



## 2017 4-H Chick Chain Project

### How does the 4-H Chick Chain Project work?

- Select two different breeds of chicks to raise. You'll get six chicks of each breed = 12 chicks
- The breeds you can select from include:
  - Ameraucana (Easter Egger)
  - Barred Rocks
  - Black Australorp
  - Buff Orpington
  - Light Brahma (quantities are limited)
  - Rhode Island Red
  - White Leghorn
- In March, You will pick up your 12, 1-2 day old chicks from your county specified site.
- You'll raise and care for your chicks for about 21 weeks; within this time, you'll complete a 4-H project book and attend a workshop that will help you learn more about raising, showing, and selling your chickens.
- You'll participate in a show and showmanship contest with your best three pullets from one breed.
- An auction will be held for anyone interested in selling some or all of their hens, but participation in the auction is optional, and not a requirement for this project. Registration for the auction will be separate and come later on in your Chick Chain Project. **Once registered for the auction, there will be a \$15 penalty fee to drop out of the auction. After a certain deadline, youth will not be permitted to drop out of or sign up for the auction.**

### What do youth learn by participating in the 4-H Chick Chain Project?

- Poultry nutrition and care to produce healthy chickens
- Communication skills
- Basic business practices
- Record keeping skills

### How can I participate?

1. You must be or become a 4-H member in your county and be at least 5 years old as of September 1st.
2. Complete the registration form. Take it and your \$50 fee to your 4-H Agent.
3. Attend the mandatory youth/parent or guardian meeting.
4. Pick up your chicks.
5. Participate in the Poultry Perfection Care and Showmanship Workshop.
6. Participate in the 4-H show and showmanship.
7. Families may share one project between youth.
8. Each youth must complete their own record book and will participate in the show and showmanship separately.
9. If you participated in the 4-H Chick Chain the previous year, you may participate in the show and showmanship production class with three birds of the same breed

## 2017 Important Dates & Project Timeline

<b>February 1</b>	4-H Chick Chain Registration begins	Includes form and \$50 fee
<b>February 17</b>	<b>4-H Chick Chain T-Shirt Contest Entries Due</b>	Entry due to local county 4-H Agent if you choose to participate.
<b>February 24</b>	<b>4-H Chick Chain Registration closes</b>	Late registrations will NOT be accepted
<b>TBD in each 4-H county</b>	Mandatory Orientation Meeting for youth, parent/guardian	Use of Pre-Recorded District Wide Instructional video available to audience hosted by each county 4-H Office
<b>*March 29</b> By 4:00 PM CST	Pick up chicks at Jackson County Extension Office	A volunteer will call all participants when the chicks arrive. <i>*Chicks may arrive day prior or day after March 29th - be prepared for this*</i>
<b>May-August</b>	Home Visit	One home visit with your 4-H Agent/ Chick Chain Volunteer Coordinator
<b>TBA</b>	4-H District I Poultry Perfection Workshop	Santa Rosa Extension Office Milton, Florida
<b>June 2</b> Time TBA	4-H District II Poultry Perfection Workshop	Washington County Ag Center – 1424 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, Florida
<b>TBA</b>	4-H District III Poultry Perfection Workshop	North FL Fair Building – 441 Paul Russell Rd, Tallahassee , Florida
<b>August 17</b> 5:30 PM CST 6:30 PM EST	Webinar Getting Ready for Chick Chain Show	Via video conference at your Extension Office
<b>September 11</b>	Portfolio due to your Extension Office	
<b>September 30</b>	4-H Chick Chain Show & Auction	

### Questions? Contact your 4-H Agent

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## 2017 4-H Chick Chain Project Registration- 1<sup>st</sup> Time Participant

I will raise my 12 chicks to the best of my ability. I agree to attend the mandatory meeting and participate in the show. My \$50 fee is included with my form. In the event that I am unable to participate in the show, I will inform my local 4-H Agent, and I understand that my fee will be forfeited.

4-Her Name	Date	County
Address		
City		Zip
Phone	Phone # to call you at when chicks arrive	
Email address		
4-Her Birthdate	Age	Grade
Parent Name		
Select a T-Shirt size (Optional) *All sizes are Adult <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Small- \$12.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Medium- \$12.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Large- \$12.00 <input type="checkbox"/> X-Large- \$12.00 <input type="checkbox"/> XX-Large- \$12.00 <input type="checkbox"/> XXX-Large- \$12.00		
<b>Put an X in the box of the two breeds of chickens you want for your 4-H Chick Chain Project</b>		
Americauna (Easter Egger)	Barred Rocks	Black Australorp
Buff Orpington	Light Brahma (quantities are limited)	Rhode Island Red
White Leghorn	Cooperative Coop- No Breed Needed	

**Return registration form and \$50 fee to your county 4-H agent by February 24<sup>th</sup>.**

## 2017 4-H Chick Chain Project Registration- Returning Participant

I was a participant in the 4-H Chick Chain the previous year and will be showing three laying hens from the same breed in the production class and showmanship.

4-Her Name	Date	County								
Address										
City		Zip								
Phone										
Email address										
4-Her Birthdate	Age	Grade								
Parent Name										
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