Dates to Remember

November 1	Registration opens-----online, mail-in or stop by the office
December 19	Registration forms and payment is due
Late January	Chick Chain Project meeting (will be announced)
March	Pick up Chicks (we will contact you about pick-up)
July 10	Hamblen County Fair (WSCC Expo Center)
September	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 Nov 1, 2026---Dec 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

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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 or bring to the extension office by Dec 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 Gold Star or Barred Rock chicks/pullets. Chicks/pullets are 1-3 days old at pick-up.

Barred Rock	Gold Star
___Purchase 6 pullets at $25	___Purchase 6 pullets at $25
___Purchase 12 pullets at $50	___Purchase 12 pullets at $50

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 10th 2027.
- 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**

_____ _____

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-$25 or 12-$50
- 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 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.

Scan to register

More information can be found at

hamblen.tennessee.edu/4-h-animal-projects/