



Poultry Project Tipsheet

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Link: [Colorado 4-H Poultry Project](#)

Poultry Projects

- Breeding & Market Chickens
- Breeding & Market Turkeys
 - "Breeding" does not mean mating and reproducing in 4-H, it means the bird is a specific, known breed.
- Breeding & Market Duck
- Geese
- Pidgeons
- Game Birds
- Show Birds

Poultry Classes at the Adams County Fair

View the [Fair Premium Book](#) for detailed/updated class info.

- Showmanship
- Premier Exhibitor
- Poster Exhibit
- Dress a Poultry
- Breed
 - Meat
 - Egg
- Production Pens

Poultry Opportunities

- **Poultry Project Workshops:**
March 4, June 24 at the Fairgrounds
- **Check the Adams County [Fourcast Newsletter](#)**
regularly for poultry-related events.

2025–2026 Timeline

See [Animal Project Save-the-Dates](#) for detailed/updated deadline info

February 1: 4-H Returning Member Enrollment Deadline

April 1: 4-H New Member Enrollment Deadline

April 27 & 28: Meat Quality Assurance Training & Test

June 3: Fair Entry website opens

June 15: Animal ID due on 4-H Online Meat doe ID due April 1, Animal Care and Housing Form due to 4-H Office

June 22 & 30: Animal Record Book Interviews

July 1: Fair Entry website closes

July 29: Poultry Show at the Adams County Fair

September 4: Record Book Due

View the [4-H Calendar](#)

Questions?

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Project Requirements

Poultry Project members who intend to exhibit their animal(s) at the Adams County Fair must complete the following:

- ✔ Enroll in the Poultry Project in 4-H Online
- ✔ Complete and submit an [Animal Care and Housing Form](#) to the 4-H office by June 15
- ✔ Identify all poultry in 4-H Online by June 15

Required in 4-H Online:

- Animal name (or identifier)
- Hatch date (or date of purchase)
- Sex
- Breed
- Leg band (for production birds only; if your bird doesn't have a tag, enter "000")

Optional in 4-H Online:

- Photo
- Tag number
- Color + markings
- Type of poultry

- ✔ Attend the Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) training once per year and pass the MQA test
- ✔ Keep record of your poultry project in the Livestock Record Book available for download on the [Colorado 4-H website](#)
- ✔ Present an up-to-date Livestock Record Book (also called e-record) with a green record book cover ([buy here](#)) at Record Book Interviews
- ✔ Enter fair classes on the Fair Entry website by July 1
 - Enter egg production breeds such as Sapphire Gems, Black/Red Stars, Whiting True Blues, Majestic Marans in Mixed Breed Division
 - If you are unsure of what Division to enter your poultry in, contact the Superintendent or 4-H office
- ✔ Complete and turn in the Livestock Record Book with a green cover and any necessary [supplements](#) for egg producers by Friday before Labor Day to the Extension Office.

Recommendations

- Buy or borrow a copy of the [Poultry Resource Handbook](#)
- Read the General Rules, Livestock, Equine & Small Animal Rules, and 4-H Poultry sections of the [Fair Premium Book](#)
- Attend the poultry workshops



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