

Poultry Skillathon 2023

Age Divisions: Junior (8-11) Intermediate (12-14) Senior (15-18)

Exhibitors will participate in age-based Skillathons. This study guide includes all topics an exhibitor **might** be tested on. Youth will only be tested on a portion of these items.

Station 1 Record Keeping

Project Book (1st year) - All relevant components of an exhibitor's project book must be complete Record Book (2nd year +) – All components labeled "Required for Skillathon" must be complete

Station 2 Skillathon Kit Knowledge

Junior – Brooder Set Up (pg. species specific, generally pg. 23-24)

Intermediate – External Anatomy of a Turkey (External Resources as Listed in Turkey Section pg. 53) Senior – Chicken Breed Identification (pg. 76-79)

Station 3 Quality Assurance

All Ages: Classes of Drugs: Over the Counter (OTC), Prescription – define, differences, examples or scenarios

Station 4 Interview

Junior

1. Tell me about your daily care routine with your project. (pg. 18)
2. Tell me how you check the health of your birds each day.
3. Tell me about how your coop is set up. (pg. 23-26)
4. How can you tell if your chicks, poults, or ducklings are too hot? Too cold? (pg. 25)
5. In your brooder or coop, how many birds could eat at one time? How many could drink at one time? (pg. 23-26)
6. How should birds be removed and replaced into cages? Why? (pg. 42, 43 & 46)
7. How is the "size" of an egg measured? (pg. 74)
8. How do you hand your bird to the judge? (pg. 42 – 50)
9. What is the most important nutrient for your birds? When should it be available? (pg. 33)
10. What are some types of food chickens shouldn't consume? (pg. 32-33)



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Intermediate**Poultry Skillathon 2023**

1. Describe how to tell a male chicken, turkey or duck from a female. (pg. 29,
2. How much food did you give your birds each day? How did you determine this? (pg. 31-33)
3. What have you been feeding your birds? Has that changed throughout the project? (pg. 31-33)
4. Tell me about a challenge you have faced while raising your birds.
5. How will you safely transport your birds to the fair?
6. What does it mean if your bird is "molting" or in a "molt"? (pg. 48)
7. Name two internal parasites common in poultry and the treatment method. (pg. 41)
8. What is another name for the breast bone? (pg. 48)
9. What are two ways light is important for poultry? (pg. 19)
10. What is the function of the comb and wattles on a chicken? (pg. 60)

Senior

1. How did you evaluate the health of your birds? How often? What was your process?
2. If you had a bird that looked ill what would you do? (pg. 37)
3. Describe how you sanitized your equipment prior to bringing home your birds or throughout the project. (pg. 23-26)
4. How are you managing the temperature of your birds? (pg. 19 & 25)
5. How will you get your birds ready to show? (pg. 42 – 43)
6. What is a blood spot? What causes it? (pg. 73)
7. What is a gizzard and what is its function? (pg. 63)
8. What is bumble foot? (pg. 39)
9. What is biosecurity and why is it important to your flock? (pg. 17)
10. Why should incubators be "fumigated" or "disinfected" prior to use? (pg. 27)

Station 5 Interview about Project Goals

Youth will be asked questions related to the project goals they outline in the their project/record books.



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