



St. Joseph County, MI

Poultry Evaluation Study Guide

15-19 year olds



Resources for this information are available on the 4-H website using the following items: Glossary of Terms, Raising Turkey's booklet and Raising Waterfowl booklet. Raising Broilers booklet is available for purchase at the 4-H office or borrow from another 4-H member. Information is also in the learning lab that may be checked out for a few days at the 4-H office.

Know the following Definitions:

Quill

Condition

Faking

Symmetry

Beefy Head

Stub

Slipped Wing

Strain

Learn these Body Parts:

Tail Coverts - chicken

Cushion - chicken

Wing Coverts - chicken

Secondaries - chicken

Primaries - chicken

Caruncles - Turkey

Wing front - turkey

Wing Bow - turkey

Saddle - turkey

Dewlap - duck

Bean - duck

Some of the following questions will be on the evaluation: these questions were taken from the old evaluations that are available on the website. The old evaluations are a great tool to help you keep good records and learn a few things along the way. The answers are found in the booklets listed above and will come from a combination of them all.

It is our hope that you will learn more about poultry in general in this process. There will be a test on this information as well as a verbal interview. Scores will be tallied and members will be awarded A, B or C ribbons and highest scores will account for Best of Show and Honorable Mention.

- What do the letters APA stand for?
- If a hatchery participates with NPIP, what diseases are the birds certified to be free of?
- What is the fairbook hatch dates for chickens and turkeys for this years fair?
- What is the best shape of the breast of finished birds?
- How can you prevent cannibalism
- What is the disease we vaccinate the turkeys for at our fair?
- Know two characteristics of a healthy chicken.
- What does fleshing refer to?
- What is a young turkey called?
- How would you weigh a turkey?
- Be able to list two breeds and classes of geese
- Be able to list two breeds and classes of ducks
- Know two conformation defects in turkeys
- Know four defects that you should avoid when selecting you market chickens.
- How can you prevent ducks and geese from flying?
- How old should young waterfowl be before they are allowed to swim?

Know the cuts of meat for chickens and turkeys.