



2022 Northwest Alabama 4-H Chick Chain

WHAT IS CHICK CHAIN?

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

WHAT DO YOU DO IN CHICK CHAIN?

1. Pay a **\$35 program fee** to get 10 chicks. The chicks will be pullets (females).
2. Raise your chicks from May - October.
3. Attend scheduled virtual/in-person 4-H workshops and trainings.
4. Invite the 4-H agent to see your chicks at home (virtual or in person).
5. Learn as much as you can about chickens.
6. Participate in a contest about chicken knowledge at Auburn (optional).
7. Keep a record book of your project work.
8. Show 2 of your pullets at the **NW AL 4-H Chick Chain Show** on October 4th at the Fairgrounds.
9. Auction the same 2 chicks after the show. The 4-H'er gets the auction money (minus an auction fee).
10. Keep your remaining 8 pullets for egg production (and for future entries in the **4-H Golden Egg Contest!**)

WHAT ARE THE 2022 BREED SELECTIONS?

Amberlinks and Rhode Island Reds (5 of each breed)
VALLEY FARMS HATCHERY, LOCATED IN WINSTON COUNTY, IS PARTNERING WITH US AND SUPPLYING PULLETS FOR THIS YEARS PROJECT!



WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE FOR THE PROJECT?

Friday, March 10: Last day to register at the Winston County 4-H Office. Complete the attached registration form. Make your **\$35** check payable to **Alabama 4-H Foundation**.

April 14th, 5:30 pm- 7:00 pm (Virtual Project Training) - Zoom meeting info will be sent closer to time. **The 4-H participant and a parent must attend this training!**

May 10th, 3:30 pm-5:30 pm: Chick pick-up at the fairgrounds in Muscle Shoals. This date and time is subject to change. You will be notified of the specific date and time closer to pick-up day.

June/July: Schedule a home visit with the 4-H Agent

August 20th @ 10:00 am: Showmanship Clinic held at fairgrounds in Muscle Shoals.

October 4th: Bring your best 2 pullets (same breed) to the Northwest Alabama 4-H Chick Chain Show and Auction. Show will start at 5:00 pm.

Other participation requirements:

- Ask local businesses to sponsor the Chick Chain Show (we will give you a letter to give them)
- Advertise the Chick Chain Show and Auction (we will give you the flyers)

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Any young person between the ages of 9 and 18, as of January 1, 2023 who lives in or attends school in Winston County is eligible for Chick Chain. 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 DO I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

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