

## Dates to Remember

<b>December 1</b>	Registration opens-----online, mail-in or stop by the office
<b>January 19</b>	Registration forms are due
<b>Late February</b>	Chick Chain Project meeting
<b>March</b>	Pick up Chicks (we will contact you about pick-up)
<b>July 11</b>	Hamblen County Fair (WSCC Expo Center)
<b>September</b>	Tennessee Valley Fair Poultry Show

## Remember

- You are responsible for providing your chicks/pullets with shelter, water and feed them a balanced diet.
- You should keep good records of the project until the chicks/pullets are sold. (Be sure to bring your record book to the 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 from Dec 1, 2025---January 19, 2026.** Register online at <http://tiny.utk.edu/Hamblen4-H-Store> or at the 4-H Office.

## Additional Questions?

**423-586-6111**

Programs in agriculture 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



## 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 Jan 19, 2026....or register online at <http://tiny.utk.edu/Hamblen-4-H-Store>.

**By signing the agreement, you and your parents agree to the following:**

- Participating 4-H'ers will receive Delaware or Black Australorp chicks/pullets. Chicks/pullets are 1-3 days old at pick-up.

### Delaware

\_\_\_Purchase 6 pullets at \$20

\_\_\_Purchase 12 pullets at \$40

### Black Australorp

\_\_\_Purchase 6 pullets at \$20

\_\_\_Purchase 12 pullets at \$40

**Make checks payable to UT/TSU Extension Hamblen County.**

- Keep daily records about the care you provide to the chicks/pullets and provide the records at the County Show on July 11th.
- 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 Poultry Show at the Hamblen County Fair.
- After participation in the Poultry Show, you will receive premium money for showing and completion of your project book.

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

**YES NO**

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4-H Member's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Gardian Cell #

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
School

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

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

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

## The What:

**What do my chicks need?** Chicks will be 1-3 days old at pick-up. They will need a nesting box and a 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?

- Purchase Chicks at 6-\$20 or 12-\$40
- Equipment costs vary based on items used
- Feed costs--Vary based on feed choice. One chick/pullet will consume an average of 25 lbs of feed during the time you pick them up to the day of the show.

### 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 shown.

### What is the Show?

This is an opportunity for you to bring 3 or 6 (depending on your purchase quantity) of your chickens back and see how well you did raising them, compared to the others participating in the project. Awards will be given based on the color ribbon your chickens receive during the Show.

### What kind of records do I keep?

You will be provided a Record Book to keep information about your expenses, daily care and special needs of that your chicks/pullets need during the duration of the project.

### What recognition do I get?

During the show, your pullets will receive ribbons. After the show, your record book will be reviewed and awarded a ribbon. Prize money will be given for both the pullet and the Record Book.

**You keep all the pullets after the Show is over and can show them in the TN Valley Fair as well if desired.**

### For more information:

[hamblen.tennessee.edu/4-h-animal-projects/](http://hamblen.tennessee.edu/4-h-animal-projects/)