



St. Joseph County, MI

Poultry Evaluation Study Guide

9-11 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:

Pullet

Cockerel

Drake

Down

Fowl

Tom

Plumage

Wattles

Learn these Body Parts:

Breast - chicken

Shank - chicken

Fluff - waterfowl

Saddle - waterfowl

Snood - turkey

Beard - turkey

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 type of disease is common in turkeys that produce wart-like spots or blisters on the head and wattles?
- What temperature should you keep your turkeys for the first week?
- What is the fairbook hatch dates for chickens and turkeys for this years fair?
- If a hatchery participates with NPIP, what disease are the chicks certified to be free of?
- What is the protein content of the turkey feed listed in the raising turkeys booklet?
- What is the proper way to hold a chicken?
- What is the proper way to put a chicken in or out of a cage?
- Know at least two defects that you should look for when selecting your market chickens to take to the fair?
- Be able to list two breeds of ducks,
- Be able to list two breeds of geese.
- Know the name of a male and female goose
- Know two external parasites that affect poultry.
- Know what the term withdrawal period is.
- Clean feeders and waterers help prevent coccidiosis, black head and round worms.