

## Clarification on poultry ban at fairs

Over the past few weeks I have received a great deal of phone calls and e-mails about creative way to still allow the poultry youth to complete their projects. I will share a few below.

HOWEVER, I talked to PDA again today and they are NOT ALLOWING any BIRDS, EGGS, or POULTRY PRODUCTS (RTC Dressed carcasses) at fairs period. Even feathers are not allowed.

Couple ideas others are initiating.

### 1. Bird less showmanship

a. I will be doing a doing the following at Farm Show in 2016. Birds less showmanship will allow the kids to bring a total of 5 photos to show and discuss about their bird and bird care. One picture of them holding their bird, 1 of the bird itself posing and 3 pictures of something showing coop or care of their birds. Then the member to give a 3-5 minute talk to the judge about their bird, how they care for and feed the birds, bio-security they have implemented to protect their birds. Then allow the judge to ask questions about the members bird or knowledge.

b. Some counties are asking the members to develop a you Tube Video of themselves doing a set procedure for showmanship to be presented to a judge.

### 2. Meat bird project.

a. Two counties are marketing off the birds with photos of the birds raised in the project. The kids will then take to a location to be slaughtered for the individual who bought the meat birds. The buyer will get the dressed birds. NO handling or judging or co-mingling of birds at any time.

### 3. Photo graph shows

a. A number of fairs are going to have a photo graph show of poultry at the fair this year.

Hope this helps. Please share with your poultry leaders, fair superintendent and members.

Also, I am not setting these regulations. Please help the leaders understand I did not make this decision it was made by PDA officials.

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PA 4-H Poultry site:  
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