

4-H SPECIAL POULTRY PROJECT

4-H members interested in this year's 4-H Special Poultry Project should submit the application on the back of this page by March 2nd. 4-H poultry project finalists will be chosen to receive Black Star chicks after the applications have been reviewed and your facilities have been checked or discussed with by an Extension Agent. Baby chicks are scheduled to arrive in April.

Finalists are required to pay a \$25.00 deposit before your 25 chicks arrive. You must bring 6 of those pullets to the show and sale on a Saturday morning at the Robertson County Fair in late August. 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 outdoor 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 2nd.

(Note: If turning in application, please copy, scan, photograph, etc. this cover page FYI)



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

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Return by March 2nd 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 (615)-384-7936 if you have questions about the project. You may fax application to (615) 384-2941 or email to tmann1@utk.edu

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL POULTRY PROJECT

4-H Member's Name: _____ Grade _____ Age _____

Parent's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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: _____

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.?

4-H'ers Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date: _____