

News Release
2006 National 4-H Poultry & Egg Conference

The 2006 National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference was held November 15-16 at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville, KY. This annual conference allows 4-Hers from all over the country to compete in educational events that help them learn to make and defend decisions, speak publicly, and gain poultry-related skills.

This annual 4-H conference includes five separate events. In the Poultry Judging contest, participants are required to judge ready-to-cook chicken and turkey carcasses, live production hens and market eggs. In the Chicken and Turkey Barbecuing contests participants barbecue four chicken halves or two turkey fillets and give an oral presentation on the corresponding poultry industry. In the Egg Preparation demonstration contest participants prepare an egg dish and give an oral presentation on the nutritional value of eggs. In addition to these events, the conference includes an Avian Bowl contest which is a round robin tournament in which the contestants are required to answer questions regarding poultry science, poultry meat and egg production, and information about the poultry industries.

A Poultry Careers workshop is also held at the Conference, exposing the 4-H'ers are exposed to hands-on information from poultry food industry personnel and the participants are given pertinent information about the career and educational opportunities in the poultry food sciences and industries. The workshop was sponsored by Maple Leaf Farms, the State Executive Poultry Association, the Southeastern Game Breeders and Hunting Preserve Association, and the North American Gamebird Association.

At the 2006 National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference, 136 senior 4-H'ers, representing 25 states, participated as teams or individuals. Team competitions were held in the Poultry Judging and Avian Bowl contests. Individuals competed in the Egg Preparation and the Turkey and Chicken Barbecuing contests. Eighteen teams participated in the Poultry Judging contest and 13 teams competed in the Avian Bowl contest. Eleven individuals participated in the Chicken Barbecue contest, eleven in the Turkey Barbecue contest, and twelve in the Egg Preparation Demonstration.

Ms. Barbara Davis of the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association attended the Conference and participated at the awards banquet. Along with the 4-H'ers, an additional 123 people, including county extension agents, 4-H leaders, chaperones, coaches, family members 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 35 organizations provided financial support for awards. The U.S. Poultry & Egg Association sponsored the awards banquet and provided funding for awards for the Poultry Judging contest. The Chicken Barbecue awards were sponsored by Tyson Foods. The Turkey Barbecue awards were sponsored by the Minnesota Turkey Council, Goldsboro Milling Company, and the Texas Turkey Federation. Awards for the Egg Preparation Demonstration were sponsored by funding from the Georgia Egg Commission, Missouri Egg Council, North Carolina Egg Association, Texas Egg Council, the Pacific Egg and Poultry Association, and the United Egg Producers. Contributions from Hy-Line International Co., Cryovac-Sealed Air Corp., and the California Poultry Federation sponsored the awards for the Avian Bowl. Additional thanks are extended to the Alabama Poultry & Egg Association, Dr. Francine Bradley, Florida Poultry Federation, GoldKist, Indiana State Poultry Association, Kentucky Poultry Federation, Louisiana Poultry Federation, Nebraska Department of Agriculture – Poultry &

Egg Division, Midwest Poultry Federation, north American International Livestock Exposition, Ohio Poultry Association, PENNAG Poultry Council, Pilgrim's Pride, Poultry Science Association, South Carolina Poultry Federation, Texas Broiler Council, Texas Poultry Federation, Texas Poultry Improvement Association, and Virginia Poultry Federation for their donations this year to the National Conference.

The California team won the Avian Bowl contest. Each team member won a plaque, gold pin and a \$200 savings bond. The winning team members were Daniel Berke, Sarah Hazeltine, and Joe Tauzer. They were coached by Jan Johansen. Other top ranking teams were New York (2nd), Virginia (3rd), Pennsylvania (4th), Ohio and Kentucky (tied for 5th), Florida and Minnesota (tied for 7th) and Georgia and Illinois (tied for 9th).

In the cooking contests, Samantha Lirette from Louisiana took first place in the Chicken Barbecue contest. Faith Houston from Pennsylvania took first place in the Turkey Barbecue contest. Marianne Smith from Arkansas placed first in the Egg Preparation Demonstration. Each contestant received a plaque, a gold pin and a \$500 savings bond.

