



2025 4-H Chicken Project

To: Meigs County 4-H Members and Parents

From: Meigs County 4-H

The 4-H Chicken Project is beginning now. Club members desiring to participate in the project should complete an application and return it to the address below by mail on or before February 7, 2025. Along with your application, a deposit of \$40.00 will be required this year. This deposit will be totally refunded when the rules of the project have been completed and 3 pullets are returned to the show and sale. The baby chicks will arrive the first of April. The 4-H'er feeds and cares for the chicks. In August the 4-H Poultry Show and Sale is held at the Meigs County Fair and the 4-H'er returns 3 pullets for sale. You must be able to pick up and bring back your own chicks.

You will be responsible for fixing a place to keep the chicks and for purchasing feed. A baby chick starter, which can be purchased at any feed store, is recommended as it includes the nutrition that the baby chicks need. Also, we recommend that you purchase a coccidiostat, which is usually added to their water as an aid to control Coccidiosis. This year, chicks will be vaccinated for Merek's disease and not de-beaked.

Remember all programs sponsored by the UT/Meigs Extension are open to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or veteran status and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Rules to be followed:

- 1) You can order only 1 group, (12 pullets).
- 2) Four-H'ers in the 4th through 12th grades will be eligible to receive chicks.
- 3) Four-H'ers should strive to raise pullets that will be judged as blue-ribbon quality. **(Hint) This cannot be done by underfeeding.**

It is hoped that by following these rules we will be helping our club members develop responsibility with their chicks and that they will take pride in raising them. Also, we believe this will enable 4-H'ers at each school to participate if they desire and have adequate facilities.

REMEMBER: The application and your \$40.00 deposit must be **returned to me before February 7, 2025.** **Make checks payable to UT Extension Meigs County.** You may mail them to me at the address below or bring them by our office located at 325 River Road.

Send to: UT Extension Meigs County
P O Box 186
Decatur, TN 37322

P.S. **DO NOT TAKE YOUR DEPOSIT AND APPLICATION TO YOUR TEACHER;** they have enough things to collect for. **Either mail it or drop it by the Extension office on or before February 7, 2025.**

APPLICATION

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____
(City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone _____ Grade _____ School _____

Name of person who agrees to help me _____ Telephone _____

Amount of deposit _____

Signature _____
Parent or Guardian

Signature _____
Student