

February 1, 2019

Dear Poultry Exhibitors,

Fair 2019 is nearly 6 months away and we are excited to some changes for the 2019 Poultry Show. The market poultry department has been restructured to mimic the Iowa State Fair 4-H and FFA Broiler Project shows.

The Broiler Project is an opportunity for a 4-H or FFA member to gain valuable experience in raising chicks to broiler-weight through partnership with a local sponsor. Sponsors will be sought by Poultry Superintendents for the 2019 fair. The sponsor will buy the chicks and the 4-H/FFA member raises the chicks and presents the best three birds to the sponsor as payment for the opportunity. 4-H/FFA member is responsible for whatever is necessary to raise the chicks to healthy broiler weight and processing of the birds. Failure to participate in the broiler class at fair will require members to pay full sponsorship fee to their designated sponsor.

\*This will be the only market broiler class; only birds through this project are eligible for this class.

- All birds will be purchased from the same hatchery and will be available for pick-up in May.
- Participants will receive 15 birds and exhibit 2 live broilers at the fair as a pen-of-two.
- Birds sponsored for this class cannot be exhibited in any other class.
- Broiler Project entries are limited to one entry per exhibitor. A pen of two birds must weigh a combined minimum of 12 pounds.
- Broilers will be judged on the following criteria: Cleanliness; Meatiness of Breast, Thigh, and Drumstick; Conformation of Body Structure; and General Health and Freedom from Defects.
- The project participant is required to get 3 birds dressed and delivered to the sponsor within two weeks of the Winneshiek County Fair.
- Exhibitors may sell the pen-of-two birds from the Broiler Project Class at the Livestock Auction on Saturday.

This opportunity is open to all exhibitors that wish to participate and will be featured in the February 4-H Newsletter. Ready to sign-up for this amazing opportunity? There are three simple steps to complete by March 1:

1. Be enrolled in 4hOnline.
2. Select the poultry project area under the Participation and Projects tabs.
3. Mail or drop off the attached registration form by **March 1** to the Winneshiek Extension and Outreach Office.

On behalf of Winneshiek County Poultry Superintendents: Lori Luzum, Suzi Bauer, and Dawson Bauer, we are excited to bring this opportunity to Winneshiek County in hopes to prepare exhibitors for the Iowa State Fair. After March 1 a letter with details about chick pick-up will sent to those registered.

Cloverly,



Angie Sperflage  
County Youth Coordinator  
(563) 382-2949  
[aksperf@iastate.edu](mailto:aksperf@iastate.edu)

Enclosure: Registration Form

Not sure where to begin on raising broilers? Visit these resources found on the Iowa 4-H Poultry Project webpage, <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/poultry>

**Market Broiler Care & management**

[https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/agriculture/MarketBroilerCare\\_Management.pdf](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/agriculture/MarketBroilerCare_Management.pdf)

**USDA Poultry Health Publications**

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/newsroom/publications>

**Small/Backyard Flock Owners**

<https://articles.extension.org/poultry>