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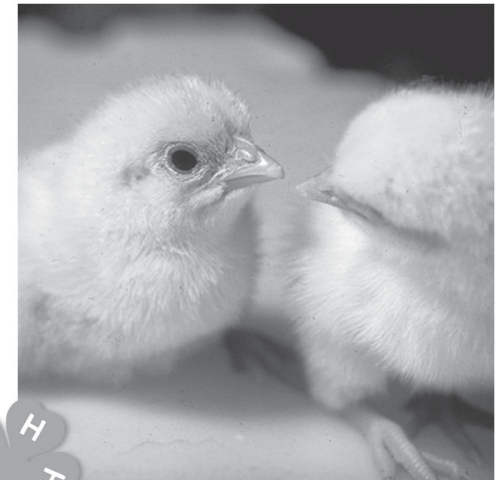
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Wyoming 4-H Livestock Projects



The 4-H Poultry Project: AN INTRODUCTION

Enjoy the exciting experiences
and educational challenges
of caring for and learning
from another creature



4-H Livestock Projects Offer....

Fun and exciting experiences—the joy of making new friends through club meetings, county fair activities, state fair events, and national programs.

Challenges—the responsibility of caring for an animal and learning about production, management, nutrition, health, grooming, showing, and ethics.

Life skills—the understanding of citizenship, leadership, self-respect, coping, decision making, and caring for others that leads to a positive and productive life.

Competition—the opportunity to exhibit an animal, demonstrate showmanship, display sportsmanship, and produce record books.

Goals for the 4-H Poultry Project....

4-H Members can learn about:

- Breeds, Types, and Kinds of Poultry
- Correct Nutrition and Care
- Proper Care and Management
- Selection and Production Practices
- Breeding and Feeding Procedures
- Proper Fitting and Grooming Skills
- Showmanship Skills and Techniques
- Ethics and Sportsmanship

Opportunities in the 4-H Poultry Project....

4-H Members can:

- Participate in the County Fair
- Participate in the State Fair
- Participate in Progress Shows
- Participate in Breed Association Activities
- Become a member of a Judging Team
- Attend National Events and Activities
- Become a Junior Leader and assist younger members with their projects.

Ownership, Possession, and Financial Estimations for the 4-H Poultry Project....

Market Chickens

(broilers, cockerels and pullets)

Purchase cost: \$.30 and up per chick with an average cost of about \$.50 and a typical order is about 25 to 50 chicks.

Feed: Provide about 300 pounds of feed over the length of the project, which is about 50 days.

Sale of meat pen (three birds): About \$125.

Possession/ownership date: An exhibitor must own the chicks from the day they are hatched, which should be about 7 to 8 weeks prior to the show.

Exhibition Poultry (chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese)

Purchase cost: \$1 and up per hatchling with an average cost of about \$2.50 depending on the age, sex, breed, and type of bird. A typical order is usually about 15 to 25 hatchlings.

Feed: Provide about 1,000 pounds per year per 15 hatchlings. This varies greatly depending on the age, sex, breed, and type of bird.

Sale of exhibition poultry: Exhibition poultry are not typically sold at the county fair. They are usually retained by the exhibitors for the production of hatchlings, or they sold via private treaty sales.

Possession/ownership date: June 1st. It is possible to show exhibition poultry for more than one show season.