

## Poultry Skillathon 2022 Study Guide

*Exhibitors will participate in a livestock skillathon for the species they plan to exhibit at the fair. This study guide includes all topics an exhibitor **might** be tested on. Youth will only be tested on a portion of these items. Example questions are given to help study but may not be the same questions asked.*

*Be sure to bring your completed project book and show up in proper show dress code as stated in the Jr. Fair rule book for your species.*

### **STATION 1 – Project Book & Interview and Dress Code**

Present your completed project book to the judge. The judge will review your record and award points for completion. You will also be asked a series of questions based on the project you are taking. It will be up to you to properly state which project you are enrolled in when you arrive at the interview station. Questions may include general information about your project goals as well as content-based questions. *Examples of the types of questions you may be asked are listed at the end of this guide.* Individuals must dress in the appropriate dress code as listed in the Jr. Fair Rule Book for your species market or showmanship exhibition.

### **STATION 2 – Skills Station: Feed Identification and Feed Tag**

You will be asked to identify real feed ingredients commonly found in a dairy calf ration and answer questions about a feed tag. To prepare, use the <https://ohio4h.org/poultryresources> and the practice skillathon for Feed ID available at <https://madison.osu.edu/animallearninglab>

### **STATION 3 – Biosecurity**

Participants will be asked questions concerning Biosecurity as it relates to poultry. Questions will relate to the 6 basic steps you can take to make biosecurity a part of your daily routine. Information can be found at the following websites:

*Biosecurity Tips: 6 Ways to Prevent Poultry Disease:*

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal\\_health/2013/fsc\\_biosecurity\\_tips.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/2013/fsc_biosecurity_tips.pdf)

*Protecting the Health of Your Flock:*

<https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Protecting%20the%20health%20of%20your%20flock.%20from%20OPBA%202016Jan.pdf>

### **STATION 4 – Skillathon Kit Knowledge – Parts of a Bird**

This station will consist of identifying anatomy parts of Chickens, Ducks and Turkeys. You can click here: <https://ohio4h.org/poultrybreeds> to view videos and information on the external anatomy of various poultry.

### **STATION 5 – Skills Knowledge – Meat Cuts**

Exhibitors will be asked to identify various real meat cuts from a chicken, a duck or a turkey. Review this document to help study: [Poultry Meat Cuts](#)

### **TIE BREAKER – Wing Anatomy**

This station is optional, but encouraged. Points will only be used in the event of a tie. At this station, participants will identify the different parts of a wing skeleton. Use this link as a resource to study:

[https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/animal\\_science/Poultry/Avian%20Skeletal%20System%20-%20eXtension.pdf](https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/animal_science/Poultry/Avian%20Skeletal%20System%20-%20eXtension.pdf).

**Additional Resources:**

Basic information about chickens:

[https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/animal\\_science/Poultry/Basic%20Information%20About%20Chickens%20rev%202-22-18%20reduced.pdf](https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/animal_science/Poultry/Basic%20Information%20About%20Chickens%20rev%202-22-18%20reduced.pdf)

Ohio 4-H Poultry Resources: <https://ohio4h.org/poultryresources>

**Sample Interview Questions:**

*All answers can be found at <https://ohio4h.org/poultryresources>. These are only examples of questions you may be asked.*

1. What breed or variety did you select for your project? Why?
2. What did you learn in your project this year?
3. What goals did you set for your project this year?
4. How is the breed of the bird identified? These breeds are divided into varieties based on what physical characteristic of the bird?
5. Briefly explain how to properly remove your bird from the exhibition coop/cage?
6. How should you calm your birds if it becomes excited?
7. What is candling? What do you look for when candling an egg?