



## 4-H POULTRY PROJECT GENERAL INFORMATION

### 4-H project general description

- A 4-H project consists of 6-8 hours of sequential learning experiences (over a period of at least a few days or weeks) exploring a general subject with the guidance of a leader or mentor.

*Translation...* A poultry project leader or the club's team of poultry project leaders is/are planning/organizing/facilitating 6-8 hours (at least) of poultry topic related activities to help members learn about poultry and/or meet their poultry project goals.

- For recognition of project work, members must be members in good standing and keep a member record and project record (see page two for record book details).
- 4-H members ages 8+ may handle poultry. If Cloverbuds wish to gain exposure to poultry and animal care, an adult needs to be holding and in control of the bird. Cloverbud activities should be limited to feeding, petting, and stroking the birds. Caution should be exhibited when entering a coop or other area where poultry are loose, especially for the Cloverbuds. Those that handle poultry should heed the cautions and best practices as recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/SalmonellaPoultry/>

### Project information specific to the poultry project:

- Sharing birds for Educational purposes is allowed.
- For showing 4-H, the sharing of project birds is not allowed.
- Owning or leasing poultry is not required.
  - Project leaders may help members find poultry to purchase or lease
- Members may choose to enhance the club project meeting learning in the poultry project area by participating in the following if/when available:
  - County quiz bowl practices and quiz bowl contests
  - Judging contests
  - Clinics, poultry shows\*, workshops
  - Regional Day with a poultry presentation
  - Fairs/Field Days with a poultry presentation
  - Community Service Projects
  - Career Exploration
- **To find other information, rules, and documents like lease forms, approval forms, and record books related to the poultry project go to the poultry section on the 4-H projects page:**  
[www.uvm.edu/extension/4-hevents](http://www.uvm.edu/extension/4-hevents)

*\*To show in 4-H classes refer to the Poultry Show Guidelines*

## General information about record books

- Record books document project work and also include goals and a reflection piece to summarize the project experience. Most 4-Hers use the standard Record Books available through the 4-H program. Members may use alternative formats for records but must have prior approval from their 4-H Educator.

## Poultry Record Books

- **Members who own or lease poultry** usually use one of the **Poultry Project Record Books**
- **Members without poultry** may use the generic **4-H Project Record**
- **Poultry members** may use the **Poultry Project Record** or pages of it if they have been tracking, for learning purposes, the care and expenses of poultry that they don't own or lease. Project leaders would help determine if such an approach makes sense based on project goals.

## Out of State Opportunities for

Poultry Congress

Southern New England Poultry Show, UCONN Storrs, CT (April)

## Lease stipulations to consider:

*This is a partial list suggesting areas that should be considered and resolved before signing a lease/loan agreement. When including an item in an agreement, clearly state the item and the roles of the renter/borrower and owner (that is, who does what, who pays for what), being as specific and concise as possible.*

1. Animal Health - veterinary fees, drugs, vaccinations, etc.
2. Liability - injury to the animal, injury by the animal
3. Feeding - costs, types of feed, source of feed
4. Returns to 4-H'er - for labor, for management,
5. Housing - specifications
6. Exhibiting\* – transportation, disposition of premiums and awards
7. Arbitration of disagreement

**\*4-Hers are expected to tend to the animal's needs**

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