

2022 Gallatin County 4-H Poultry Project Contract

Member Name: (Please Print Clearly) _____

Circle your level of participation: Senior Junior Cloverbud

** (Keep a Copy for your records—Contract is due March 15, 2022)

As a 4-H Member in the Poultry Project, I agree to the following:

- 1) **Membership:** I will be enrolled in 4-H and poultry project(s) and follow all Gallatin County 4-H rules, fair book rules and the following project rules and guidelines. In order to participate at the fair, I will be signed up for the poultry project AND turn in my signed Poultry Contract by March 15, 2022. If I am going to participate in the market sale portion of the poultry project then I will be enrolled in the market project by February 1, 2022 and have my birds either in my possession or ordered by March 17, 2022 (a confirmation of delivery date is required to be shown to one of the leaders by this date). All other birds must be in my possession by May 1, 2022.
- 2) **Workshops:** I will attend a minimum of **three workshops** as shown on the poultry schedule of events. **NEW THIS YEAR**, for all poultry project members (above a cloverbud level), will need to attend the Animal Quality Assurance (AQA) session once as a junior (ages 8-13 years old) and once as a senior (ages 14 to 19 years old as of October 1, 2021). If you have already taken AQA in the past couple of years please confirm with the 4-H office directly if you need to retake AQA this year. If this is your first year in poultry you might also need to meet the AQA workshop requirement in order to show at the fair. All workshop requirements must be met by **July 6, 2022**. **Dates and times for the AQA workshop will be announced by the 4-H office. Additionally, the meeting on February 10, 2022 at 6:30pm is required for all market members to attend. Please note that if you attended the Rocky Mountain Fall Show in Great Falls (September 2021) you may count that attendance as one of your workshop requirements for this new 4-H year.**

3) **4-H Participation Discounts:** There are some businesses around the area that offer discounts to 4-H members. Please ask about these discounts when purchasing feed and supplies for your projects. One business in particular (Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply) offers a discount to 4-H members but you need to get the discount card directly from this business. You can apply for the card at the store.

4) **Fair Participation:** I understand that I must follow all the requirements for the poultry project as outlined within this contract and within the fair book to be eligible to participate in the poultry area of the fair. I will also sign the Gallatin County Code of Conduct on file with the 4-H office.

a) **Fair Posters:** ALL poultry members must complete a poster on a poultry topic of the member's choice. Cloverbud members are not required to complete a poster, but will have a different activity book that would need to be turned in prior to fair. The poster is to be collected at poultry check in and must be able to be hung inside the livestock barn. It is very helpful if you can attach hangers (large paperclips) to the back of the poster so that we can hang them easily on the lattice boards. Also, please do not put your name on the front. Write your name on the back and indicate if you are a Jr. Sr. or Cloverbud.

b) **Record Book:** All regular members participating in the fair must complete their record book prior to the fair. The record book must include the following pages: My 4-H Year, Poultry Project Journal (Animal Project Journal) and your project workbook. The record book must be submitted to the 4-H office by **July 6, 2022 by 5:00pm** in order to participate in the fair. Signatures from the leaders will be applied after being submitted. The record book is required at the time of the interview. You can pick up your record book before your interview or at the time of the interview. Cloverbuds will have a special record/activity book that they are encouraged to submit for review and to be used in their interviews.

c) **Interview at the Fair:** 4-H members will be required to participate in only one animal project interview regardless of how many different animal projects you are enrolled in during the fair. Interviews are not required for Cloverbuds, but again participation is highly recommended. Interviews will be held on July 14 and 15, 2022 (time TBD). You will be able to sign-up for a time slot prior to fair.

d) Judged Events: The poultry project also offers additional fun events to be entered and judged during the fair. Keep in mind these items are also encouraged for fair.

1). Photo Contest: each participant is limited to submitting three photos. Photo sizes are 5X7 or 8X10 mounted or un-mounted. Please put your name on the back of each photo.

2). An egg decorating category. Paint eggs, add clothes, make a scene, and be creative. Please remember to put your name on the back of each entry.

