



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 April 5, 2024.** 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 4 chicks** of approximately the same age and similar breed conformation around **the week of May 15.**
2. *****Cost to participate is \$20 per person. **** At the auction, there will only be 5% taken out to help cover the cost of birds and show materials for the next year's show.
3. **New participants are required to attend the poultry orientation and clinic. Others are encouraged to attend. Orientation will be held on April 22, at 6:00pm, before 4-H County Council.** Participants will learn about how to care for their chicks upon arrival. **A pre-show clinic will be held on October 10.** 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.
4. 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.
5. 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 for info.
6. **Participants will present one of their birds at the 2024 Chick Chain Show & Sale on November 2nd.** 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.
7. 4-H members are to complete a 4-H Poultry Project Record Book, to be turned in no later than November 15, 2024. The best project record book in each age division will receive a monetary prize added to the check. If no book is turned in, you will not be given your auction check until it is turned in.
8. **Awards given at the Chick Chain Show include:**
 - Ribbon for each Cloverbud participant
 - Trophy Banner to Grand & Reserve Champions
 - Trophy Banner for Showmanship Champions
 - Project Record Book Prizes (\$25 for 1st place, \$15 for 2nd place, \$10 for 3rd 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 five (5) 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.

[REGISTRATION FORM HERE:](#)



Wilson County 4-H Chick Chain Application & Agreement

Deadline: April 5, 2024

Speckled Sussex

- mature to 7lbs
- large brown eggs
- better disposition
- recovering heritage breed



White Giant

- mature to 10lbs
- large brown eggs
- better disposition
- heritage breed



Black Langshan

- matures up to 7.5lbs
- medium brown eggs
- excellent disposition
- rare heritage breed



Columbian Wyandotte

- mature to 6.5lbs
- medium brown eggs
- better disposition
- heritage breed



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 2024 and vaccinated for Coccidiosis and Marek's Disease.



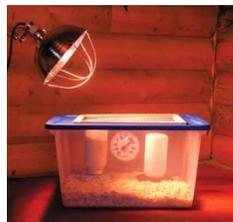
Use this QR code to register.

Choose up to **4 chicks**.

Same or different breeds.

Before your chicks come home, make sure you have the following set-up and ready:

- Brooder box with pine shavings
- Heat lamp or heat plate
- Waterer with fresh clean water
- Feeder with chick starter feed



WEEK	TEMPERATURE
1	95°F
2	90°F
3	85°F
4	80°F
5	75°F
6	70°F
7	65°F
8	60°F