

Muskegon County Fair

# Poultry Record Book 2025

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your club/chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Leader(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Age (as of January 1st): \_\_\_\_\_ Years in this project area: \_\_\_\_\_

Record started: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ /20\_\_\_\_\_ Record closed: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ /20\_\_\_\_\_

**Check one:**

- Explorer/Cloverbud
- Junior 8-11 years old
- Intermediate 12-14 years old
- Senior 15-19 years old

For this section use the animals the exhibitor will exhibit at the fair.

Name or ID of the animal: \_\_\_\_\_

Tag Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Color(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Special Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ /20\_\_\_\_\_

- Actual Birthdate
- Estimated Birthdate

**Check one:**

- Purchased - Date of Purchase: \_\_\_\_\_
- Raised from home

**Select all that apply:**

- Chickens
- Ducks
- Turkeys
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Price: \_\_\_\_\_ (if you raised your animal, list the estimated market value)

Attach beginning and ending photos of your project. Please label the photos.

## All about my poultry project...

You may choose to do the weight record **OR** the essay. You do not need to do both for this record book. The fair recommends all market exhibitors weigh their animals frequently but understands that access to a scale is not always available.

**Choice 1 - Weight Record:** If you complete this section, do not complete the essay "Choice 2" below. It is recommended to weigh your market beef animal(s) at least **once each month**.

ANIMAL ID:		
DATE	METHOD <i>Scale, Band, Tape, etc.</i>	WEIGHT
<i>Beginning</i>		
<i>Ending</i>		

**Choice 2 - Project Essay:** If you complete this section, do not complete the weight record "Choice 1" above. Write an essay on **one** of the two essay topic choices.

**Topic 1:** Why should a young person who has never raised an animal get started in raising poultry? What are the advantages and disadvantages of raising poultry?

**Topic 2:** What is the current status of the Avian Influenza outbreak? What areas are affected, and how can you help prevent the spread of this disease?

- Junior exhibitors complete a **one-paragraph essay** in the space provided below.
- Intermediate Exhibitors complete a **1/2 page essay** that is typewritten, double-spaced, in a standard size 12 font, and attach it to this book.
- Senior Exhibitors complete a **1-page essay** that is typewritten, double-spaced, in a standard size 12 font, and attach it to this book.

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## My project expenses:

List all expenses for this poultry project and record the cost spent under the proper account. If your family/farm is providing feed, please estimate an approximate value. Add a sheet if necessary.

How many animals are in this project?					
Date of purchase	Purchase Description	Feed Cost	Vet/Health Cost	Bedding Cost	Other Cost
<b>TOTAL Column Expenses</b>					
<b>TOTAL Project Expenses:</b> (find by adding Total Column Expenses together)					
<b>AVERAGE Cost per animal</b> (total project expenses divided by the number of animals in the project)					

## Senior exhibitors must answer the following questions:

The following calculations will help you learn about your ability to earn a profit for your participation in this agricultural project. Often in animal projects, industrial feeder facilities have a slim profit margin. Let's see how you compare.

Purchase cost of animal \_\_\_\_\_

Total expenses (per animal) \_\_\_\_\_

Finished weight of project animal: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: finished weight should be the fair's official market weight.*

**BREAK-EVEN PRICE per pound:** \_\_\_\_\_

*To calculate the break-even price, divide the average cost per animal by the finished weight.*

**What is the current market price of your kind of market poultry?** \_\_\_\_\_

Would you have been able to make a profit if you had sold your animal at a stockyard at this current market price rather than the fair's livestock sale? Why or why not?

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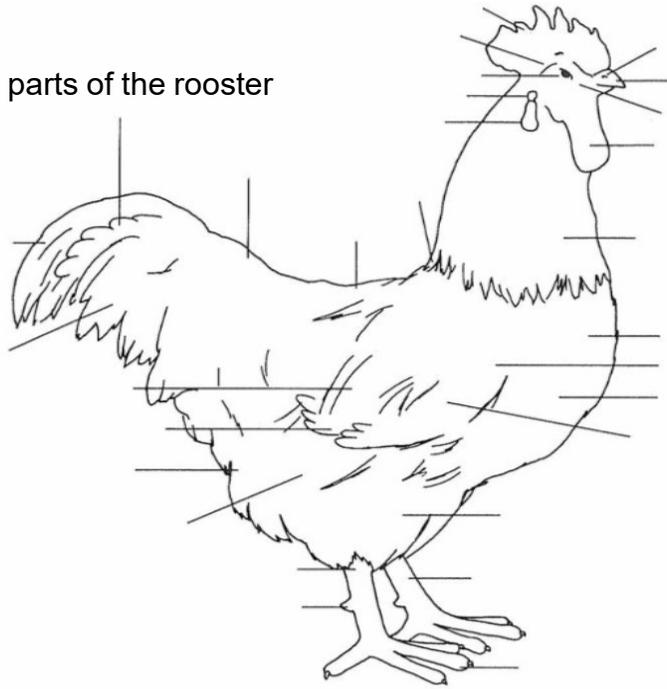
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## External Anatomy:

**All exhibitors:** Label the external parts of the rooster marked with the lines.



## My General Poultry Knowledge:

**Ages 8 to 19 complete the following questions:**

- Why should incubators be fumigated or disinfected before use?
- What time must all fair animals be fed, watered, and have their pens cleaned by? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the normal temperature of poultry? \_\_\_\_\_
- How do you clean your poultry for show?

**Ages 12 to 19 also complete the following questions:**

- Label the types of combs shown:



**Ages 15 to 19 also complete the following questions:**

- What is meant by a withdrawal time on a medication?
- What biosecurity measures do you take at home before and after the fair (or if you go to other shows before the fair)?
- Where does the yellow color of the skin, beak, and shanks of poultry come from?