

News Release
2016 National 4-H Poultry & Egg Conference

The 2016 National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference was held November 16-17 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 demonstrate preparation 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 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 three speakers at the workshop. Tracy McKenney spoke about working at Perdue. Dr. Ken Koelkebeck spoke about opportunities in poultry science programs.

At the 2016 National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference, 139 senior 4-Hers, representing 24 states, participated as teams or individuals in the various events. Nineteen teams and four independent individuals participated in the Poultry Judging contest and twelve teams competed in the Avian Bowl contest. Ten individuals participated in the Chicken Barbecue contest, ten in the Turkey Barbecue, and five in the Egg Preparation Demonstration.

Mrs. Barbara Jenkins of the USPOULTRY Foundation, along with Mr. David Busboom of Poultry Science Association, attended the conference and participated at the awards banquet. Along with the 4-Hers, an additional 173 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 25 donors provided financial support for awards.

The Avian Bowl contest was won by the team from Wisconsin. Each team member was awarded a plaque, gold pin and \$100. The winning team members were Shelby and Sydney Tone. They were coached by Mr. Steve Tone. The remaining top teams were California (2nd – each member received a plaque, gold pin and \$75); North Carolina (3rd – each member received a plaque, silver pin and \$60), Pennsylvania (4th – each member received a silver pin and \$50); Kentucky (5th – each member received a bronze pin and \$25); and New York (6th – each member received a bronze pin and \$25). Other participating teams included Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Minnesota and Ohio



Avian Bowl winners – from Wisconsin
Coached by Mr. Steve Tone
Presented by David Busboom, Poultry Science Association

In the cooking contests, Mitchell Baker from Arkansas took first place in the Chicken Barbecue contest; Gracie Nicol from New York took first place in the Turkey Barbecue contest; and Kristine Gillenwater from Kentucky 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.



Turkey Barbecue Contestants



Chicken Barbecue Contestants



Chicken BBQ winner – Mitchell Baker from Arkansas
 Coach: Mrs. Sondra Baker
 Presented by Jesse Lyons, University of Missouri



Turkey BBQ winner – Gracie Nicol from New York
 (Received the Robert Hogue Memorial award)
 Coach: Susanna Thomas
 Presented by Jesse Lyons, University of Missouri



Egg Preparation Demonstration winner – Kristine Gillenwater from Kentucky
 Coach: Debbie Gillenwater
 Presented by Dr. Ken Koelbeck, University of Illinois.

In the Poultry Judging contest, Will Tornambe from Pennsylvania placed first in the Production Hen division. Maryland (Jaclyn Bryant, Lauren Dallas, Margaret Lawrence and Amanda Shultz) was the top team in this division. Brennan Miller from Virginia placed first in the Market Poultry division. Kentucky (Alexis Lamb, Joza Mikvlcik, Elijah Rudd and Avery Wimurth) was the top team in this division. Emily Jennings from Florida placed first in the Market Egg division. Florida (Kaylee Cummings, Emily Jennings, Tierani, Johnson, and Bailey McKendree) was the top team in this division. Each individual winner received a plaque and gold pin. 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 \$250, was Will Tornambe from Pennsylvania, with Pennsylvania (Matthew DeFilippo, Emma Holiday, Emma Roberto, and Will Tornambe) finishing as the overall team champions. Each team member received a trophy and gold pin. The top team also receives the Dr. Charles Waback Memorial Award. Other top ranking teams were North Carolina (2nd) and Florida (3rd).



Production Hen division, top individual
 Will Tornambe, Pennsylvania
 Presented by Mrs. Barbara Jenkins, USPOULTRY Foundation



Production Hen division, top team
 Maryland Poultry Judging Team



Market Poultry division, top individual
Brennan Miller from Virginia
Presented by Mrs. Barbara Jenkins, USPOULTRY Foundation



Market Poultry Division, top team
Kentucky Poultry Judging team
Presented by Mrs. Barbara Jenkins, USPOULTRY Foundation



Market egg division, top individual
Emily Jennings from Florida
Presented by Mrs. Barbara Jenkins, USPOULTRY Foundation



Market egg division, top team
Florida Poultry Judging team
Presented by Mrs. Barbara Jenkins, USPOULTRY Foundation



Top individual overall
Will Tornambe, Pennsylvania
Presented by Mrs. Barbara Jenkins, USPOULTRY Foundation



Top team overall, Pennsylvania
Coach: Denise Holliday
Presented by Mrs. Barbara Jenkins, USPOULTRY Foundation

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.

For more information on the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference

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