

## News Release

### 2000 National 4-H Poultry & Egg Conference

The 2000 National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference was held on November 15 at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville, KY. The annual conference allowed 4-H'ers from all over the country to compete in educational events that help them learn to make and defend decisions, speak publicly, and gain skills in poultry-related subject matter.

The 2000 conference included five separate events. In the poultry and egg judging contest, 4-H'ers judged ready-to-cook poultry, live production hens, and market eggs. In the chicken and turkey barbecuing contests, the 4-H'ers prepared barbecued chicken or turkey and gave oral presentations on the broiler or turkey industries. The egg preparation demonstrations involved preparing an egg dish and giving an oral presentation on the nutritional value of eggs. In addition to these events, an avian bowl was conducted. The avian bowl is a round robin tournament in which the contestants are required to answer questions regarding poultry science, poultry production, gamebird and waterfowl production, and information about the poultry industries.

A Poultry Careers Workshop was also held during the Conference. The 4-H'ers were exposed to hands-on information from poultry food industry personnel and the participants were given pertinent information about the career and educational opportunities in the poultry food sciences and industries. According to the participants' surveys, 95% rated the Workshop as excellent. The Conference Committee greatly appreciates the time, dedication, and efforts of the industry representatives. Hy-Vac, Inc., Maple Leaf Farms, the Southeastern Game Breeders and Hunting Preserve Association, and the North American Gamebird Association sponsored the Workshop.

The 137 senior 4-H'ers, representing 24 states, participated as teams or individuals. Team competition was held in the poultry and egg judging contest and the avian bowl. Individuals competed in the egg preparation and the turkey and chicken barbecuing contests. Eighteen teams judged poultry and eggs, and eight teams competed in the avian bowl. Ten individuals participated in the turkey barbecuing contest, twelve in chicken barbecue, and sixteen in the egg preparation demonstration. **Larry Brown** of the **U. S. Poultry & Egg Association** attended the Conference and participated at the awards banquet. Along with the 4-H'ers, about 280 people, including county extension agents, 4-H leaders, chaperons, coaches, and poultry specialists, helped make the conference a success.

The conference was funded through contributions of goods, finances, and services from many individuals, companies, and commodity organizations. **A total of 47 organizations** provided financial support for awards. The **U. S. Poultry & Egg Association** sponsored the awards banquet and provided funding for awards for the judging contest. Tyson Foods, Cryovac-Sealed Air Corp., the Alabama Poultry & Egg Assoc sponsored the chicken barbecue awards. The turkey barbecuing contest awards were sponsored mainly by **British United Turkeys of America, Goldsboro Milling Co., House of Raeford Farms, the Minnesota Turkey Growers Assoc., the Texas Turkey Federation, and the Wisconsin Turkey Federation**. Awards for the egg cookery demonstrations were sponsored by funding from the **American Egg Board, Georgia Egg Commission, Louisiana Egg Commission, North Carolina Egg Association, California Egg Commission, Texas Egg Council, and the United Egg Board**. Contributions from **Perdue Farms, Hubbard Farms, Inc., Hy-Line International Co., Chilson's Management Controls, California Poultry Industry Fed., and Southern States Cooperative** sponsored the awards for the avian bowl. Additional thanks are extended to the **Poultry Science Association, the USA Branch of WPSA, the Indiana State Poultry Assoc., the Virginia Poultry Federation, the PENNAG Poultry Council, the Texas Poultry**

**Federation, the Ohio Poultry Federation, the Tennessee Poultry Federation, the South Carolina Poultry Federation, the Kentucky Poultry Federation, the American Poultry Historical Society, the Wisconsin Poultry Improvement Assoc., Dr. Francine Bradley, and the Midwest Poultry Federation** for their donations this year to the National Conference. It is difficult to mention all the sponsors in this format, however, special appreciation goes out to all of the supporting organizations and individuals. The National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference could not exist without their contributions.

The **Minnesota** team, coached by **Kae Eblen and Doreen Cihlar**, won the avian bowl contest. Each team member won a plaque, gold pin, and a \$100 savings bond. The winning team members were **Sandy Pasche, Anne Pasche, Karl Pasche, and Jodi Lanigan**. Other top ranking teams were, California (2nd), Georgia (3rd), Kentucky (4th), Ohio (5th), Mississippi (6th), Virginia (7th), North Carolina (8th), Illinois (9th), and Arkansas (10th).

In the cooking contests, **Sandy Bushatz** from **Ohio** took first place in the chicken barbecue demonstration. **Callie Bushatz** from **Ohio** took first place in the turkey barbecue competition. **Kaci Kizer** from **Arkansas** won the egg preparation demonstration contest. Each contestant won a plaque, \$500 savings bond, watch, and gold pin.

Competition was exceptional in the poultry and egg judging contest this year. In poultry judging, the individual winning the Production Hen division was **Meghan Wilson** from **Florida**, and the **Maryland** team won the team competition for that division. In the Market Poultry division, **Meghan Wilson** from **Florida** won the individual competition, and the **Virginia** team won the team competition. The individual winning the Market Egg division was **Rachel Gates** from **Florida** and the team competition was won by **Florida**. Each contestant was awarded a trophy and gold pin.

The overall individual champion in the poultry and egg judging contest, winning a plaque, watch, gold pin, and \$500 savings bond, was **Laurie Murrah** from **Georgia**, scoring 1434 points out of a possible 1,500. **Georgia** was the overall team champion in poultry and egg judging, scoring 4,205 points out of a possible 4,500. The **Georgia** team consisted of **Jessie Davis, Laurie Murrah, Mollie Rice, and Jeremy Scoggins**. Each team member won a trophy and gold pin. The **Florida** team was coached by **Jim Retter**. Other top ranking teams were Florida, 2nd; Virginia, 3rd; Maryland, 4th; Ohio, 5th; Mississippi 6th; Arkansas, 7th; California, 8th; Louisiana, 9th; Illinois, 10th; North Carolina, 11th; Kentucky, 12th; Indiana, 13th; Tennessee, 14th, and Minnesota, 15th. **Dr. Gary S. Davis, Extension Poultry Specialist, Box, 7608, NCSU, Raleigh, NC 27695-7608; (919) 515-5403, Email: Gary\_Davis@ncsu.edu**

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