



2025 4-H CHICK CHAIN PROJECT

This 4-H project applies only to 4-H members who have a place to raise and care for 25 chickens at his/her home. If selected, the 4-H member will receive 25 baby pullets on **Friday, March 14, 2025**. There will be a mandatory informational meeting on **Monday, February 17, 2025** for those that are accepted before the chicks arrive. There will be 3 breeds this year, **Barred Rocks, Buff Orpington, and Rhode Island Reds**. You will be able to select your desired breed at the information meeting on

February 17th (first come, first served). Because it is usually still cold in March, you will need a way to keep them warm. ***You will raise the chicks and bring six of your best pullets to the Wilson County 4-H Poultry Show and Auction on Saturday, July 26, 2025.*** After the show, there will be an auction and your six pullets will be sold. The remaining chickens will be yours to keep. The 4-H Club will keep the money made from the auction of the six pullets.

Please note: This is an educational experience for 4th-12th grade 4-H members to learn about raising chickens. Attending the show and auction is a part of this experience. Therefore, if you are unable to commit to attending the show on Saturday, July 26, 2025, this opportunity may not be for you. If you do not return the six pullets for the show and auction, you will be charged \$150 as we depend on the money made from the auction to pay for the baby chicks each year. If you do not bring chickens back to the show, you will be ineligible to participate in future years. We may schedule periodic farm visits throughout the summer to visit the 4-H members' chickens!

Each participant will receive a t-shirt to wear in the county show in July.

HOW TO APPLY

- We will accept applications between **January 13-24 2025**.
- **Do not send in applications before January 13th.**
- Applications will be reviewed and 4-H members will be notified by February 3rd, if they will/will not receive 25 baby pullets.
- The first 60 4-H members that meet the requirements and **properly complete** the application will be accepted.
- A **\$20.00 fee** will be due when picking up chicks on March 14th.
- **Siblings:** In order for us to allow more families to participate, Only **ONE** set of 25 chickens per family will be promised. After the deadline, if we have extra chickens/spots, we will offer additional spots or chickens to siblings. Some years we have enough to give families with multiple siblings extra chickens, while some years we have enough to give each sibling a full set of their own chickens. It depends on the amount of applications we receive! Please complete an application for each 4-H member/sibling wishing to participate.



Mail application to:

Wilson County 4-H

925 E. Baddour Parkway, Suite 100

Lebanon, TN. 37087

Phone: 615-444-9584 Fax: 615-443-2618

Or email to sshrum2@utk.edu

For questions regarding Chick Chain, please contact 4-H Agent, Morgan Beaty (mbeaty3@utk.edu) or call the office at (615)-444-9584.

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Name _____ Home/Cell Phone# _____

Address _____ Grade _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Teacher _____

School _____ Email Address _____

If you have a sibling that also filled out an application, put their name here: _____

If selected, I understand I must:

_____ Have a place at my home; a chicken house or pen to raise **25 chickens**.

_____ I will properly feed and care for the chickens.

_____ I can provide heat for baby chicks for the first 5 weeks.

_____ I will pay the \$20 fee when picking up my chicks on **Friday, March 14, 2025**.

_____ I will return six of my best pullets to the county show on **Saturday, July 26, 2025**. If not, I will forfeit the opportunity to participate in the future Chick Chain programs and will also be charged \$150.00.

In your own words below, please describe why you should be selected to participate in Chick Chain this year. What do you hope to gain from the experience if you are selected to receive chicks from 4-H?

4-H Member Signature

Guardian Signature

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