

FAWE 2025 Pullet Project



2025 FLORIDA AGRICULTURE & WILDLIFE EXPO MARKET PULLET SHOW AND SALE

This project is open to all Hernando 4-H and FFA members in good standing. All age divisions are welcome to enroll, HOWEVER, there is a limit of 50 entries.

All registrations will be accepted. After 9/19, fifty will be selected with priority going to Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) or exhibitors not showing other market animals. There will be ten alternates. Each exhibitor is limited to showing up to TWO market animals (steer, swine, pullets).

Important Dates:

Entry Form Due Date: September 19, 2024

Animal Pick-up: October 12, 2024 @ Ranch Hand Feed Depot (subject to change if necessary)

Arrival Date: March 15, 2025 11:00am early bird, 12pm others

Show & Showmanship Date: March 16, 2025

Open cages by 10:00 a.m.; showmanship begins at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Sale Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m. All Exhibitors MUST sell a cage of three.

Pullets must be removed after the sale and before 12:00 p.m. March 20, 2025.

Sign-out sheets are required.

MANDATORY Clean up March 20, 2025 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Exhibitors must be present the entire hour.

MANDATORY Buyer & Belt Buckle Thank yous due March 20, 2025 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm.

MANDATORY Educational Workshop: Tues., October 8, 2024 6:30 p.m. at VFW Post 10209.

Getting Started:

The FAWE Livestock Committee will provide participants with instruction and opportunities to gain experience with feed, water, and care for chickens from the “day old hatching” stage to “ready-to-lay” pullets. This project will benefit young people by providing opportunities to develop self-responsibility, discipline, and persistence, and it will also provide a pathway into developing the character traits necessary to transition into larger animal projects.

To ensure uniformity (age, gender, and breed) and to increase survivability, each participant will be given 6 chicks that have been purchased from the hatchery. Prior to receipt, all chicks will be vaccinated at the hatchery for Marek’s Disease and each participant will receive the health-related information needed for the care of their new arrivals. Only provided birds are permitted. In the unfortunate situation a bird is determined to be a rooster, that animal will not be eligible.

If you would like to purchase UP TO THREE additional birds at \$4.00 each, you must indicate so on your form and pay at with registration. Numbers will be limited based on total birds needed.

Pick up times will be assigned by club/chapter to help the process. Anyone unable to attend during their scheduled time is asked to contact nmoores@ufl.edu to request a change. We will work with you to make pick up happen. It is best if the youth is present but exceptions are possible.

Mandatory Educational Meeting for all PULLET Exhibitors October 8, 2024 beginning at 6:30 pm at the VFW Post 10209. **Failure to attend will result in disqualification from all '24-'25 pullet events. This meeting will last approximately one hour.**

REQUIREMENTS:

Poultry will be tested by a livestock inspector either on (date to be determined) or on receiving day, March 15, 2025. State health and USDA requirements will supersede any other rules or health requirements. Certain conditions may be treated at the discretion of the exhibitor and the committee will determine if they remain. **Pre-tested and NPIP holders will have early-bird check-in.**

All care, feeding, cleaning, and general responsibilities for the project are the responsibility of the member who may receive assistance from FFA Advisor, 4-H leader, parent/guardian, or fellow exhibitor. Feeding & watering must be done at least TWICE per day and must be completed by 10:00 a.m. and then 9:00 p.m. or one hour after a show/sale. There will be no feeding or watering of animals during any livestock show. There will be sign-in sheets, and these will be monitored. Youth may be fined up to \$5/day for noncompliance. Exhibitors are REQUIRED to bring a sturdy feeder and water containers. Milk jugs are a great, inexpensive option.

During Check-in, no equipment/tack/supplies will be unloaded until after the final rabbit/poultry is checked in. All equipment, feed, etc. must be kept in their designated areas for the duration of the FAWE. FAWE will attempt to make lockers available for those needing a place to store their feed or equipment. Clubs/Chapters are permitted one trailer on site for storage. Sharing is permitted. Additional trailers may be granted to clubs with large numbers of exhibitors.

NOTE: In the event of a major loss, an exhibitor can request replacement birds up to 20 days following distribution, *if any are available.*

Showmanship:

Youth will be permitted to choose one of their three pullets as their showmanship bird. If a pullet exhibitor also shows general poultry, they will select one bird from all entries to use.

Showmanship participation is optional. **Each youth must use their own bird for showmanship.** If a youth registers but does not have a viable bird in the show, they will not be permitted to participate in showmanship. School/Club/Family entries may select one member for each age division up to two total to participate in showmanship. Showmanship participation information will be collected in advance and only those pre-registered will be permitted.

Sales:

Prior to the FAWE check-in date, participants will select their top three pullets to enter for judging at the 2025 FAWE. Each entry will be judged as a ready-to-lay set by an unbiased official and ribbons will be awarded. These three will be sold as one lot on March 19, 2025.

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PULLET SHOW AND SALE Registration Form

Entry Fee: \$20 (6 birds)

FAWE USE ONLY

Received Date: _____

Time Received: _____

Received by: _____

Payment Amt.: _____

Exhibitor Name: _____ Date: _____

4-H Club or FFA Chapter Name: _____

Leader/Advisor Name: _____

I want to purchase _____ extra birds @ \$4/ea (if available)
(limit of three extra)

Exhibitor Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Email _____

Birthdate: ____/____/____ Age (as of 9/1/24): _____

Parent/Guardian(s): _____

Phone #: _____ Alternate #: _____

Check one: I do ___ do not ___ plan to also show a steer or swine this year (circle species).

FFA members require one signature; 4-H members require two signatures:

FFA Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

or

4-H Club Leader Signature: _____ Date: _____

and

4-H Extension Agent Signature: _____ Date: _____

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ENTRY, AND THAT I AUTHORIZE MY CHILD TO ENTER A PEN OF PULLETS IN THE FAWE LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE. WE BOTH HAVE READ, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND WE AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES & REGULATIONS (species and general).

Exhibitors Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Exhibitors may turn entry form and payment into Ms. Nelson, Ms. Wilson, or Dr. Moores. If you choose, you may Mail Entry Form and all fees to: FAWE - P.O. Box 12025 - Brooksville, FL 34603
(Must be turned in or postmarked NO LATER THAN September 19, 2024)

T-Shirt Size (Circle Appropriate Size for Exhibitor) REQUIRED

Youth: Small Medium Large

Adult: Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large XXX-Large XXXX-Large

If registering a Club/Chapter/Family project, more than one t-shirt is permitted but limited.