

4-H Chick Chain Application and Agreement:

Please complete and sign the following agreement. Detach and return the application to the UT-TSU Extension Office. By signing this paper, my parent or guardian and I agree to the following:

1. I have enclosed \$40 for 10 chicks which I will raise to the best of my ability and will bring 3 of my best hens to the Show and Sale at the Scott County Fair in August. **Make Checks Payable to: UT-TSU Extension Scott County**
2. I promise to feed and care for the chicks according to the 4-H recommendations.

4-H Member Name	School	Grade
Mailing Address	City	Zip Code
Parent/Guardian Phone Number	Email	
Parent/Guardian Signature	4-H Member Signature	



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4-H Chick Chain

Poultry Project Information & Registration



Programs in agriculture and natural
resources, 4-H youth development, family
and consumer sciences, and resource
development.
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How It Works

1. Twenty-five students (4th - 12th grades) who pay \$40 and return the completed application by February 25th will be selected to receive 10 chicks. (Orders without payment **will not** be processed. Payment is nonrefundable.)
2. You **must** attend 2 Chick Chain meetings. The first meeting will help prepare you for the arrival of your birds. The final meeting will help prepare you for the Show and Sale. Each participant will be invited to give a brief update on their Chick Chain experience. You will receive more information after we receive your order form.
3. This year's chickens will be Barred Rock Pullets (female). The birds are scheduled to arrive early April 2026. The date will vary depending on shipping. We will keep you updated. **Birds must be picked up on the day they arrive.**
4. In August, you **must** bring 3 of your best hens to the 4-H Poultry Show and Sale. (Date to be announced later).
5. The hens will be judged and prizes awarded according to Grand, Reserve, Blue, and Red placing.
6. The show hens will then be auctioned off at the Show and Sale **with the money going to you!** The remainder of the birds are yours to keep.



What I Need to Know

Housing

Your chicks will require housing until about 4-6 weeks in a brooder. This can be constructed from a box and a heat lamp. They can be moved to a henhouse only when they are fully feathered. The henhouse will need to provide 2 square feet of floor space per bird. Housing needs to be cleaned regularly to prevent disease.

Food

Starter/Grower feed is required until the pullets start laying eggs at around 4-5 months of age.

Water

Your pullets will require fresh water at ALL TIMES! Make sure you are able to feed and water your pullets daily even in extreme cold or hot temperatures.

Time

You need to spend time with your chicks when they are young and get them used to being handled. Pullets who are not handled regularly become stressed easily. The best laying hens are the calmest ones.

If Interested, what you need to do.

1. Fill out the application on the back of this page.
2. Return the form to our office by Friday, February 25, 2026. Sooner is better, there is a limit to the number of 4-H'ers allowed to participate.
3. Enclose a check in the amount of \$40.00. Make checks payable to: UT-TSU Extension Scott County
4. Attend a mandatory orientation meeting, (4-H'ers and 1 adult). The time and location will be announced later.
5. Please read over the brochure before you apply. This is an interesting and fun project for 4-H'ers. This is YOUR project, not your parents' or siblings'. You, the 4-H member will be responsible for taking care of your chicks. They will need food and water daily as well as a clean and safe place to be raised.