



The hands-on learning experience opens the door for youth to expand their knowledge of not only poultry, but the opportunity to learn more about poultry management practices while developing life skills.

Resources

1. 4-H Poultry Chain Project Site
<https://extension.msstate.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development-animal-systems/poultry-chain-project>
2. P3982: 4-H Poultry Chain Project Guide
<https://extension.msstate.edu/publications/4-h-poultry-chain-project-guide>
3. P3934: 4-H Poultry Chain Project Record Book
<https://extension.msstate.edu/publications/4-h-poultry-chain-project-record-book>
4. P3624- Poultry Beginnings: Raise Your Own Backyard Chickens
<https://extension.msstate.edu/publications/poultry-beginnings-raise-your-own-backyard-chickens>
5. Showmanship Video
<https://vimeo.com/738268737/74344a8a7f>
6. Biosecurity Video and Certificate
<https://extension.msstate.edu/content/poultry-biosecurity>
7. 4-H Guide to Raising Chickens
<https://www.amazon.com/Guide-Raising-Chickens-Tara-Kindschi/dp/0760336288>
8. Storey's Guide to Raising Chickens
https://www.amazon.com/Storeys-Guide-Raising-Chickens-4th/dp/1612129307/ref=sr_1_1?hvadid=580741551824&hvdev=c&hvlocphy=1020785&hvnetw=g&hvqmt=e&hvrnd=16287706912408522961&hvtargid=kwd-567116075&hydadcr=3234_13534086&keywords=storeys+guide+to+raising+chickens&qid=1699457523&sr=8-1

Contests

The state winner is eligible to attend the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville, KY. A senior contestant may enter the National Poultry contest in only one of the poultry contest areas (Poultry Judging, Egg Chef Challenge, Avian Bowl, Chicken Barbecue, or Turkey Barbecue) the same year.

4-H Thrive

Positive Youth Development

Developing Competence

Adults create environments where youth can develop competence in their chosen project area.

Building Confidence

Youth build confidence as they learn to think for themselves, build mastery, and are recognized for their efforts.

Nurturing Caring

Adults nurture a caring environment where mutual trust between youth and adults is established. Caring relationships with adults are key to resilient youth.

Finding Connection

Youth build solid connections which are critical to their well-being.

Forming Character

Create a community where youth play an active role in developing their character.

Determining Contribution

Youth actively contribute to their clubs and communities.

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Rules and Regulations

1. All project guidelines and rubrics can be found in the P3982: 4-H Poultry Chain Project Guide and the P3934: 4-H Poultry Chain Project Record Book.
2. Cloverbud, Junior, and Senior 4-H Participants are allowed to compete at the County Level.
3. Junior and Senior 4-H Participants ONLY are allowed to compete at the State Level.
4. There are two categories- Meat and Layer.
 - A participant may enter only one of the two categories.
 - See the list of acceptable breeds in the P3982 Project Guide.
5. There are two sections within the State Show. Each participant will be judged on each.
 - Live Birds
 - Record Book
 - See P3934 Record Book Guide for rubrics on each.
6. An optional Showmanship Category is also available.

Awards

There are four categories (Junior Meat, Junior Layer, Senior Meat, and Senior Layer). A total of 28 placings across the four categories will be awarded, including monetary award amounts and a banner or ribbon.

Grand Champion \$1,000

Reserve Champion \$500

1st Place \$300

2nd Place \$250

3rd Place \$200

4th Place \$150

5th Place \$100

Four placings are awarded across the two age divisions (Junior and Senior). Winners will receive the monetary amount, banner, and buckle.

Grand Champion \$300

Reserve Champion \$150