

Did You Know...

According to a recent survey of the poultry industry, there is an annual shortfall of over 200 poultry science graduates. The industry needs qualified, intelligent, and enthusiastic people in its workforce.

Life skills learned in the events include: Becoming an informed consumer; Food safety; Leadership; Communication skills; Problem solving; and Decision making.

*Held every year
the Wednesday and Thursday
the Week before Thanksgiving*

*For more information:
www.ca.uky.edu/national4hpoultry*



To participate in the
National 4-H Poultry & Egg Conference,
contact the Conference Coordinator

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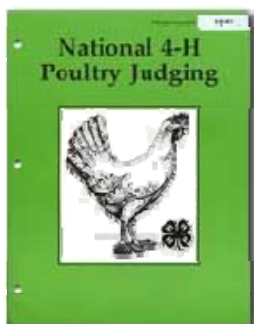


*Where competition
and fellowship
develop the next
generation of
leaders*



What is the National 4-H Poultry & Egg Conference?

The National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference recognizes 4-H members who have excelled in their state 4-H poultry learning activities.



The overall objective is to offer national level activities and contests designed to introduce participants to poultry and the poultry industry. Life skills are also learned through preparation for the various contests.

The conference also introduces the participants to careers in the poultry and allied industries.



Why should your state participate in this event?

The National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference has an average of 125 high school aged participants annually. This event, and the learning it imparts, is strategic to the development of informed consumers and voters as well as poultry professionals.

What are the contests and what are their value to the poultry industry?

1. The **Poultry Judging Contest** teaches participants to make decisions in an orderly manner, use reasoning skills and to communicate decisions. They also learn to use USDA grading criteria to determine quality of ready-to-cook poultry and eggs.



2. In the **Egg Preparation Demonstration** contest, contestants must prepare an egg dish, demonstrate presentation skills and incorporate knowledge of the egg industry, egg quality and nutrition.



3. 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.



4. The **Chicken & Turkey Barbecue Contests** involve skills in barbecuing, preparation of a product, and a presentation that demonstrates knowledge of the subject industry, food safety and product attributes.

What are they doing today? Here are some examples of what Conference Alumni are doing now:

Dr. Christian Brady

Dean, Schreyer Honors College, Penn State University.

Dr. Brady competed in the Poultry Judging contest in 1983 National 4-H Poultry and Conference. In his administrative capacity, he is dean of the Schreyer Honors College, Penn State University. We have just over 1700 students in all disciplines and I supervise 21 staff members.



Blake Van Denburgh

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Mr. Van Denburgh is a Live Production Director and oversees bird health for 6.5 million layers at three different locations. He competed in 1999, 2000, and 2001 in Poultry Judging, Turkey BBQ and Egg Prep. After being a chaperone for several years he joined the organizing committee.