

Four Feathers 4-H Chicken Project
Show Date: October 23, 2025
Albemarle Area 4-H Livestock Arena – Elizabeth City, NC

Four Feathers 4-H Chicken Project Rules

1. Youth ages 5-18, as of January 1, 2025, may participate in the program. They must be a 4-H member in Chowan, Gates, Pasquotank or Perquimans County. Youth must enroll in their county 4-H program to participate.
2. Participants will be expected to follow the National 4-H Poultry Standard for showmanship.
3. Participants entering the Breeding Class competition will be provided with Easter Egger chicks in May. Participants will raise the chicks until the show, under the supervision of their guardians and with help from 4-H Extension Agents.
4. The project will be canceled if a ban of showing chickens is in effect, due to the threat of Avian Influenza or other communicable diseases.
5. The show will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at the Albemarle Area 4-H Livestock Arena in Elizabeth City, NC. A qualified adult will judge the show. A NC Department of Agriculture Poultry Inspector will inspect/test birds for parasites/disease.
6. If you have a disaster (loss of multiple birds), you must contact your local 4-H Extension Agent immediately so they can verify the situation.
7. Project Record Books must be completed and turned in by 5:00PM on November 10, 2025 to your 4-H Extension Agent. Youth who do not turn in a book by this deadline will not be eligible for premiums/prizes.
8. All decisions by the judge are final. Direct criticism or interference with the judge is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, the judge shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them. Potential disqualification from future events is possible.
9. Anticipated bird arrival is the week of May 5, 2025. Your local 4-H Extension Agent will be in contact with a specific pick up date and time.
10. Any considerations not covered in these rules will be decided by the Four Feathers 4-H Chicken Project Committee.

BREEDING CLASS - EASTER EGGERS (for ages 8+)

For this contest, Easter Egger chicks will be provided.

Grand Champion (1st) - \$25

Reserve Champion (2nd) - \$20

3rd Place - \$15

BEST IN SHOW - (for ages 8+)

For this contest, youth will enter their own hen.

Grand Champion (1st) - \$25

Reserve Champion (2nd) - \$20

3rd Place - \$15

SHOWMANSHIP (for ages 5+)

For this contest, youth may enter provided Easter Egger or their own hen.

Cloverbuds (Ages 5-7): All receive a prize and participation ribbon.

Junior: (Ages 8-10) 1st - 4th places receive ribbon; 1st - \$25, 2nd - \$20, 3rd - \$15, 4th - \$10. All others receive a participation ribbon.

Intermediate: (Ages 11-13) 1st - 4th places receive ribbon; 1st - \$25, 2nd - \$20, 3rd - \$15, 4th - \$10. All others receive a participation ribbon.

Senior: (Ages 14-18) 1st - 4th places receive ribbon; 1st - \$25, 2nd - \$20, 3rd - \$15, 4th - \$10. All others receive a participation ribbon.

Important Dates

April 17, 2025 – Registration closes
Week of May 5th – PROJECTED chick pick-up

Show Day – October 23rd, 2024
Location: Albemarle Area 4-H Livestock Arena

Check-in: 5:00PM - 6:00PM
Show Time: 6:30PM

County Extension Offices

Chowan: 252-482-6585

Gates: 252-357-1400

Pasquotank: 252-338-3954

Perquimans: 252-426-5428