



# 2024 Regional Chicken Project

Registration

Show: April 30, 2024

Entry Deadlines:

Hen Chicks: January 5th and Broiler Chicks: February 9th



Parent/Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ FFA, Please List School: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Schools can buy birds by the deadline and then sign youth up by February 9th. \*\*\*

Participant Name(s)	Birthdate	Age As of Jan 1, 2024	# Broilers <small>MAX 2 per Participant</small>	# Rhode Island Red (brown layer)	# Easter Egger (green layer)

**Max of 6 laying hen chicks (any combo Rhode Island Reds and Easter Eggers)	NUMBER	COST	TOTAL Of Each Line
Total # Broilers (Max 2 chicks)		\$2.50/bird	\$
Total # Rhode Island Reds		\$3.50/bird	\$
Total # Easter Eggers		\$4.00/bird	\$
<b>Total Cost For Birds</b>	-----	Broilers + Rhode Island Reds + Easter Eggers	\$
<b>Total Number of Participants</b>		\$5.00/youth	\$
<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	Total Cost of Birds <b>PLUS</b> total cost of participants		\$

**Due to hatchery numbers available, there is a limited number of laying hen chicks and they will be given out on a first come, first served basis. So please register early.**

**Checks payable to Bladen County Extension.**

**Return form & check to your county Extension Office by the deadline date.**

**Please check the boxes below:**

- I have read/understand all rules for the Regional Chicken Project.
- I will require my students/children to complete a poultry record book in order to exhibit.
- I understand that if participating as a **4-H participant**, and not an FFA participant, I must complete my registration in 4-H online to participate <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

Parent/Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **2024 Regional Chicken Project Rules**

1. Participants must be between the ages of 5 - 18, as of January 1, 2024 to participate in the program. They must be a 4-H member, a student taking an agriculture education class or a FFA member of a participating school. Youth can enroll in their county 4-H program to participate.
2. All participants must attend two mandatory trainings: an orientation training and a showmanship/project book training hosted by Cooperative Extension or a School Ag Ed Program. Youth who have attended an orientation in the past, can request an exemption from their agent. The initial training will be held via Zoom on **February 15th at 5:30 pm**. The showmanship/project record book training date is to be determined by each county and may be in person. Participants will be expected to do formal 4-H poultry showmanship. Those guidelines will be distributed and explained in detail at the training sessions, along with general information about raising birds. ALL participants **MUST** attend (or watch recordings of) **BOTH** training sessions or they will be deemed ineligible to compete (unless given an exemption for the orientation part). Youth must participate in the showing portion and the record book portion to complete the project and be eligible for prizes.
3. Each participant can receive the following:
  - a. Broiler Chicks (meat birds). The broilers will be returned to the chicken project committee, which will process the birds and donate the meat to local food banks. Max 2 broilers.
  - b. Laying Hen Chicks (brown egg layers and green egg layers). Max 6 laying hen chicks - combo of either breed up to 6.
  - c. Youth can show in multiple breed classes if you purchase multiple breeds, **but you must choose 1 bird for showmanship**.
  - d. Every child must have their own bird they are responsible for.

\*\*\*Hen breeds are subject to change based on availability at the hatchery.\*\*\*
4. Participants will raise the chicks until the **April 30th** show under the supervision of the parent/guardian or agricultural education class with help from Extension Agents and Teachers.
5. The Chicken Show may be canceled if there is any ban on showing chickens in effect due to the threat of Avian Influenza or any other reportable avian disease. Money paid will be refunded if canceled and chicks have not yet been received. Due to any human or avian disease issues, the Regional Chicken Project Planning Committee reserves the right to modify project requirements as needed to ensure project completion.
6. Participants will be responsible for all expenses incurred while raising the chickens (feed, medication, facility, etc.).
7. Participants will present 1 bird received from the Regional Chicken Project per class to show on **Tuesday, April 30th**. If you purchased multiple breeds for this project, you can show 1 bird in each breed class. The show location will be announced at a later date. A qualified adult will judge the show. A NC Department of Agriculture Poultry Inspector will inspect/test the birds for parasites/disease. Tentative time for the show date is 4:15-5:15 pm for registration and inspection of the bird by NCDA and show to start at 5:30 pm.
8. There will be no auction, but the committee can help find buyers if needed.

9. **If you have a disaster (loss of multiple birds), you must contact your local county Extension Agent or Agricultural Education Teacher immediately (within 24 hours) so they may verify the situation and/or provide photographic evidence.**
10. **Poultry Record Book must be completed and turned in by Tuesday, April 23rd by 5pm to your Livestock, 4-H agent, or your Ag. Ed. Teacher before the birds can be exhibited at the Chicken Show.** \*If record books are not turned in, youth will not be allowed to exhibit in the show. There will be different record books for 4-H and FFA/Ag Ed age categories. These will include a supplemental packet with learning activities about chickens. Depending upon circumstances, the Poultry Record Books may need to be turned in digitally.
11. All decisions by the judge are final. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, show or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, show, and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them. Potential disqualification from future events after review is possible.
12. Registration forms and entry fees are due by January 5, 2024 for hen chicks OR by February 9, 2024 for broilers. Forms and checks must be submitted by 5:00 pm on the due date to your county's Extension office or your Agriculture Education teacher. Anticipated bird arrival date is mid-February for laying hen chicks and March 18th or 19th for broilers.
13. Any special considerations not covered in the rules will be decided by the Regional Chicken Project Committee.
14. Awards given are as follows:
  - SHOWMANSHIP:**
    - CLOVERBUD (ages 5-7): all receive a medal
    - JUNIOR (ages 8-10): 1st-7th places receive ribbons and 1st-\$35, 2nd-\$30, 3rd-\$25, 4th-\$20 and 5th-\$15, 6<sup>th</sup>-\$10, and 7<sup>th</sup>-\$5. All others receive a participation ribbon.
    - INTERMEDIATE (ages 11-13): 1st-7th places receive ribbons and 1st-\$35, 2nd-\$30, 3rd-\$25, 4th- \$20 and 5th-\$15, 6<sup>th</sup>-\$10, and 7<sup>th</sup>-\$5. All others receive a participation ribbon.
    - SENIOR (ages 14-18): 1st-7th places receive ribbons and 1st-\$35, 2nd-\$30, 3rd-\$25, 4th-\$20 and 5th-\$15, 6<sup>th</sup>-\$10, and 7<sup>th</sup>-\$5. All others receive a participation ribbon.
  - BREED SHOW:**
    - Cloverbud: Participation ribbon
    - Grand Champion (1st) per breed: \$20
    - Reserve Champion (2nd) per breed: \$15
    - 3rd place per breed: \$10
  - Record Books:**
    - Cloverbud: all receive a ribbon
    - Prizes for each division:
      - 4-H Division Junior, Intermediate, and Senior: 1st- \$15, 2nd- \$10, 3rd- \$5
      - FFA/ Ag Ed Division 6-8 grade and 9-12 grade: 1st- \$15, 2nd- \$10, 3rd- \$5