



POULTRY



WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Explore the poultry industry, including turkeys, chickens, ducks, geese, pheasants, guinea hens, pigeons or quail. Learn about species and breeds, eggs, feather features, health, feeding, handling, washing, managing a flock, ethics, showing and careers.

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN LEARN...

STARTING OUT

- ✿ Learn the different types of birds and what they're used for
- ✿ Identify different breeds
- ✿ Locate and name parts of a bird
- ✿ Learn proper feeding techniques
- ✿ Learn about poultry conformation
- ✿ Explore chicken eggs
- ✿ Identify feather patterns
- ✿ Analyze poultry feed
- ✿ Learn poultry showing basics

LEARNING MORE

- ✿ Learn about chick imprinting
- ✿ Explore flock pecking order
- ✿ Learn to read a feed tag
- ✿ Explore poultry products
- ✿ Learn about carcass grading
- ✿ Discover how an egg is formed
- ✿ Identify bird health
- ✿ Investigate poultry disease
- ✿ Learn about a bird's digestive system

GOING FURTHER

- ✿ Construct a poultry skeleton
- ✿ Manage your own laying flock
- ✿ Learn about poultry genetics
- ✿ Explore biotechnology
- ✿ Learn to process chickens
- ✿ Learn about food safety
- ✿ Learn about ethical issues related to poultry
- ✿ Investigate poultry related careers

RESOURCES

- ✿ *Scratching the Surface, Level 1 (06363)*
- ✿ *Testing Your Wings, Level 2 (06364)*
- ✿ *Flocking Together, Level 3 (06365)*
- ✿ *Poultry Helper's Guide (06366)*
- ✿ *The 4-H Poultry Project: An Introduction (uwyo.edu/4-h)*
- ✿ *PS 5.145 Producing Turkeys for Show (uwyo.edu/4-h)*

TAKE IT FURTHER!

- ✿ Tour a poultry farm
- ✿ Attend a poultry show and observe the judge and their techniques
- ✿ Design a business card or marketing brochure for your farm or imaginary farm
- ✿ Write an educational article about some aspect of poultry production for your newspaper
- ✿ Organize a poultry showmanship contest
- ✿ Attend a national poultry conference
- ✿ Ride with a local veterinarian to learn about animal health
- ✿ Visit a local grocery store to learn proper meat handling techniques
- ✿ Visit a hatchery
- ✿ Order eggs from a hatchery and hatch your own chickens or other poultry
- ✿ Participate in the 4-H Food Cookoff at Showcase Showdown and use poultry products in your dish

ENHANCE YOUR COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Give a demonstration on how to prepare poultry food products

Design a poster on parts of a bird

GET INVOLVED IN CITIZENSHIP AND SERVICE

Donate eggs to a local food pantry

Volunteer your bird for a local petting zoo

Build an incubator and hatch chicks in a elementary classroom or daycare

LEARN ABOUT LEADERSHIP

Lead a poultry selection and feeding clinic

Invite 4-H members to tour your poultry operation

Conduct an egg judging event for your club

EXHIBIT IDEAS

- ✿ Participate in the 4-H poultry show
- ✿ Make an egg laying box
- ✿ Research and design the best chicken coop layout
- ✿ Make your own chicken coop
- ✿ Make a poultry historical timeline
- ✿ Make a poster on the nutritive value of poultry
- ✿ Do a display on meat cuts and proper preparation
- ✿ Make a poster on feeding rations
- ✿ Photos of different breeds
- ✿ Video interview with a poultry producer
- ✿ Show poultry by-products
- ✿ Create a recipe book, display or presentation with egg or chicken recipes
- ✿ Create an exhibit, notebook or display discussing food safety and poultry products
- ✿ Build your own incubator
- ✿ Make a display of different types of feathers



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