In the Poultry Judging contest, Jacob Haager from Pennsylvania placed first in the Production Hen. Maryland (Johanna Grimm, Ashley Stevens, Christopher Tomlinson, and David Welsh) was the top team in this division. Kacey Rodrigue from Louisiana placed first in the Market Poultry division. Mary Jean Dauss from Florida placed first in the Market Egg division. Louisiana (Kristen Naquin, Meagan Hebert, Kourtney Rodrigue and Kacey Rodrigue) was the top team in both the Market Poultry and Market Egg Divisions. Each individual winner received a gold pin and a plaque. Each team member was awarded a trophy and gold pin.

The overall individual champion in the Poultry Judging contest, receiving a plaque, gold pin and a \$500 savings bond, was Kacey Rodrigue from Louisiana with the Louisiana finishing as the overall team champion in the Poultry Judging contest. The Louisiana team consisted of Kristen Naquin, Meagna Hebert, Kourtney Rodrigue and Kacey Rodrigue. They were coached by David Boldt. Each team member received a trophy and gold pin. The top team also receives the Dr. Charles Wabeck Memorial Award. Other top ranking teams were Arkansas (2nd), Georgia (3rd), Indiana (4th), Ohio (5th), Florida (6th), Maryland (7th), Virginia (8th), North Carolina (9th), and Kentucky (10th).

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PHOTOS



CHICKEN BARBECUE – 1ST PLACE: SAMANTHA LIRETTE FROM LOUISIANA, WITH KEN KOELKEBECK, CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT
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CHICKEN BARBECUE WINNER: SAMANTHA LIRETTE FROM LOUISIANA, WITH COACH (DONNA AYO) AND KEN KOELKEBECK, CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT

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TURKEY BARBECUE – 1ST PLACE: FAITH HOUSTON FROM PENNSYLVANIA,
WITH COACH (SANDRA HOUSTON) AND KEN KOELKEBECK, CONFERENCE
SUPERINTENDENT

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EGG PREPARATION DEMONSTRATION – 1ST PLACE: MARIANNA SMITH FROM
ARKANSAS, WITH KEN KOELKEBECK, CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT

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PHOTOS – POULTRY JUDGING CONTEST

DIVISION – PRODUCTION HENS



TOP INDIVIDUAL – JACOB HAAGER FROM PENNSYLVANIA, WITH BARBARA DAVIS OF THE US POULTRY & EGG ASSOCIATION

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TOP TEAM – MARYLAND (JOHANNA GRIMM, ASHLEY STEVENS, CHRISTOPHER TOMLINSON AND DAVID WELSH) WITH BARBARA DAVIS OF THE US POULTRY & EGG ASSOCIATION

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DIVISION – MARKET EGGS



TOP INDIVIDUAL – MARY JEAN DAUSS FROM FLORIDA, WITH BARBARA DAVIS OF THE US POULTRY & EGG ASSOCIATION

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TOP TEAM – LOUISIANA (KRISTEN NAQUIN MEAGAN HERBERT, KOURTNEY RODRIGUE AND KACEY RODRIGUE) WITH BARBARA DAVIS OF THE US POULTRY & EGG ASSOCIATION

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DIVISION – READY TO COOK POULTRY



TOP INDIVIDUAL –KACEY RODRIGUE FROM LOUISIANA, WITH BARBARA DAVIS OF THE US POULTRY & EGG ASSOCIATION

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TOP TEAM – LOUISIANA (KRISTEN NAQUIN, MEAGAN HEBERT, KOURTNEY RODRIGUE AND KACEY RODRIGUE), WITH BARBARA DAVIS OF US POULTRY & EGG ASSOCIATION

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PHOTOS – POULTRY JUDGING CONTEST

OVERALL



HIGH OVERALL INDIVIDUAL – KACEY RODRIGUE FROM LOUISIANA, WITH BARBARA DAVIS OF THE US POULTRY & ASSOCIATION

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HIGH OVERALL TEAM – LOUISIANA (KRISTEN NAQUIN, MEAGAN HEBERT, KOURTNEY RODRIGUE, AND KACEY RODRIGUE) WITH COACH (DAVID BOLDT), WITH BARBARA DAVIS OF THE US POULTRY & EGG ASSOCIATION

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PHOTOS - AVIAN BOWL



Avian Bowl winners – California (Daniel Berke, Sarah Hazeltine, and Joe Tauzer), with their coach Jan Johansen

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