



Campbell County 4-H Poultry Project Application



FORM AND PAYMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 9, 2026, NO EXCEPTIONS

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Secondary Phone Number _____

Grade _____ School _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Did you participate in the 2024 Chick Chain Program? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, did you turn in your record book ____ Yes ____ No Show your birds? ____ Yes ____ No

Please describe your past experience with poultry, your facilities, and your goals for this project.

(Over)



Please indicate the quantity of the chick project(s) which you are purchasing.

Layer Classes (Birds will be distributed in sets of 6)

____ White Leghorn (White eggs)

____ (Number of sets of 6) x \$30= \$____

____ Rhode Island Red (Brown eggs)

____ (Number of sets of 6) x \$30= \$____

Total Order: \$____

*Three (3) chickens per breed will be shown and auctioned at the Campbell County 4-H Poultry Show and Sale, tentatively scheduled for the first week of October, 2026.

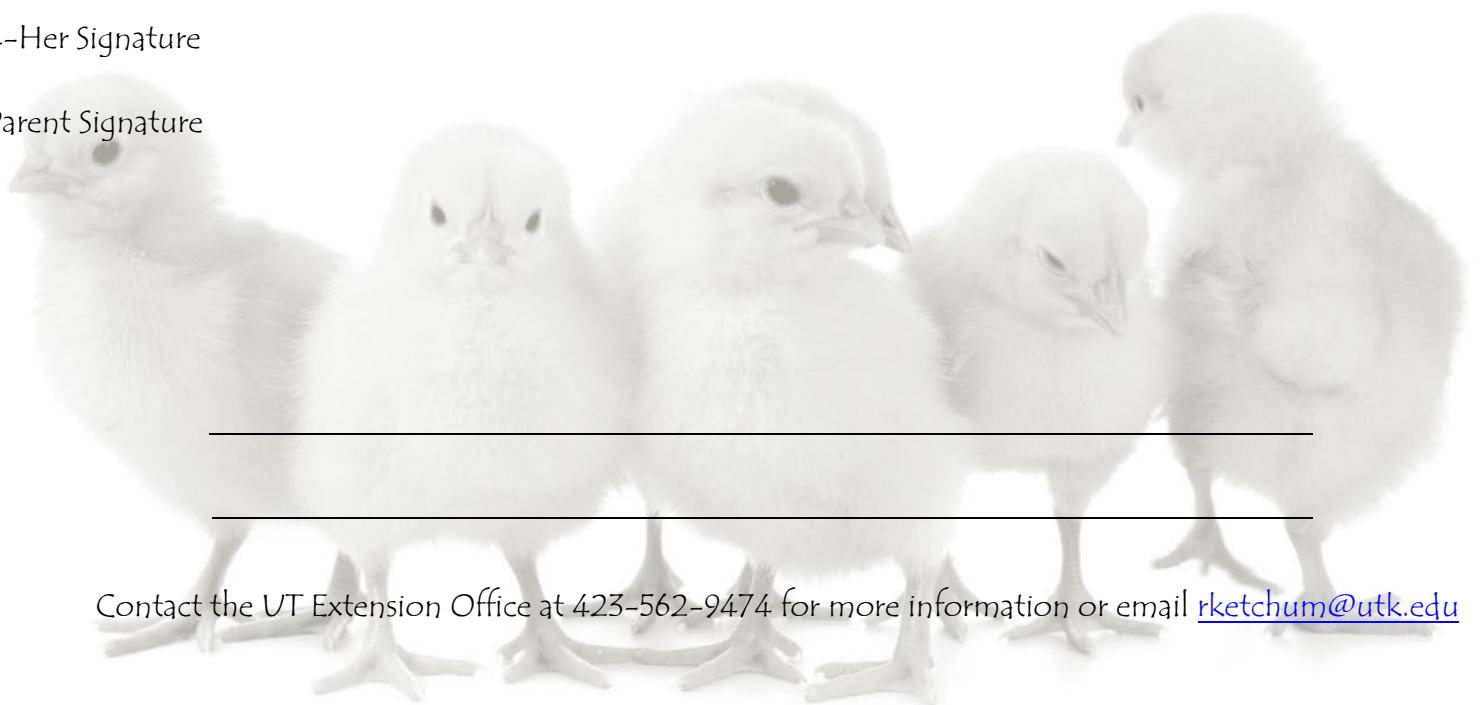
Poultry Contract: (please read carefully – some things have changed)

By agreeing to enter the 4-H poultry project, I agree to care for my baby chicks to the very best of my ability. I understand that the initial fee is due when I order my project animals. I understand that I become the sole owner of the birds. I understand that all expenses including feed and medical care will be my responsibility. By participating in the poultry project, I understand that I will have the opportunity to exhibit my best chickens at the County Poultry Show and then have those birds auctioned following the show. I understand that the proceeds from 2 chickens will go to the 4-H member while proceeds from 1 chicken will go to 4-H to further develop the poultry program.

4-Her Signature

Parent Signature

Contact the UT Extension Office at 423-562-9474 for more information or email rketchum@utk.edu



2026 4-H Poultry Program

This project requires that 4-H members have a place to raise and care for chickens. Have you ever wondered what it takes to raise chickens from being a day old to when it can lay an egg? Do you want to try raising some chickens on your own? How does starting your own egg selling business as young as a 4th grader sound? These are all things that 4-H'ers have been doing for DECADES with the 4-H poultry project.

Who can participate?

Any 4-12th grader enrolled in 4-H through public school, virtual/remote learners, or the home school program.

Why participate in the 4-H Chick Chain Program instead of purchasing birds on your own?

- ✓ Includes Pullets
- ✓ Includes supplies from Farm Co-op
- ✓ Includes an Introductory Class
- ✓ Builds a community of young farmers
- ✓ Learn about raising birds from those who show
- ✓ Understand Poultry Varieties: Egg Layers vs. Meat Birds
- ✓ Raises more money for future 4-H farmers

How does the Chick Chain Project Work?

1. If you want to participate in the chick chain, mail or deliver a copy of the 2026 application with your deposit.
2. A minimum of 10 4-H members must apply to have the 2026 Poultry Program.
3. **You will be contacted whether or not your application is accepted on or after February 9, 2026.**
4. **First-time participants are required to participate in a poultry 101 class**, to educate them on what it takes to raise a Grand Champion Pullet.
5. Members should plan to participate in the monthly Campbell County 4-H Poultry Club.
6. All 4-H'ers will receive chicks to raise, starting around the end of April 2026.
7. All 4-H'ers will bring **three** chickens per breed to the show and auction in the fall.
8. 4-H'ers will be expected to maintain a project record book. This record book will be turned in after the Chick Chain Show, for judging.
9. **The Show and Auction will be held during National 4-H week (First week of October, 2026). The 4-H'er MUST BE PRESENT FOR THE ENTIRE SHOW.** You will be required to RSVP.
10. **If your birds die**, contact us **ASAP** for an alternative plan.
11. 4-H'ers will compete to receive the highest award for their breed of bird, Grand Champion.

When and how do I register?

While you are encouraged to turn it in early, you must turn in your deposit **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2026.** MAIL OR RETURN THE APPLICATION AND DEPOSIT TO THE UT EXTENSION OFFICE.

DO NOT TURN IT IN AT YOUR SCHOOL.

Deliver your check and completed form to
UT Extension
555 Main Street
Jacksboro, TN 37757

To mail form and payment, please direct mail to PO Bo 416, Jacksboro, TN 37757

We need a minimum of 20 4-H members to register to be able to have the 2026 chick chain auction. If 20 Members do NOT register, we will not have the 2026 program and will refund all applicants.