

Wilson County 4-H
2020 Chick Chain
Rules and Regulations

Chick Chain members are recruited through 4-H correspondence and local 4-H Clubs. A participant must be a member of a 4-H Club or a 4-H Group, (ages 5-18) and have completed 4-H registration at nc.4honline.com. **Sign up should be no later than March 13, 2020.** Note: Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) are classified as non-competitive in 4-H, but will be eligible to show. The Grand & Reserves will come from age divisions of 8-18 years of age.

1. Each participant may receive **up to 5 chicks** of approximately the same age and similar breed conformation around the week of **May 4.**
2. **New participants are required to attend the poultry orientation and clinic. Others are encouraged to attend. Orientation will be held on April 27, at 7pm, following 4-H County Council.** Participants will learn about how to care for their chicks upon arrival. **The poultry pre-show clinic will be held in October. The date will be announced later.** Participants will learn about proper care of their chickens, showmanship, show prep, nutrition, and more. You are encouraged to bring a chicken to the clinic to practice with.
3. Members will raise the chicks to maturity (or until the Chick Chain Show) under the supervision of the guardians and Extension Agent. The chickens will be checked at time of check-in for diseases and/or complications. Diseased birds will NOT be eligible to show. *If you experience a bird fatality, please call or email the 4-H agent IMMEDIATELY. Pictures may be required for proof.*
4. Members will be responsible for all expenses incurred while raising them (i.e. feed, medication, facility, etc.). If you need a poultry veterinarian, please ask your 4-H or Livestock Extension agent.
5. **Participants will present one of their birds at the 2020 Chick Chain Show & Sale on November 14.** A poultry expert will judge the event and award the winners. The NC Department of Agriculture Poultry Inspector will inspect/test the birds for parasites, diseases at the time of check-in.
6. If 4-H members do not exhibit in the Chick Chain Show & Sale, they will be **fined \$50** to help with the cost of the birds *unless there is documentation of complete flock fatality.*
7. 4-H members are to complete a 4-H Poultry Project Record Book, to be *turned in no later than November 27, 2020.* The best project record book in each age division will receive a ribbon and monetary prize added to the check. If no book is turned in, you will not be mailed your auction check.
8. **Awards given at the Chick Chain Show include:**
 - Ribbon for each Cloverbud participant
 - Trophy to Grand & Reserve Champions
 - Trophy for Showmanship Champion
 - Ribbons for the winning Project Record Books (\$25 for 1st place winner in each age division with the exception of Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) which are non-competitive).

The sale is supported by local businesses and interested individuals. The money received from the sale is used to support 4-H'ers and up to twenty (20) percent will go towards Wilson County 4-H Poultry projects and awards.

Note: Sponsors/buyers who do not wish to take possession of the birds can resell/rehome them to individuals wanting to take the birds home.

Wilson County 4-H Chick Chain Application & Agreement

Deadline: March 13, 2020

Name (printed): _____
(First) (MI) (Last)

Age (as of January 1) _____ Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Grade: _____

Male: _____ Female: _____ School: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Email: _____ (primary form of communication)

Parent(s) Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

4-H Club: _____

On next page, select the breed(s) you would like to order & indicate on form how many you want. (limit 5)

- *If I fail to exhibit a bird at the 4-H Chick Chain Show & Sale, I must pay \$50 for the cost of the chicks and show/sale expenses. I will take photographs of any major casualties in my flock and report it to the Extension Agent immediately (this includes disease, predator massacres, and/or negligence).*
- *I will be responsible for reading and understanding all rules and regulations that are required to meet the standards of the 4-H Chick Chain Show & Sale (page 1). I realize that I am to turn in a completed Project Record Book no later than November 27, 2020. Checks will not be written unless a Project Record Book is submitted.*

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

4-H Member's Signature: _____

Agent's Signature: _____

Return these forms to the 4-H office no later than March 5, 2019.
Must have a current 4-H enrollment form on file.

You can mail, fax or email the forms to Jessica Manning.

Postal address: 1806 SW Goldsboro St., Wilson, NC 27893

Fax: 252-237-0114 Email: Jessica_manning@ncsu.edu

For any questions, call 252-237-0113. An orientation meeting will be held on April 3, at 6pm to learn how to care for your new chicks.

Buff Cochin

- mature to 8.5lbs
- good layers
- excellent disposition
- medium brown eggs



How Many??

Buttercup

- mature to 5lbs
- medium white eggs
- better disposition
- good layer



How Many??

Lakenvelder

- matures to 4lbs
- medium white eggs
- great heat tolerance
- good layer



How Many??

Silver Gray Dorking

- mature to 7lbs
- medium cream eggs
- good layers
- better disposition



How Many??

White Orpington

- mature to 8lbs.
- better layer
- medium brown eggs
- good disposition



How Many??

White Crested Black Polish

- mature to 4.5lbs.
- better layer
- medium white eggs
- better disposition



How Many??

**PLEASE
NOTE:**

It may be to your competitive advantage to do breed research before ordering. Each breed has different dispositions and maturity rates. However, all of these breeds were chosen for their “egg-cellent” qualities.

Chicks will be coming from Murray McMurray Hatchery in 2020 and vaccinated for Coccidiosis.