

## 4-H SPECIAL POULTRY PROJECT

4-H members will be chosen to receive Rhode Island Red chicks after the applications have been reviewed and your facilities have been checked out by an Extension Agent. They will arrive in mid to late April.

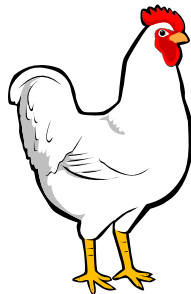
Finalists are required to pay a \$25.00 deposit when your 25 chicks are ordered. You must bring 6 of those pullets to the show and sale at the County Fair in September. The \$25.00 deposit will be refunded at the show. The pullets will be auctioned off to the highest bidder, with the proceeds going toward the purchase of chicks for next year. 4-H'ers will get to keep the ribbons and prize money awarded at the County Show.

### A successful poultry project requires:

1. An out door thermometer.
2. A brooder of some type (an electric heat lamp).  
Note: Baby chicks need a room temperature of 95 degrees F for the first week, then reduce the temperature by 5 degrees each week for the next 4 weeks.
3. Plenty of clean water and fresh feed.
4. Dry and safe housing.  
Note: Yes, your dogs, cats and some little brothers will kill your baby chicks.
5. You will be the only parents these chicks have – that's a big responsibility!

If you are interested in receiving 25 chicks for the Special Poultry Project, fill out the following page and return it to the County Extension Office by March 2, 2011.

**(Note: Keep this top page for your information.)**



Programs in agricultural and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences, and resource development.

University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture and county governments cooperating.

UT Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

Return by March 2, 2011 to Timmy Mann, Extension Agent at the Robertson County Extension Office, 408 North Main Street. Springfield, TN 37172. Send no money now. You will be required to pay the \$25 deposit if you are chosen to receive chicks in April. Call 384-7936 if you have questions about the project. You may fax application to (615) 384-2941.

**APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL POULTRY PROJECT**

4-H Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live on a farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have facilities built specifically for poultry? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own chickens now? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you owned chickens in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your interest in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_

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Explain your facilities and plans for raising chicks if you are chosen to receive chicks? What type of litter (shavings, sawdust, straw, newspaper, other) will you use? Do you have a thermometer, feeder, and waterer? What type of feed will you use, etc.?

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4-H'ers Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_