

### Dates to Remember

November 1	Registration Opens—online, mail-in or stop by
January 17	Registration Forms Due
Late Feb	Chick Chain Project Meeting
March	Pick up Chicks (We will contact you about pick-up)
July 12	Hamblen County 4-H & FFA Fair (Expo Center)
September	Tennessee Valley Fair Poultry Show

### Remember

- ◆ You are responsible for providing your chicks/pullets with shelter, water and to feed them a balanced ration.
- ◆ You should keep good records of the project until the chicks/pullets are sold (Be sure to turn in your record book at the Hamblen County 4-H & FFA Fair).
- ◆ You can show chicks/pullets at any of the fairs listed above. You can win prize money at the fairs.
- ◆ All 6 or 12 of your chicks/pullets are yours to keep. You do not return any at the end of the show.
- ◆ **Registration is open Nov. 1, 2024—January 17, 2025.** Register online at <https://tiny.utk.edu/Hamblen-4-H-Store> or at the 4-H Office.

### Additional questions?

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## 4-H CHICK CHAIN



*Have you ever wanted to care for an animal, but did not have the space or money to invest in a large animal?*

*Then the 4-H chick chain project may be for you!*

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## Chick Chain Agreement

Please complete the following agreement, cut it out and mail it to the extension office by January 17, 2025. Or register online at <https://tiny.utk.edu/Hamblen-4-H-Store>.

By signing the agreement, you and your parent or guardian agree to the following:

- Participating 4-H'ers will receive Buff Orpington or Black Sex Link chicks/pullets. Chicks/pullets are 1-3 days old at pick-up.

### Black Sex Link

\_\_\_\_\_ Purchase 6 pullets at \$20

\_\_\_\_\_ Purchase 12 pullets at \$35

### Buff Orpington

\_\_\_\_\_ Purchase 6 pullets at \$20

\_\_\_\_\_ Purchase 12 pullets at \$35

Make checks payable to UT Extension Hamblen County.

- Keep daily records about the care that you provide to the chicks/pullets and provide the records at the County Show on July 12.
- At the end of the project, you will bring 3 pullets (if you purchased 6) or 6 pullets (if you purchased 12) to the Hamblen County 4-H Poultry Show at the Hamblen County 4-H & FFA Fair.
- After participation in the Show you will receive premium money for showing and completion of your project book.

Is this your first time participating in the 4-H Chick Chain Project?

Yes

No

\_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Member Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Cell Phone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Contact Phone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State and Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
School

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of 4-H'er

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent

## The What:

**What do my chicks/pullets need?** Chicks/pullets are 1-3 days old at pick-up. They will need a nesting box and brooder lamp. They will need a feeder and waterer. As they get older and can move outside they will need a chicken coop or other area to be kept safe from predators.

**What does it cost?** There are multiple costs to the chick chain.

- Purchase cost -\$20 for 6 chicks or \$35 for 12 chicks/pullets
- Equipment costs –Vary based on the items used
- Feed costs –Vary based on the feeds being fed. One chick/pullet will consume an average 25 lbs of feed during the time you receive them and the county show and sale.

**What are the requirements?** You should provide your chicks/pullets with shelter, water and feed them a balanced ration. You should also keep good records of the project until the chicks/pullets are sold.

**What is the Show?** This is an opportunity for you to bring 3 or 6 (based on purchase quantity) of your chicks/pullets back and see how well you did raising them compared to the others in the project. Awards will be given based on the color ribbon that your chicks/pullets receive during the show.

**What do I do with my chicks/pullets after the show?** All birds are yours to keep. You will take your birds home after the show.

**What kind of records do I keep?** You will be provided with a Record Book to keep information about your expenses, daily care and special needs that your chicks/pullets have during the duration of the project.

**What recognition do I get?** During the show your pullets will receive a ribbon. After the show your record book will be reviewed and awarded a ribbon. Prize money will be given for both the pullets and the record book.

**For more information:** [4-H Animal Projects | Hamblen County \(tennessee.edu\)](https://tiny.utk.edu/Hamblen-4-H-Store)