

News Release
2018 National 4-H Poultry & Egg Conference

The 2018 National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference was held November 14-15 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 two speakers at the workshop. Tracy McKenney spoke about working at Perdue. Mr. Phillip Clauer, from the Pennsylvania State University, spoke about opportunities in poultry science programs.

At the 2018 National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference, 137 senior 4-Hers, representing 26 states, participated as teams or individuals in the various events. Nineteen teams and eight independent individuals participated in the Poultry Judging contest and sixteen teams competed in the Avian Bowl contest. Eleven individuals participated in the Chicken Barbecue contest, nine in the Turkey Barbecue, and five in the Egg Preparation Demonstration.

Mrs. Barbara Jenkins of the USPOULTRY Foundation, along with Mr. Jon Cole of Poultry Science Association, attended the conference and participated at the awards banquet. Along with the 4-Hers, an additional 203 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 New York. Each team member was awarded a plaque, gold pin and \$100. The winning team members were Peter Lukach and Grace Sayward. They were coached by Lance Sayward. The remaining top teams were Kansas (2nd – each member received a plaque, gold pin and \$75); California (3rd – each member received a plaque, silver pin and \$60), Minnesota (4th – each member received a silver pin and \$50); Alabama and Wisconsin (tied for 5th – each member received a bronze pin and \$25); Other participating teams included Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas.



Avian Bowl winners – from New York
 Coached by Lance Sayward
 Presented by Jon Cole, Poultry Science Association

In the cooking contests, Caleb Moseley from Georgia took first place in the Chicken Barbecue contest; Samuel Sutton from Alabama took first place in the Turkey Barbecue contest; and Hannah Enskat from Alabama 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 – Caleb Moseley from Georgia
 Coach: Laural Moseley
 Presented by Dianna Bourassa, Auburn University



Turkey BBQ winner – Samuel Sutton from Alabama
(Received the Robert Hogue Memorial award)
Coach: Patrick Sutton



Egg Preparation Demonstration winner – Hannah Enskat from Alabama
Coach: Lisa Towe

In the Poultry Judging contest, Molly Scheetz from Pennsylvania placed first in the Production Hen division. Georgia (Aaliyah Ross, Ericka Lord, Caroline Lord, and Carlissa Stewart) was the top team in this division. Alex Meche from Louisiana placed first in the Market Poultry division. New York (Mercie Nicol, Gracie Nicol, Mackenzie Lill and April Washburn) was the top team in this division. Kaleb Hemrich from Illinois placed first in the Market Egg division. Kentucky (Alyssa Preston, Anna Sweets, Ava Dixon and Raymond Carter) 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 Charlotte Krispin from Maryland, with Georgia (Caroline Lord, Ericka Lord, Aaliyah Ross and Carlissa Stewart from Georgia coached by Jeri Gilleland) finishing as the overall team champions. 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 Maryland (2nd) and Kentucky (3rd).



Production Hen division, top individual
Molly Scheetz, Pennsylvania
Presented by Mrs. Barbara Jenkins, USPOULTRY Foundation



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



Market Poultry division, top individual
Alex Meche, Louisiana
Presented by Mrs. Barbara Jenkins, USPOULTRY Foundation



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



Market egg division, top individual
Kaleb, Illinois
Presented by Mrs. Barbara Jenkins, USPOULTRY Foundation



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



Top individual overall
Charlotte Krispin, Maryland

Presented by Mrs. Barbara Jenkins, USPOULTRY Foundation



Top team overall, Georgia
Coach: Jeri Gilleland

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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