2026-2027 Ontario County 4-H Market Poultry Program

- All project market birds must be purchased through the Ontario County 4-H Program. A minimum order of 6 chicks per participant is required. However, we **HIGHLY** recommend that you order more than 6 chicks incase something happens to your birds. Order information will be made through the 4-H auction committee.
- Only birds purchased through the auction committee will be able to be sold through the 4-H Livestock Auction. Please house other birds separately.
- Only birds weighing between 6-12lbs (chickens) and 20-30lbs (turkeys) will be allowed to sell in the 4-H Livestock Auction.
- Chickens will be approximately 8-10 weeks old at time of show and processing. Turkeys will be approximately 12-16 weeks at time of show and processing.
- The 4-H Market Poultry Show will be held prior to the Ontario County Fair, date TBD.
- All market poultry classes will be judged on health, vigor, and market quality at the time of the show. The Danish System will be used. Only blue ribbon birds judged in conformation classes by the official judge will be sold during the meat animal auction.
- Chickens will be auctioned off in pairs as 1 lot and Turkeys will be auctioned off individually.
- You may show up to 2 pair of market birds in the show, however only 1 lot will be eligible for the auction.
- After the show, all eligible project birds will be transported for processing at HLW Acres. Due to the fact that some damage could occur in transport, two additional broilers will be substituted in to make salable lots if needed.
  *additional birds can all be processed together but only 4 birds per exhibitor will be covered by the sale. Processing costs of extra (over 4) must be covered by exhibitor to HLW acres.
- A sale lot will consist of two processed 4-H market chickens (approximately 8 weeks of age). They will be packaged individually, frozen and paired by lots and stored in coolers for buyers to pick up at the auction.
- Buyers are responsible for paying processing costs for each lot purchased. The fee will be added to auction invoices.
- Participants are required to show their own animals in the auction market class and must participate in showmanship.

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