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Poultry

Project levels are designed for members 8-18 years old.

Starting Out - Beginner

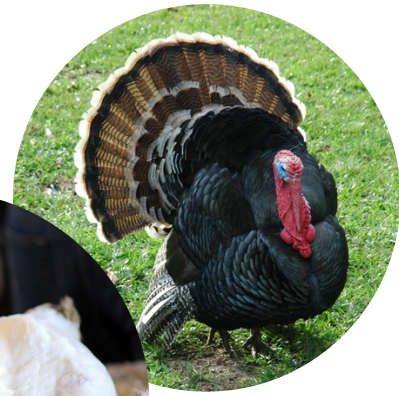
Inspiring youth to:

- Learn about poultry
- Learn how to produce a safe, wholesome product
- Identify the parts of various poultry
- Learn about nutritional requirements and different types of feed
- Practice evaluating poultry
- Learn about a chicken's digestive system
- Identify common poultry diseases
- Learn how to keep records
- Learn how to assume responsibility

Learning More - Intermediate

Inspiring youth to:

- Investigate technology's impact on poultry production
- Learn how to exhibit your animal
- Purchase, feed, and care for birds
- Learn about goal setting
- Gain knowledge of sound management practices
- Develop sportsmanship and public speaking skills



Exploring Depth - Advanced

Inspiring youth to:

- Raise your own birds
- Learn how to deal with current issues related to raising poultry
- Gain leadership skills by helping others learn about poultry
- Explore career opportunities in the poultry industry
- Build lifelong friendships

Projects Available

- Show Chickens
- Market & Breeding Chickens
- Market & Breeding Turkeys
- Geese
- Ducks
- Pigeons
- Game birds

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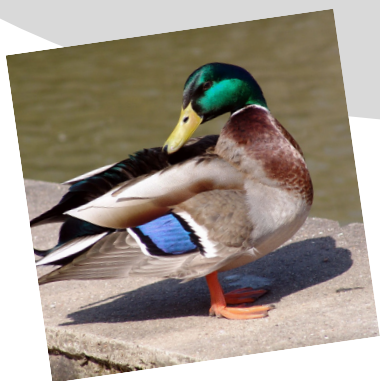
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Tips:

- Poultry require around 2-6 square feet per bird depending on species.
- They need a pen or a shelter from the weather and from predators.
- Poultry for fairs are usually born between January 1st and April 30. Market Chickens may be born later.
- Good nutrition is critical for the success of the project. Visit with your Extension 4-H Specialist and your local feed store for feeding help.
- Clean water daily is essential for poultry.
- Parasite control is necessary to promote poultry growth and health. Visit with your veterinarian for a parasite plan.
- Egg production can be a business!



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Resources:

- Exhibit & Judging Requirements
- Record Books
- Manual Information

Located at: Colorado4h.org

Poultry Industry Careers



Poultry Producer

Raise and sell or manage poultry operations for breeding, show bird, and meat purposes



Food Safety

Work with producers and manufacturers to ensure poultry products safety



Diagnostic

Provide diagnostic services to test for potential diseases or illnesses



Research

Study different aspects of the industry to help improve poultry production and ensure safe products



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Degrees/Certifications:

Genetics & Research
Animal Science-Poultry Production
Disease Management
Human Resources
Nutrition
Food Safety/Microbiology
Meat Science
Engineering/Design
Veterinary Medicine



Education

Opportunity to teach others about poultry production



Political Appointments

Support regulations to assist those involved in animal production or public health



Information Technology

Provide critical services utilizing technological advances



Processing Plant Owner

Provide retail meat cutting services or supply poultry products to consumers