May 3, 2021

TO: Junior Fair Poultry Exhibitor

FROM: May Carrington, Superintendent, Brown County Junior Fair Small Animal Department

Please share this letter with your parent or guardian.

Members please keep this letter. This is your information for the Small Animal Department this year. It contains important dates and other details. We realize this is a long letter, but please read it completely!

Due to COVID-19 this letter will not be mailed. Please save the email link. All exhibitor letters can be found at http://brown.osu.edu/exhibitorletters

The Junior Fair Small Animal Department would like to thank all of you who helped in any manner in 2020. For those of you who helped in the barn and those who gave donates, we want you to know that you are appreciated!

Quality Assurance - Any youth wishing to exhibit an animal at the fair is required to complete Quality Assurance. An animal project will be defined as any animal project that is exhibited at the fair EXCEPT: Companion Animals: dogs, cats, and projects taken through the Pet Rabbit or Pocket Pet projects. All Quality Assurance must be completed and documentation submitted to the OSU Extension office by July 1, 2021.

QA information can be found on the website here: https://go.osu.edu/brownqa

Quality Assurance may be taught by a school’s Agriculture Education teacher. If you are in an Agriculture Education class, check with your teacher to confirm.

If you choose to attend QA through a different county or source, you are responsible for any associated fees and must submit your completed paperwork by the deadline of July 1st.

The department is also looking at improving the barn. This takes money, so any donations or fundraising efforts would be appreciated! This project area continues to grow each year, and the improvements are needed to keep up with the demand for space.

The department hopes to work in the Pork Producers booth again this year and each family is to sign up during tag-in. Please pay special attention to the various check-in times. If you do not check in at the correct time, you do not show!!!
All meat chicken poultry must be pre-ordered and paid for by June 4th. An order form is enclosed with this letter. The chicks must be picked up on Friday, August 6, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds by the junior exhibitor or immediate family member. All chicken paperwork must be completed at tag-in. (Poultry Information Sheet) Please bring a carrier to pick up the chicks.

Small Animal Tag-in for Geese, Ducks, Turkeys, Fancy Chickens and Wildlife will be Saturday, August 28th from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at the Georgetown High School. (FFA area) You must bring the enclosed Poultry Information Sheet with you to tag-in. It is important that this form is filled out neatly and completely as this is what the department uses for the fair sale and shows. Please note that there are over 400 projects being exhibited in this department. The superintendent cannot call each of you, so please have the information filled out prior to coming to the check-in. Please use one form for each project.

All members taking fancy poultry, ducks, turkeys, and geese are to bring their animals to the tag-in on August 28th. (Note you do not need to bring meat chickens to this tag in)

The following lists the number of meat animals you may check-in on August 28th.

- Ducks (check-in 4 and show 2)
- Turkeys (check-in 4 and show 2) Bring Pullorum papers from Hatchery
- Geese (check-in 4 and show 2)
- Wildlife (Picture Only)
- Fancy Chickens

Meat projects are to be meat breeds of those species.

Hatchery papers will be provided upon request at chicken pickup. Pictures will not be taken at tag-in on August 28th. If you have to send your animal with someone else, please send your Small Animal Information sheet with them to tag-in.

** All Poultry projects must produce pullorum free papers from hatchery (waterfowl excluded) to tag-in.

** If you have other poultry at home, you must have 10% of your flock Pullorum tested before you take the meat chick’s home on August 6th. (Greg James can do testing)

It is very important that you understand that all fancy chickens, ducks, turkeys and geese must come to tag-in on August 28th. Wildlife exhibitors should only bring a photo of their project to tag-in on August 28th. Any animal not at tag-in (except wildlife) will not show at the fair. Please mark this date on your calendar; we would like to have all of you to be able to show. There will not be any exceptions. (NO meat chicken projects on this day)

### Poultry:
- **June 4th**: Chick order form due
- **Aug 6th**: Chicks pick up date (this is also the tag in for the Meat chickens) 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Aug 28th**: Tag in for Ducks, Turkeys, Geese, Wildlife, and Fancy Chickens 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- **Sept 16th**: Small animal barn clean up – Time TBA
- **Sept 26th**: Check in for Meat Chickens 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- **Sept 26th**: Check in for Ducks, Turkeys, Geese, Wildlife, and Fancy Chickens 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- **Sept 29th**: Poultry Show 9:00 a.m. (Goat barn arena)
- Sale
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Meat project: Check-in time at the fair is Sunday, September 26th for meat poultry will be from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Only meat animals will be accepted at these times and not after. The weigh master will only be there during these times. For example: if you are in line with another project somewhere else, be sure someone brings your project in for the weigh-in. If you do not have it weighed at this time, you do not show. All other small animal projects are to be at the fairgrounds on Sunday, September 26th from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. someone else can bring your animal.

Do not sit feed, water, etc. on top of the cages. There will be a designated area for you to store your feed for the entire week. You must have your name clearly written on your food container. (Anything that is left on top of the cages will be thrown away.) Members are responsible for keeping their area clean. NO tack boxes. Nothing larger than a coffee can.

