Poultry Project Tipsheet

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Colorado 4-H Poultry Tipsheet

Poultry Projects

Breeding & Market Chickens
Breeding & Market Turkeys ("Breeding" does not mean mating in 4-H, it mean the bird is a specific, known breed)
Duck
Geese
Pigeons
Game Birds
Show Birds

Poultry Classes at the Adams County Fair

See Fair Premium Book for detailed/updated class info

- **Showmanship**
- **Premier Exhibitor**
- **Poster Exhibit**
- **Dress a Poultry**
- **Breed**
- **Production Pens**
  - **Meat**
  - **Egg**

Poultry Opportunities

Check the Fourcast regularly for poultry-related events

2024-2025 Timeline

See Animal Project Save-the-Dates for detailed/updated deadline info

February 1: 4-H Returning Member Enrollment Deadline

April 1: 4-H New Member Enrollment Deadline

April 28 & 29: Meat Quality Assurance Training & Test

June 5: Fair Entry website opens

June 15: Animal ID due on 4-HOnline, Animal Care and Housing Form due to 4-H Office

June 23 & 24: Animal Record Book Interviews

July 3: Fair Entry website closes

July 30: Poultry Show at the Adams County Fair

August 29: Record Book Due

View the 4-H Calendar

Questions?

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Project Requirements

Poultry Project members who intend to exhibit their animal(s) at the Adams County Fair must complete the following:

- ✓ Enroll in the Poultry Project in 4-HOnline

- ✓ Complete and submit an [Animal Care and Housing Form](#) to the 4-H office by June 15

- ✓ Identify all poultry in 4-HOnline by June 15
  - Required in 4-H Online:
    - Animal Name (or identifier)
    - Birth date (Date of purchase or hatch date)
    - Sex
    - Breed
    - Tag (leg band; for production birds only; if your bird doesn't have a tag yet, enter "000")
  - Optional in 4-H Online:
    - Photos
    - Tag - Leg band
    - Color + Markings
    - Type of Poultry
    - Animal Age
  - For a how-to guide to animal ID in 4-H Online, click any animal on the [state 4-H Online page](#), tab: Family Resources

- ✓ Attend the Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) training once per year and pass the MQA test

- ✓ Keep record of your poultry project in the Livestock Record Book available for download on the [Colorado 4-H website](#)

- ✓ Present an up-to-date Livestock Record Book (also called e-record) with a green record book cover (buy [here](#)) at Record Book Interviews

- ✓ Enter fair classes on the Fair Entry website by July 3

- ✓ Complete and turn in the Livestock Record Book with a green cover and any necessary [supplements](#) for egg producers by Friday before Labor Day to the Extension Office.

Recommendations

- Download a copy of the [Poultry Resource Handbook](#)
- Visit our [Poultry Project Page](#)
- Read the General Rules, Livestock, Equine & Small Animal Rules, and 4-H Poultry sections of the [Fair Premium Book](#)