



# Regional Chicken Project

Show: May 2, 2017

Entry Deadlines:

Hen Chicks – December 21

Broilers - February 8



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of January 1 of current year: \_\_\_\_\_ County of participation: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose **ONE** option below:

- 2 Broilers: \$10.00
- Golden Comet Laying Hen Chicks
  - 6 hens: \$25.00
  - 10 hens: \$35.00
- Barred Rock Laying Hen Chicks
  - 6 hens: \$25.00
  - 10 hens: \$35.00
- Mix of Laying Hen Chicks
  - 3 Golden Comets & 3 Barred Rocks: \$25.00
  - 5 Golden Comets & 5 Barred Rocks: \$35.00
- If splitting birds, there is a \$5 additional fee per child.
- Wing bands are available for an additional charge of \$0.15 per bird.



**Golden Comet Hen and Chicks**



**Barred Rock Hen and Chicks**

**Please check the boxes below:**

- I/We have read and understand all rules and regulations for the Regional Chicken Project and submitted the registration fee.
- I will complete a 4-H/FFA Poultry record book in order to exhibit.
- I will be responsible for my son/daughter's financial obligations in meeting the requirements of the Regional Chicken Project.
- I will write Thank You notes for sponsors in order to receive my check for premium.

Youth signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chickens received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to Bladen County Cooperative Extension. Return form and check to your county Extension Office or Ag Ed Teacher by the deadline date.**

## Regional Chicken Project Rules

1. Participants must be between the ages of 5 – 18, as of January 1 to participate in the program. They must be a 4-H member or a student who is taking an agriculture education class or an FFA member of a participating school. Youth can enroll in their county 4-H program to participate.
2. All first time participants must attend an orientation training and a showmanship/project book training hosted by Cooperative Extension or a High School Ag Ed Program. These meetings will be held in multiple locations. Participants will be expected to do formal 4-H poultry showmanship and those guidelines will be distributed and explained at these meetings, along with general information about raising birds. Youth who participated in the Chick Chain Show and Sales in November 2014 and/or the Regional Chicken Project in 2015 or 2016 can get an exemption from their agent or teacher to not participate in the orientation training, but will need to attend the showmanship training.
3. Each participant will receive a maximum of 10 chicks, approximately the same age.
  - a. 2 broilers (meat birds) are \$10. The broilers will be returned to the chicken project committee, which will process the birds and donate the meat to local food banks.
  - b. 6 laying hen chicks are \$25 – this can be 6 of one breed or 3 Golden Comets and 3 Barred Rocks.
  - c. 10 laying hen chicks are \$35– this can be 10 of one breed or 5 Golden Comets and 5 Barred Rocks.
  - d. Youth can show in multiple breed classes if you purchase multiple breeds, but you must choose 1 bird for showmanship.
  - e. Families and agricultural education classes can split birds, but every child must have their own bird they are responsible for.
  - f. There is a \$5 fee for each extra child when splitting birds.
  - g. Wing bands are available for an additional charge of \$0.15 per bird. You do not have to get wing bands, but may be helpful if multiple youth are showing birds that are kept together.
4. Participant will raise the chicks until the date of the May show under the supervision of the guardians or agricultural education class with help from Extension Agents and Teachers.
5. The project will be canceled if the ban on showing chickens is still in effect due to the threat of Avian Influenza. Money paid will be refunded if canceled.
6. Participant will be responsible for all expenses incurred while raising them (feed, medication, facility, etc.).
7. Participant will present 1 bird received from the Regional Chicken Project to show on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The show will be at the White Lake FFA Camp in Bladen County. A qualified adult will judge the show. An NC Department of Agriculture Poultry Inspector will inspect/test the birds for parasites/disease. Tentative time for the show date is 4:15-5:15 pm for registration, turn in recordbook, and inspection of the bird by NCDA and show to start at 5:30 pm.
8. If you have a disaster (loss of multiple birds), you **must** contact your local county Extension Agent or Agricultural Education Teacher immediately (within 24 hours) so they may verify the situation and/or provide photographic evidence.
9. **Poultry Record Book must be completed and turned by Tuesday, April 25 by 5pm to your Livestock or 4-H agent or your Ag.Ed. Teacher before the birds can be exhibited at the Chicken Show in May.** \*If record books are not turned in then youth will not be allowed to exhibit in the show. There will be different recordbooks for 4-H and FFA/ag ed classes. These will include a supplemental packet with learning activities about chickens.

10. There will be no auction, but the committee can help find buyers if needed.
11. All decisions by the judge are final. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, show or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, show, and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them. Potential disqualification from future events after review is possible.
12. Registration forms and entry fees per participant are due by December 21<sup>st</sup> for hen chicks and by February 8<sup>th</sup> for broilers. Forms and checks must be submitted by 5:00 pm on the due date to your county's Extension office or your Agriculture Education teacher. Anticipated bird arrival date is early to mid-February for laying hen chicks and March 13-14<sup>th</sup> for broilers.
13. Any special considerations not covered in the rules will be decided by the Regional Chicken Project Committee.
14. Awards given are as follows:

**SHOWMANSHIP:**

AGES 5-8: all receive a medal

JUNIOR- ages 9-13: 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> places receives ribbon and 1<sup>st</sup>- \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$20, 3<sup>rd</sup>- \$15, 4<sup>th</sup>-\$10 and 5<sup>th</sup>- \$5. All others receive a ribbon.

SENIOR- ages 14-18: 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> places receives ribbon and 1<sup>st</sup>- \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$20, 3<sup>rd</sup>- \$15, 4<sup>th</sup>-\$10 and 5<sup>th</sup>- \$5. All others receive a ribbon.

**RECORD BOOKS:**

Ages 5-8: all receive a ribbon

Prizes for each division:

4-H Division 9-10, 11-12, 13-15, 16-18: 1<sup>st</sup>- \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$5

FFA/ Ag Ed Division: 6-8 grade, 9-12 grade: 1<sup>st</sup>- \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$5

**Breed Show (Golden Comet Breed Class, Barred Rock Breed Class and Broiler Class):**

Ages 5-18: Participation ribbon

Grand Champion (1<sup>st</sup>) per breed: \$20

Reserve Champion (2<sup>nd</sup>) per breed: \$15

3<sup>rd</sup> place per breed: \$10