More project information pertaining to the fair:

**Chickens:**
- Exhibit a meat pen of three animals or a single fryer. 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Sunday, September 26th is weigh-in. The animals must weigh from 5-8 lbs. Ideal weight is 6.5 pounds. Birds weighing less than 5 lbs. or more than 8 lbs. will show for a grade only and they will not sell. (Only one meat chicken project is allowed)

**Wildlife:**
- Exhibitor needs to be prepared to use their own adequately sized cage to exhibit their project.
- Department #9 cages will not adequately house some types of wildlife. Contact an Adult Superintendent regarding your project needs.

**Ducks:**
- Must be hatched after January 1st of the current year.
- Exhibit a pen of two birds.
- Ducks will show in one class or the other as:
  1. Fancy – do not sell
  2. Commercial

**Geese:**
- Must be hatched after January 1st of current year
- Exhibit a pen of two birds.
- Geese will show in one class or the other as:
  1. Fancy – do not sell
  2. Commercial

**Turkeys:**
- A. Must be hatched after Jan 1st of the current year.
- B. White Holland Turkeys (Birds must be recognized by the American Standard of Perfection.)
- C. Must exhibit 1 Tom, a hen may be exhibited but a Tom is preferred. (Fancy turkeys do not sell and must be shown under wildlife).
- D. May bring 2 birds to the August 28th tag-in. **Must** have hatchery paperwork.
- E. The minimum weight of the bird is 20lbs. (No max weight)
- F. Turkeys must be tested 45 days prior to the fair by a veterinarian of have pullorum free paperwork from hatchery.
- G. Turkey projects will be led from their pen to and from the show ring with a show stick or a cane.
- H. Grand and Reserve turkeys must sell in the Small Animal Sale.

The poultry show is Wednesday, September 29th, at 9:00 a.m. All Grand Champion Poultry projects including Ducks, Turkeys, Geese and Wildlife will compete for the Overall Poultry Award. (This will be the last class.) Remember all Grand Champions need to remain in the show area to show in the Overall Class. The department will not come looking for you at the end of the show, so make sure you are there. 30 Minutes after the show has ended you must notify the small animal superintendent if you will **Not** sell your project.
The Small Animal Barn will close at 9:00 p.m. every evening of the fair and re-open by 8:00 a.m. All animals not selling must be removed by 6:00 p.m. on Saturday night. All animals must be fed on a daily basis, and your water supply should be kept fresh. (Poultry cages must be cleaned every day) Many people go through the barn; therefore, it is very important that they see the animals are being well cared for before, during and after the show! **Wednesday of the fair, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., there will be a mandatory cage cleaning.** All bedding must be changed.

**Before leaving from the fair, you are responsible for cleaning up your cage and floor area.** If an exhibitor chooses not to participate, there will be a $50.00 charge per Exhibitor.

Should something happen to your Small Animal project prior to the fair, you must notify the superintendent and then you may bring a poster or display and be interviewed by a judge on show day at the fair.

**Please note…**

1. The exhibitor or their family is responsible to tag-in their own animal.
2. All exhibitors or their family are to have their own animal at check in.
3. All exhibitors must have their completed paperwork in hand when you come to the August tag-in.
4. All paperwork will be stamped when you come through line.
5. If an exhibitor’s project is not kept at the residence, they must care for their own project daily.
6. Everyone is responsible to provide a standard size picture of their project at weigh-in September 26th. **4 x 6 landscape** (NO POLAROIDS)
7. There will be no washing of small animals at the fairgrounds. Animals that need to be washed are to be washed and dried at home before the fair. (Do not remove any small animals from barn.)
8. During the shows and sale only exhibitors will be permitted in the small animal barn. Each exhibitor must remain in the barn until they are called. If you are not in the barn, the Small Animal Department will not wait for you.
9. Any animal not making weight will be shown for grade only – they will not sell.
10. It is each exhibitor’s responsibility to clean their cage or under their cage and aisle once a day.
11. No dumping of chips on the ground or in the garbage will be permitted. Anyone caught dumping will clean them up. They must be taken to the dairy barn manure pile.
12. If an exhibitor is unable to show or sell their own project, superintendent must be notified and must approve the reason and person who will be replacing the exhibitor. Each exhibitor is responsible to handle and show or sell their own animal unless there is a reasonable explanation why they cannot.
13. All cages and under them must be cleaned after the small animal sale. Please wait until after the sale is completed to do this.

**JUST A REMINDER…**each exhibitor can only go through the sale one time unless they have more than one champion. All champions will sell.

**JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITORS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE ASKED NOT TO SOLICIT BUYERS DURING THE JUNIOR FAIR SALES. PLEASE MAKE CONTACT WITH YOUR BUYERS BEFORE THE FAIR STARTS.**

If you have any questions, please contact me, May Carrington, Superintendent of the Small Animal Department at (937) 441-0336 or email may.carrington@allegion.com.

Enclosure

c: Head Advisors
FFA Instructors
Jr. Fair Small Animal Department