

Columbia County Recommended Poultry Time Line

<p>January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order chicks or eggs, if not breeding, and request certificate of parent flock being pullorum free. • Set up brooder pen – make sure it is holding the heat at 95 degrees before at least 48 hours before you put birds in it. 	<p>February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan on market turkeys & geese arrival minimally 20 weeks before fair 	<p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan on market ducks arrival minimally 12 weeks before fair • Check birds for pests every time you pick them up and treat as needed.
<p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan on roasters to arrive 8-9 weeks before the fair. 	<p>May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange for your birds to have pullorum testing done. • Plan on broilers and fryers to arrive 6-7 weeks before the fair. • Pull feathers which are broken 	<p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pullorum testing done. • Handle your birds as often as possible.
<p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wash your birds, trim nails and beaks if needed • Show your flock at the Lodi Ag Fair. • Show your flock at the Columbia County Fair. 	<p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WI State Fair • Ensure your flock stays cool. 	<p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decide what breeds you may want to add to your flock • WI International Poultry Show in Portage
<p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beaver Dam Pigeon & Bantam Poultry Show and Swap 	<p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winterize coop • Start putting breeding pairs together 	<p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incubate eggs from breeding pairs • Make sure your water is not freezing – add heat when needed

Incubation Periods

Type of Avian	Chickens	Most Ducks, Peafowl, Guinea Hens, Turkeys	Most Geese	Muscovy Duck, Canada & Egyptian Geese
Days	21	28	30	35
Humidity	60% & 65-70% last three days	60% & 65-70% last three days	60-70% & 70-80% by time of hatching	

**Stop turning eggs 3 days prior to expected hatching and increase humidity to 65-70%
99.5 degrees F for forced air and 100.5 degrees F for still air**