



# ADAMS COUNTY

## COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

### EXTENSION

## Project Tips - Poultry, Meat & Egg Production

### Important Dates

#### February 1:

4-H Re-Enrollment Deadline

March-May:

MQA Training

#### April 1:

4-H Enrollment Deadline

(New Members)

#### June 15:

Animal ID due on 4HOnline

Animal Care (Primary Care) Form Due

#### Mid June:

Animal Record Book Interviews

#### Late June/Early July:

Fair Entries Close

#### Early August:

Adams County Fair

#### September:

Animal Record Books Due (Friday before Labor Day)

View the 4-H Calendar:

<http://adams4h.org/4-h-events/>

### Project Considerations

Difficulty:

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Cost:

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1. Are you interested in raising your own eggs or meat?
2. Would you like to participate in the Jr. Livestock Sale, but are unable to raise large livestock?

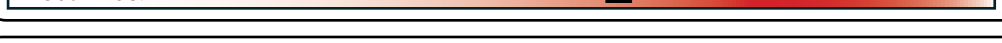
### Project Timeline



Other Birds:



Meat Birds:



### About the Project

	Project Skills	Life Skills
Head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raise poultry/fowl to exhibit/sell</li> <li>• Select/breed poultry based on breed, egg laying or meat capabilities</li> <li>• Track animal health, feed costs, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal Setting</li> <li>• Decision Making</li> <li>• Keeping Records</li> </ul>
Heart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe your poultry's breed standards and faults when exhibiting to a judge.</li> <li>• Help another member train their animal for show</li> <li>• Vote on 4-H club decisions using parliamentary procedure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Sharing</li> <li>• Cooperation</li> </ul>
Hands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage animal feed for optimum egg or meat production and uniformity</li> <li>• Recognize and serve community needs</li> <li>• Teach the public about animals and agriculture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marketable skills</li> <li>• Community service volunteering</li> <li>• Leadership</li> </ul>
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practice handling my animal regularly</li> <li>• Feed, water, and care for my animal daily</li> <li>• Learn from mistakes or failures.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-discipline</li> <li>• Self-responsibility</li> <li>• Character</li> </ul>

### Project Requirements

**Poultry Project members who intend to exhibit their animal(s) at the Adams County Fair must complete the following to remain eligible for fair entry and exhibition:**

1. Enroll in the Poultry Project by the enrollment deadline.
2. Complete the Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) Training annually.
3. Complete and file an Animal Care and Housing Form on 4HOnline by deadline.
4. ID all poultry in 4HOnline by June 15 deadline.
5. Attend Animal Record Book Interviews and present an up-to-date E-Record Book.
6. Enter by the Fair entry deadline.
7. Complete and turn in the Livestock Project E-Record the Friday before Labor Day to the Extension Office

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## Additional Information - Animal Entry in 4hOnline

1. 4-H members will be required to enter their animals in the 4hOnline enrollment system. This page will help summarize the information required in this system.
2. All poultry project animals must be entered in the 4hOnline system no later than June 15th of the current project year.
3. Poultry project members must be sure to correctly enter their poultry in the proper poultry type.
4. Options are: Chickens (Show Birds), Ducks, Geese, Pigeons & Game Birds, Breeding Chicken - Egg Production, Poultry Market Chicken, Turkey Breeding and Turkey Market.
5. It is highly recommended that any and all animals with the potential of attending Fair have ID in 4hOnline. If an animals does not have ID, it will not be allowed at Fair.



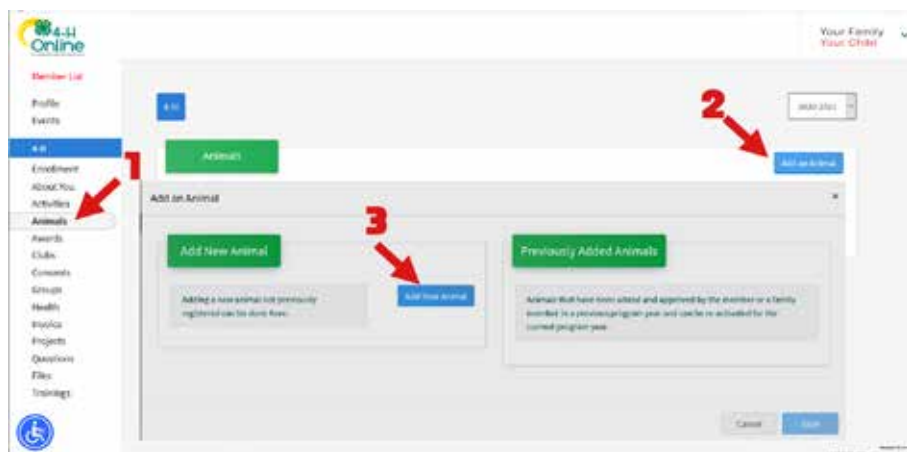
Log in to [4hOnline](#)

Select the 4-H member

1 - Click Animals

2 - Click Add an Animal

3 - Click Add New Animal in the popup window



## Steps for Success:

1. Sign up for 4-H Fourcast Newsletters
2. Attend club meetings & meet your club's poultry leader & other poultry members
3. Order the poultry project manuals through your Club Leader to help you learn
4. Download the Livestock E-Recordbook and the egg production supplement
5. Review Fair premium book to understand show rules and classes
6. Attend required and optional club and county workshops to learn
7. Work on Livestock E-Recordbooks regularly.
8. When in doubt, contact the 4-H office with questions

## Resources

- 4-H Poultry Project Manuals -Available at: <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/animals/>
- Story's Guide to Raising Chickens & Ducks
- Adams County Fair Premium Book - [www.adamscountyextension.org](http://www.adamscountyextension.org)
- 4-H Project Leader/ Fair Superintendent
- Adams County Extension Staff

**Stay up to date!**

News/Events/Social Media Posts  
<http://adams4h.org/4-h-news-events/>

## Record Book

Poultry Exhibitors use the Livestock E-Record:

- <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/animals/>
- Don't forget the Poultry egg production supplement

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### Required Information:

Tag - Leg band number or nickname  
Animal Name - identifier or nickname  
Breed  
Sex - required for Turkeys

### Optional Information

Tag color  
Tattoo  
Photos  
Weight Info  
Color + Markings