

# 4-H CHICK CHAIN

## SE Alabama & NW Florida Regions



### The 4-H Chick Chain project is designed to help 4-H'ers:

- learn to produce healthy chickens
- become aware of business practices
- develop record keeping skills
- realize the pride of accomplishment

### How the Chick Chain works.

You will select 6 chicks from three different breeds, for a total of 18 chicks. The selection of breeds you will choose from include: **Black Laced Golden Wyandotte, Buff Orpington, Dominique, Easter Egger and Rhode Island Red.** (Note that Easter Eggers are a selection but are not a breed per se and do not conform to a breed standard, but they are considered very good layers). During the spring, you will receive 18 chicks that are 1-2 days old and are all pullets (females). They will come from a reputable hatchery and will be properly vaccinated. You will care for these pullets for approximately 21 weeks. At that time, you will bring your 3 best pullets (all of the same breed) to the 4-H Chick Chain Show and Auction. As long as you participate with your 3 pullets, you will receive back your deposit and applicable awards and auction monies.

### How to participate.

1. Complete the registration form with a \$50.00 check made out to your local 4-H Association, to be received by **March 18, 2015.** (FL 4-H Agents will then turn all registrations and monies in to AL 4-H.)

2. Both youth and a parent/guardian are required to come to the Dale County Extension Office in Ozark for a **mandatory meeting.** FL 4-H youth & parent(s) will attend the mandatory meeting on **April 28, 2015.** The meeting will be from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, and is designed to provide valuable information to help you prepare for and raise your pullets. During the mandatory meeting, you will receive several **flyers** to post at various locations in your community.... after all, the more people that come to the show and auction....the more money your pullets may bring!
3. Holmes County 4-H will pick up your 18 pullets from the Dale County Extension Office (as a courtesy) on **May 15, 2015 (estimated date of arrival).** You will be called as soon as the chicks arrive to arrange to pick up the chicks no later than 3:00 p.m. from the Holmes County Ag Center [Bonifay, FL].
4. A showmanship clinic will be offered on **July 14, 2015** from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM at the Holmes County Ag Center [Bonifay, FL] to help prepare you for the show and auction. You will need to bring one of your chicks for showmanship practice.
5. The Southeast Alabama 4-H Chick Chain Show and Auction will be held at the Ag-Plex Arena in Ozark, AL on **October 3, 2015.** Bring your 3 best pullets.... have fun and do your best!

### Who can participate?

Bona fide 4-H'ers who meet Alabama 4-H age eligibility (9 years old as of January 1, 2015) from the following counties:

**AL:** Barbour, Coffee, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Pike, Russell

**FL:** Holmes, Jackson, Leon, Liberty, Walton, and Washington



# 2015 SE Alabama & NW Florida Regions Chick Chain Registration Form

**(Local FL 4-H County Registration Deadline: March 18, 2015)**

I will raise the 18 chicks (selected from the three breeds below) to the best of my ability, and I will bring 3 pullets (of the same breed) to the show and auction on October 3, 2015. A \$50 deposit is included with this registration, and I understand the deposit will be returned to me after my participation in the show and auction. I understand that the meeting on April 28, 2015 in Ozark, AL is mandatory for all Chick Chain participants. In the event that I am unable to participate in the show and auction, I will inform my local 4-H Agent, and I also understand that my deposit will be forfeited.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-Her Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ County

4-Her Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ **OTHER PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(day-time number to be reached when chicks arrive)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE three of the breeds below:**  
**Black Laced Golden Wyandotte**  
**Buff Orpington**  
**Dominique**  
**Easter Egger**  
**Rhode Island Red**

**RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM AND A \$50 DEPOSIT TO BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 18, 2015 TO YOUR LOCAL 4-H OFFICE. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO YOUR LOCAL 4-H COUNTY.**

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