3). Submit an egg carton with six eggs. Eggs will be judged on quality and uniformity. Please put your name on the back of each entry.

e) Dusting: All birds will be **dusted seven days prior to being taken to the fair.** You can find dusting powder at all of the feed stores as well as from Amazon. Some common brands are: Ytex Gardstar, Garden/Poultry Dust, and Organic Diatomaceous Earth for Poultry. It does not hurt your bird, rather protects them from mites. We will discuss this process during the June fair prep workshop.

f) Vet Checks/Herdsmanship: All animals must pass a vet check before being placed into their judging cage/areas during the fair. A sign up for the vet check times will be available prior to the fair and the vet check itself will be done at check in. Additionally, all members are expected to take care of their animals daily and in accordance with animal quality assurance practices. Cages must be presentable and cleaned daily during the fair and animals must be feed/watered daily. During the fair, as a member you will also participate in the overall barn cleaning duties.

- g) Barn Duty:** All members will participate in barn duty as designated by the poultry leaders. A signup sheet for duty times will be presented prior to fair. It is required to have a parent, guardian or someone over 18 years old present during each duty time. When on barn duty it is your responsibility to watch over the entire barn, answer the public's questions and take care of the animals and situations as needed. Hours are generally 12noon to 10pm but may differ depending on the official layout of fair week. Please also note that the last day of fair is Sunday and the barn hours are generally noon to 4pm that day. Sign-ups will be sent closer to fair.
- h) Fair Entry Fee:** Each member of the poultry club will pay a flat rate fee of \$15.00 to participate in the fair. (A limit is on the amount of birds shown will be stated closer to fair but generally is 10 entries per member) An exception, if you are bringing a trio/duo it is considered 1 entry and each of the market pens are also considered to be 1 entry. Additionally, if you are in the market poultry project you will also pay a separate fee for each pen of 3 birds. Depending on where we process the birds at this year, the fee may need to be altered and therefore it will be announced prior to entries being due. In prior years, the fee has been around \$15.00 per market pen. In general, the fair entry fee is used to cover the cost of the judge(s), vet check fees, exhibit costs, and the awards. The market fee covers the transportation/handling costs associated with the processing of the animals. It is anticipated that fair entries will be due the first part of June.
- i) Deposits/ Fair Set Up/Tear Down:** You must attend Barn Set-up in order to have your animals at the fair. Fair set-up will occur on Saturday July 16, 2022. Each member will submit a deposit for \$10.00 during vet checks. You will be refunded your deposit upon check out on the last day of the fair after your pens and area have been cleaned properly and inspected by a poultry leader. You cannot remove your birds earlier then the last day of the schedule fair time or you forfeit your awards and deposit. We will all take down the barn, have an awards ceremony for all poultry members during the week of fair.

5) **Dress Code:** All members participating in the fair and during workshops must follow the 4-H dress code as defined in the county standards. **During the showmanship event at fair, you will be required to have a white dress shirt, black pants and a closed toe shoe (boots encouraged).** You can get these items at Murdoch's or a similar clothing store. Members are encouraged to bring any items you may have outgrown to the last meeting to help others during our June workshop.

6) **Market Poultry Project Members:** In addition to the requirements stated above, market poultry members will participate in all areas of the market project. This includes the following:

1. Marketing your market project to potential buyers prior to fair. (Going to local businesses, creating flyers, try to set-up a buyer prior to the fair.)
2. Weighing your animals at fair. You must be present and able to move your animals onto the scale.
3. Take your market photos at designated times. Professional pictures are taken and given to buyers after your animals have been auctioned.
4. Selling your animals at the market sale and helping others with their animals. You must be present at the start of the market sale regardless of when you actually are on the sale order.
5. **Immediately after the sale of your animals you need to hang a Thank You poster on your pen. You will need to have this made before the sale and ready to fill in the name of your buyer. This poster must be hung the night of the auction.**
6. There will also be help needed to transport the animals to the processor and some extended barn clean up duties at the fair. Depending on where the animals are processed we may also request assistance from market members and their families to assist with the processing.
7. **NEW THIS YEAR: You must be enrolled in the poultry market project by February 1, 2022.**
8. Members will also be responsible for completing the Gallatin County 4-H Livestock Project Contract by **March 15, 2022**. This will be submitted to the 4-H office directly.

*****ALL members will be respectful to all project members, leaders, adults, guests etc. Members will help others. Members will respect the facilities and pick up after themselves. Above all, members will have fun and help others have a good time as well!**

By signing below, I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of this contract. This contract must be submitted to the 4-H office or emailed to fcclashawna@hotmail.com by March 15, 2022. Any questions please contact one of the poultry leaders. Please note that the livestock project market contract must be submitted directly to the 4-H office only.

Member Name: (Please Print Clearly) _____

Member's Signature/Date: _____

Parent/Guardians Signature/Date: _____

Circle your level of participation: **Senior** **Junior** **Cloverbud**