

**News Release**  
**2014 National 4-H Poultry & Egg Conference**

The 2014 National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference was held November 19-20 at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville. 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 competitive 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 three 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 while giving an oral presentation on the nutritional value and versatility of eggs. In addition to these events, the conference includes an Avian Bowl contest which is a double-elimination 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-Hers to hands-on information from poultry food industry personnel and the participants are given pertinent information about career and educational opportunities in poultry industries. This year there were two speakers at the workshop. Mr. Terry Ashby spoke about his job as National Accounts Manager with Perdue Farms. Mr. Phillip Clauer, Senior Instructor from Pennsylvania State University, discussed the career opportunities available in the poultry industry and how to pursue a college program that will give students diverse experiences in poultry to develop a successful career.

At the 2014 National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference, 157 senior 4-Hers, representing 22 states, participated as teams or individuals in the various events. Nineteen teams and two independent individuals participated in the Poultry Judging contest and 13 teams competed in the Avian Bowl contest. Eleven individuals participated in the Chicken Barbecue contest, eight in the Turkey Barbecue, and eight in the Egg Preparation Demonstration.

Mrs. Barbara Jenkins of the USPOULTRY Foundation, along with Jon Cole of Poultry Science Association, attended the conference and participated at the awards banquet. Along with the 4-Hers, an additional 157 people, including poultry specialists, county extension agents, 4-H leaders, coaches, chaperones, and other family members, 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 30 donors provided financial support for awards.

The Avian Bowl contest was won by the team from California. Each team member was awarded a plaque, gold pin and \$100. The winning team members were Kutter Wright and Emma Osborn. They were coached by Kris Wright. The remaining top teams were Pennsylvania (2<sup>nd</sup> – each member received a plaque, gold pin and \$75); Kentucky (3<sup>rd</sup> – each member received a plaque, silver pin and \$60), Minnesota (4<sup>th</sup> – each member received a silver pin and \$50); North Carolina (5<sup>th</sup> – each member received a bronze pin and \$25); and Florida (6<sup>th</sup> – each member received a bronze pin and \$25).



Avian Bowl winners – from California  
Coached by Kris Wright  
Presented by Jon Cole, Poultry Science Association

In the cooking contests, Erin Ingalsbe from Missouri took first place in the Chicken Barbecue contest; Camille Ledoux from New York took first place in the Turkey Barbecue contest; and Hannah Mosley from Georgia placed first in the Egg Preparation Demonstration. Each contestant received a plaque, gold pin and \$250. The plaque awarded the winner of the turkey barbecue contest is the Robert Hogue Memorial award. The coach for the top individual in each contest also receives a plaque.



Chicken barbecue contestants



Turkey barbecue contestants



Chicken BBQ winner – Erin Ingalsbe from Missouri  
Coached by Katie Ingalsbe  
Presented by Jesse Lyons, University of Missouri



Turkey BBQ winner – Camille Ledoux from New York  
(Received the Robert Hogue Memorial award)  
Coached by Michele Ledoux  
Presented by Jesse Lyons, University of Missouri





Egg Preparation Demonstration winner – Hannah Mosley from Georgia  
 Coached by Laura Mosley  
 Presented by Jamie Guffey from the Kentucky Poultry Federation

In the Poultry Judging contest, Chris Candreva from Florida placed first in the Production Hen division. Florida (Dereck Sharp, Chris Candreva, Tim Caswell, and Suzan Karcaaltinacaba) was the top team in this division. Guy Hancock from Georgia placed first in the Market Poultry division. Maryland (Noah Lawrence, Ray Martin, Natalie Panagakos and Drew Ridgeway) was the top team in this division. Jane Benoit from Florida placed first in the Market Egg division and Maryland was again the top team. Each individual winner received a plaque and gold pin. Each team member was awarded a trophy and gold pin.



Production Hen division, top individual  
 Chris Candreva from Florida  
 Presented by Mrs. Barbara Jenkins, USPOULTRY Foundation



Production Hen division, top team  
 Florida Poultry Judging Team  
 Presented by Mrs. Barbara Jenkins, USPOULTRY Foundation





Market Poultry division, top individual  
Guy Hancock from Georgia

Presented by Mrs. Barbara Jenkins, USPOULTRY Foundation



Market Poultry Division, top team  
Maryland Poultry Judging team



Market egg division, top individual  
Jane Benoit from Florida

Presented by Mrs. Barbara Jenkins, USPOULTRY Foundation



Market egg division, top team  
Maryland Poultry Judging team

The overall individual champion in the Poultry Judging contest, receiving a plaque, gold pin and \$250, was Ben Hancock from Georgia, with Maryland finishing as the overall team champions (Noah Lawrence, Ray Martin, Natalie Panagakos, and Drew Ridgeway). They were coached by Nick Zimmermann and Angelique Livezy. Each team member received trophy and gold pin. The top team also receives the Dr. Charles Wabeck Memorial Award. Other top ranking teams were Georgia (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Florida (3<sup>rd</sup>).



Top individual overall  
Ben Hancock from Georgia  
Presented by Mrs. Barbara Jenkins, USPOULTRY Foundation



Top team overall, Maryland  
Coach: Nick Zimmermann and Angelique Livezy

The National 4-H Poultry and Egg conference is where competition and fellowship develop the next generation of leaders.

- The poultry judging contest teaches participants to make decisions in an orderly manner, use reasoning skills, and to accurately communicate decisions. Participants are required to evaluate ready-to-cook chicken and turkey carcasses, live production hens and market eggs.
- The avian bowl is a double elimination contest for state teams patterned after other knowledge bowls. Contestants must have a comprehensive knowledge of subject matter for several species of poultry, food safety, physiology, nutrition, eggs, and other subjects.
- In the egg preparation demonstration contest participants are required to prepare an egg dish, demonstrate presentation skills and incorporate knowledge of the egg industry, egg quality and nutrition.
- In the chicken and turkey barbecue contest participants barbecue three chicken halves or two turkey fillets and give an oral presentation on the corresponding poultry industry. Participants develop skills in barbecuing, preparation of a product, and a presentation that demonstrates knowledge of the subject industry, food safety and product attributes.

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