



Introducing the 4-H Chick Chain! Cherokee County

What is it?

The 4-H Chick Chain project is designed to teach 4-H members recommended management practices for growing and raising chickens. Your participation in the 4-H Chick Chain project will help you....

- Develop poultry management skills
- Learn to produce healthy chickens
- Develop an awareness for business management
- Develop record keeping skills (income and expenses)
- Realize the pride of accomplishment

How the Chick Chain works:

During the third week of May you will receive 24 chicks that are 1-2 days old and are all pullets (females). You will receive 8 individual chicks from each of the 3 breeds you choose. You will choose from the following 5 breeds: Rhode Island Reds, Barred Plymouth Rock, Ameraucanas/Araucana, Black Australorp or Partridge Cochin. They will all come from a reputable hatchery and will be properly vaccinated. You will care for these pullets for approximately 22 weeks. At this time, you will bring the 5 best pullets to the Cherokee County 4-H Chick-Chain Show and Sale on September 29, 2012. If you bring your 5 pullets to the show and sale, you will receive your \$50.00 deposit, prize money and ribbons. If you have successfully raised all 24 pullets, you will have 19 left. These pullets belong to you.

How to participate:

In order to participate in the 4-H Chick Chain project, follow these simple steps:

1. Fill out the registration form that is attached. Please make your \$50 check payable to ACES. Mail form and check to Cherokee County Extension Office, Attn: Dany S. Miller, 1526 Chesnut Bypass, Centre, AL 35960.

Registration and check must be received at the Extension Office by Friday, March 30, 2012. The registration form must be signed by both youth and a parent.

- Both youth and a parent must come to the Cherokee County Extension Office for a mandatory training on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, beginning at 6 p.m. At this meeting you will receive valuable information to help you prepare for and raise the pullets you will receive.
- Your 24 pullets will arrive at the Extension Office during the week of May 21st. We will notify you of the exact date. They will be given out on a first come, first serve basis.
- At the beginning of the month of September, you will receive a packet containing Show Registration and Auction flyers along with other information that you will need. As part of your participation, you will be required to post these three flyers at various locations in your community inviting folks to come to the sale. After all, the more people that are there, the more money your chicks will bring!
- Bring your 5 best pullets to the County Show and Sale and do your best!!

Who can participate?

Any young person between the ages of 9 and 19, as of January 1, 2012 who lives in or attends school in Cherokee County is eligible to take part. You do not have to be a current 4-H member to participate; however, you will need to fill out a 4-H enrollment form if you are not a current 4-H member.

Who to contact for more information:

For more information regarding this project, please feel free to contact one of the following individuals:

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County Extension Coordinator-Cherokee County

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Feel free to come by your local county Extension office at:

1526 Chesnut Bypass

Centre, AL 35960

We look forward to serving you!



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2012 Cherokee County 4-H Chick Chain Registration Form

I would like to participate in the 2012 4-H Chick Chain and receive 24 pullets. By signing the application, I agree to raise the chicks to the best of my ability and return 5 pullets to the 4-H County Show and Sale. A \$50 deposit is required at the time of application. The \$50 deposit will be returned after the 4-H Chick Chain Show and Sale.

I understand that I will not receive my \$50 deposit fee, if I fail to bring 5 pullets to the 4-H Chick Chain Show and Sale. I also agree that I will contact Mr. Miller if any unforeseen incident should prevent my bringing 5 pullets to the Show and Sale.

4-H Member's

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Daytime Phone (a number to be reached during day when chicks arrive) _____

School: _____

Birthdate: _____ Grade: _____

4-H Member's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Please make checks payable to: ACES

Return by March 30 to:

Alabama Cooperative Extension System

Cherokee County Office

Attn: Danny S. Miller

1526 Chesnut Bypass

Centre, AL 35960

Please circle the three breeds that you prefer to raise.

Rhode Island Reds

Barred Plymouth Rock

Ameraucanas/Araucana

Black Australorp

Partridge Cochin