

4-H POULTRY PROJECT



Images: Carter County 4-H



Step It Up!

Pass it on! Now that you know how, share it with others. Here are ideas to get you started.

Communication

- Prepare a speech on how to raise and care for chickens.
- Do a demonstration on how to prepare a dish containing eggs.

Citizenship

- Lead an activity at a Cloverbud Club meeting on proper food safety and cooking skills when preparing dishes that contain eggs.

Leadership

- Mentor a younger 4-Her on proper showmanship techniques.
- Lead a club session on the different uses of eggs and poultry meat.

4-H is a community of young people who are learning leadership citizenship and life skills.

Are you Into It?

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Poultry Extension Project Manager

Participate in a 4-H poultry project!

- Learn how to identify breeds and select quality poultry animals.
- Learn best practices for poultry care and management.
- Develop creative skills in preparation, use, and serving of eggs.
- Participate in Avian Bowl, Poultry Judging, Egg Chef Challenge, and Chicken and Turkey BBQ contests.

Here's what you can do all year!

Starting Out Basic/Level 1

- Nutrition, feeding, health, and daily care
- Breed identification
- Parts of poultry animals, including eggs and feathers
- Poultry showing techniques

Learning More Intermediate/Level 2

- Judging techniques
- Poultry diseases
- Pecking order
- Hen selection
- How an egg is formed
- Preparing poultry and egg dishes

Expanding Horizons Advanced/Level 3

- Safe and ethical practices for poultry welfare
- Genetics
- Flock management
- Safe handling of meat and eggs
- Processing meat birds
- Poultry careers

Learn more at www.kentucky4h.org or contact your county extension office.





Take Poultry Further!

Explore Poultry:

- Enter to show an animal in the county or state fair.
- Participate in an Embryology in the Classroom Project.
- Give a 4-H Speech or Demonstration related to poultry (such as the care and management of chickens or how to prepare an egg dish).

Events:

- 4-H Poultry Judging Contest
- 4-H Poultry Showmanship Contest
- Avian Bowl Contest
- Chicken and Turkey BBQ Contest
- Egg Chef Challenge Contest

For additional information visit the 4-H Poultry Program Website at <https://afs.ca.uky.edu/4h-youth/poultry>.

Exhibit Ideas

- Create a poster showing the costs associated with purchasing, caring for, and showing a chicken.
- Develop a video demonstrating how to grade an egg.
- Prepare an exhibit showcasing different breeds, and the advantages and disadvantages of each.
- Create a poster showing the body parts of your animal.
- Develop a display featuring different cuts of meat and how to properly prepare each one.
- Create a poster that includes important poultry terminology.

Resources

4-H Resources	Record Keeping
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ChickQuest Teacher/Leader Guide • ChickQuest Log Book • Kentucky Egg Chef Challenge Publication • Kentucky 4-H Poultry Barbecue Contests • Hatching with My "Peeps" Embryology Countdown Calendar • Kentucky 4-H Chicken and Turkey BBQ Project Publication • National Avian Bowl Manual • For specific project and record books contact Dr. Jacquie Jacob. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record time each day spent feeding and caring for your animal. • Record egg production for hens or growth rate of meat chickens. • Record costs associated with owning and caring for your animal, including veterinary expenses, food, supplies, etc. • Record veterinary and health care provided for your animal, including sicknesses, parasite control, etc.

