

4-H Poultry Projects



GENERAL DATES:

March 15 : Registration Due

April-May: Chick Arrival

July-Sept: Clinics & NPIP Tests

Aug-Nov: County & Regional Shows

Oct 11: Pee Dee Region Show (mandatory)

Open to all youth Ages 5-18

Must be a 4-H member (\$10)

Cost: \$10 - \$68

4-H Poultry Projects engage youth in learning life skills while having fun raising chickens. Throughout South Carolina, youth have the option to participate in a variety of poultry projects. In the **The 4-H Pullet Chain**, youth raise day old chicks for 5 to 7 months where youth care for, train, and prepare for a show and/or final sale. **The 4-H Laying Flock Project** is designed for youth that already have laying hens at home and are not interested in raising new chicks this year. Participants in this project have the same access to shows as the Pullet Chain participants. Periodically throughout the project year, youth and their families will receive a project newsletter that will provide valuable information to ensure that the youth are setup to succeed. Note that SC 4-H poultry project opportunities and shows are offered through local county 4-H programs.

The objectives of 4-H Poultry Projects are that youth will:

- Set goals , plan activities and strategies to achieve desired outcomes.
- Reflect on their yearly work by documenting their skill development and learning experiences.
- Give back to their communities through educational and service activities.
- Learn valuable skills in record keeping, financial management, and written communication.
- Gain valuable life lessons by caring and providing for their 4-H birds.

For registration or more information visit the website below or contact your local Clemson Extension Office. If your county is not hosting a local 4-H poultry project, view the SC 4-H Poultry Project map on the SC 4-H website for the nearest project.
https://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/project_areas/ag_animals/livestock/youth_ls_poultry.html

Your contacts for the Pee Dee Region: Miracle Rabon- Horry County 4-H Agent, 843-234-7715 or llewis2@Clemson.edu and Carly Smith- Williamsburg County 4-H Agent, 843-355-6106 or carly2@Clemson.edu

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Participant Responsibilities and Details

Registration

- Participants must be age 5-18 as of January 1; refer to your local 4-H Poultry Project coordinator for online or paper registration contract.
- https://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/project_areas/ag_animals/livestock/youth_ls_poultry.html
- County or Regional 4-H Pullet Chains may offer online registration. Register through the county you wish to participate in 4-H or nearest active 4-H poultry project (refer to map on SC 4-H Poultry Project website for details).
- Sibling Fee Option: See website for full details. \$5 per sibling to participate.

Project Expectations

- Pick up chicks, care for them in the project duration, participate in minimum 1 show, participate in 4-H auction, and complete (and submit) 4-H Poultry Project Record Book.
- Provide a brooder space that is a safe and protective environment for your chicks (consider weather, temperature, wildlife, pets, or other animals that may harm chicks).
- Provide appropriate spacing for your flock (minimum 3'x3' per bird coop space).
- Provide a nutritional diet for birds to grow properly with a starter-grower ration, 18-22% crude protein is recommended. Change feed to a layer ration at egg production age (around 5-6 months for most breeds). Free choice, clean water at all times.

Activities & Events

- **Chick Pick-up:** 4-H Poultry Project coordinators will notify participants with date, time(s), and locations. Tentative Pee Dee pick-up is late April, early May. Recommended: small animal crate or ventilated cardboard box, and substrate for day-old chicks to stand on and stay warm.
- **Shows:** Each participant is encouraged to show at least once in the county or region that they registered through. County, multi-county and regional show schedules will be available on a State 4-H Livestock Show Calendar; shows will be independently run by the county, multi-county, or regional effort.
- **NPIP Testing & Clinics:** NPIP testing will be done the week of the Pee Dee Region Pullet Chain Show. Details will be communicated per county/regional projects and is required within 90 days prior to exhibiting and/or selling poultry. Youth are encouraged to practice showmanship independently or at show clinics.
- **Auction/Sale of Poultry:** You must return 4 birds to the Pee Dee Region Pullet Chain Auction. The auction will be held following the Pee Dee Region Pullet Chain Show. The funds from the sale of the birds will support the Pee Dee Region Pullet Chain Project.
- **Prizes/Awards/Deposits:** Shows and auctions are run independently by event coordinators, therefore, prizes/awards will vary. Youth must participate in the Pee Dee Regional show, complete their record book, and auction/sale their 4 pullets to receive a deposit of \$40.

Should you require special accommodations due to a disability, please notify our office ten days prior to the event.

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Registration Contract for 4-H Pullet Chain & Backyard Layer Flock

Name: _____ **Birthdate:** _____

Parent/Guardian Info: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____
(email will be used for 4-H project communication only; incl. important info/dates)

Phone: _____ **Alt. Phone** _____

4-H County: _____

Before you receive your 4-H project animals, you should locate the nearest veterinarian or person qualified to work with poultry, in case of an emergency. You also need to know your local 4-H and/or livestock Clemson Extension agents.

2019 4-H Poultry Project Options and Pricing

\$_____ Cost of 4-H Chick Order (refer to pricing page and breed selection)

\$_____ 4-H Membership fee \$10 (for non-4-H members); Complete 4-H Member Enrollment Form

\$_____ General registration fee \$10 (not applicable to siblings or Backyard Layer Flock Project, only one per order of chicks)

\$_____ Sibling Fee (\$5 per child wishing to participate in project; List names, ages) _____

\$_____ I already own a "backyard layer flock" and wish to participate in the project to complete a record book, local project activities, and showmanship (\$10)

\$_____ Total registration fees owed. (Submit chick breed selection with your registration!)

I, _____ (4-H Member), agree to the responsibility of raising poultry. I understand the requirements and needs necessary for my animal to grow properly and maintain a healthy and safe environment for it. I also understand that it is my responsibility to register for events, communicate with project coordinators, as well as, care for animals after the 4-H project ends. I also agree that all expenses are my responsibility in the 4-H Poultry Project.

(Participant Signature & Date)

(Parent's Signature)

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4-H Pullet Project Pricing

(This form is not necessary for Backyard Layer Flock Project)

4-H Member Name: _____

4-H County: _____

You are encouraged to research each breed before choosing your 4-H project birds. The breeds to choose from have been noted for their prolific egg laying and/or success in 4-H poultry projects. Each breed offered through the 4-H program will be coming from an approved NPIP hatchery. These are ordered as "pullets" and the hatchery guarantees 90% accuracy on sexing birds for the entire 4-H order.

Chick pricing is based on the TOTAL number of chicks you order. Your county/regional 4-H poultry project coordinator can provide further information on the final 4-H poultry show and auction.

2019 4-H Chick Breeds and Pricing

- 12 Golden Comets = \$40
- 12 Rhode Island Reds = \$40
- 12 Cuckoo Marans = \$43

(4-H Members participating in the final 4-H auction, bringing 4 of their 12 chicks back will receive a \$40 deposit after the final show/auction. Any returned fees/deposits, are ONLY from the chick prices, not additional sibling fees, membership fees, or show entry fees. Youth must participate in the Pee Dee Regional show, complete their record book, and auction/sale their 4 pullets to have \$40 refunded as a "deposit". Additional awards/prizes earned may vary at county/multi-county, regional or state level.

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