



ADAMS COUNTY

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

EXTENSION

Project Tips - Poultry, Show (Non-Meat)

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 poultry?
2. Does your neighborhood allow poultry but not larger livestock animals?

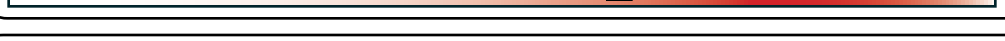
Project Timeline



Other Birds:



Meat Birds:



About the Project

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

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 are 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 animal 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
- 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:

Animal Name - name or identifier

Birth date - Date of purchase or hatch date

Sex

Breed

Optional Information

Photos

Tag - Leg band

Color + Markings

Type of Poultry

Animal Age