fair Poultry Pool.
- Wing banding July 8 from 10 AM – 2 PM at the fairgrounds Fee is $1/animal
- Fair entry deadline Saturday, June 26
- Must attend a Quality Assurance program prior to June 1
- Clinic and fun show June 10 at Hartford Fairgrounds

2023 DELAWARE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR SALES/AUCTION

1. 4-H members taking a market animal to show and sell at the fair will be required to take a picture with their animal and upload it by 11:59pm, Saturday, September 9, 2023 *(links and information will be sent out with fair sign-up information)*. Each species requires a submission. Photo requirements must follow sales & show arena rules:
    - The animal should be clean and groomed for show and the exhibitor should be dressed neatly as well.
    - A button/ snap collared shirt closed to within one button from the top or Department approved shirt (such as a lab coat), long or short sleeves permitted.
        - No sleeveless shirts allowed.
        - No bare midriffs allowed.
        - No logos/ads on shirts other than 4-H or FFA.
    - Long pants or skirts whose length is below the knee shall be worn, no shorts.
    - Footwear should be sturdy shoes or boots.
        - No sandals, open toed or open heel shoes.
    - Clothes must be neat in appearance with no rips or tears.

   Please plan a plain/solid background with little distractions/clutter. (ex: building wall, pine tree, etc.)

   These pictures will be printed and given to the buyers during the auctions, so please plan to take a great picture as a thank you to your buyer.

2. Junior Fair exhibitors may enter and exhibit a market project in up to 2 departments if they meet the conditions outlined by the Fair Board.
    - **Exhibitors will still only be allowed to sell ONE market project through the sale.** Please see the "Fair General Rules" of the Exhibitors handbook posted on the Delaware County Fair's website (www.delawarecountyfair.com)

3. W-9 forms will be required from all market exhibitors prior to the fair. These forms are to be filled out and turned into the fair office no later than the Wednesday before the start of the fair. Exhibitors who sell in the Jr. Fair Sale with gross proceeds greater than or equal to $600 will receive a 1099 tax form from the fair. More information will be provided on these forms closer to the fair.

4. The sale order is established by having the species that sold last in the previous year sell first in the current year.
    - The sale order for the 2023 Tuesday sale shall be Dairy Products, Rabbits, Poultry, Beef, and Baked Goods.
    - The sale order for the 2023 Wednesday sale will be: Lambs, Pigs, and Goats.

5. A new rule has been added to the fair book this year to address the potential loss of a market animal at the fair:
   If an exhibitor's market animal dies at the fair after weigh-in, meets the show weight requirements, and the exhibitor does not have another market animal at the fair, the exhibitor will be permitted to go through the auction to receive a premium for their project.

6. All exhibitors selling a market animal or product through the Junior Fair Sales at the Delaware County Fair must submit a thank you note, card or letter to the Junior Fair Office (drop box), located on the fairgrounds, by October 31.

2023 Quality Assurance Opportunities

(Please contact the county before attending any Quality Assurance Session that is not your own county for possible changes.)

Quality Assurance

6 PM	**April 19**	Virtual Via Zoom
10AM	**April 22**	Merchant Building
6:30PM	**May 16**	Ag. Center (New Junior Fair Building)
6:30PM	**June 1**	Ag. Center (New Junior Fair Building)
6:30 PM	**June 5**	Ag. Center (New Junior Fair Building)

***The QA clinic on June 5 is after the deadline for the Hartford fair and will not meet the requirement for exhibitors.**

***All Livestock will be required to attend a QA session by July 1 in order to show at Delaware County Fair.**

For in-person QA- NO PREREGISTRATION IS NEEDED
For the Virtual QA session register at: https://go.osu.edu/delqa

In person Quality Assurance Test

Email or call to schedule a convenient time for you! **No tests will be administered after July 1st**. The Quality Assurance test is offered for youth 4-H ages 12 years and older who have previously completed Quality Assurance programming. Participants must pass by at least 70%. Participants can receive QA credit for multiple years, depending on their age. The test may be taken once each year, and participants who do not pass will be required to complete a Quality Assurance program to receive QA credit.

Nearby Quality Assurance Training Dates:

- **Most dates are early March through the end of May**

COUNTY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Delaware County, 740-833-2030

Knox County, 740-397-0401

Licking County, 740-670-5315

Marion County, 740-223-4040

Union County, 937-644-8117

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Quality Assurance 2023 - Frequently Asked Questions

- **Who must attend Quality Assurance?** All 4-H and FFA members taking **Market Beef, Market Swine, Market Lambs, Breeding sheep, Market and Breeding Rabbits, All Poultry, Goats (including Pygmy and Pack goats) and Dairy Cattle MUST** attend a Quality Assurance program in order to exhibit at the Delaware County or Ohio State Fair. Completing the quality assurance requirement **each year** is mandatory by state law for junior exhibitors.

- **When is the Quality Assurance attendance deadline?** For the Delaware County Fair this deadline is on or before **July 1**. Hartford Fair deadline is on or before **June 1**. For Ohio State Fair this deadline is **June 1**. Ohio Department of Agriculture requires exhibitors to have participated or tested out of a Quality Assurance program within 45 day prior to the opening day of the exhibition.

- **Does it matter which Quality Assurance I attend?** There are 5 QA programs offered in Delaware County this year. Credit will be given for QA attendance regardless of which program you attend.

- **What if I arrive at a Quality Assurance program late?** It is important for each 4-H or FFA member to receive all the training in order to meet Ohio Department of Agriculture requirements. **Anyone arriving more than 10 minutes late will not receive credit for attending the QA session.** For the virtual sessions we will have a moderator letting individuals in from a waiting room. Attendance will be taken via the chat feature at the beginning and the end of the session. If you experience technical difficulties during the session email Jacci at smith.11005@osu.edu.

- **What happens if I am unable to attend any of the Delaware County Quality Assurance programs?** If you have a conflict with each of the listed Quality Assurance options on the reverse of this sheet, you may contact other county offices to see if you can participate at their offerings. If you know you will have conflicts with the Delaware County dates, call as soon as possible because many counties have earlier QA dates. **Also, an asynchronous online session can be taken. YQCA online version is the only type of online QA accepted in the state of Ohio.** Information on how to complete this can be found on our website- https://delaware.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/quality-assurance

- **What about the Hartford Fair?** Exhibitors at the Hartford fair taking **any** market or breeding projects must attend a Quality Assurance program on or before **June 1**. Call the Licking Co. Extension office with questions. **The QA sessions on June 5 is after the deadline for the Hartford fair and will not meet the requirement for exhibitors**.

- **Can I Test Out of Quality Assurance?** Yes! Delaware County offers in person opportunities for youth to test out of their Quality Assurance. Youth ages 12 and above may take a Quality Assurance test to see how well they know the material. Youth passing the test may potentially fulfill their QA requirement for multiple years, depending on their age. Email smith.11005@osu.edu or call the Extension office to schedule a time to take the test or if you have additional questions (740-833-2039). **Tests will NOT be scheduled after July 1st!** You can now also take the YQCA online test out option. You must email Jacci at Smith.11005@osu your completion. Information on how to complete this can be found on our website- https://delaware.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/quality-assurance

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