

To: State 4-H Leaders and Specialist Committee

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Re: 2024 National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference

The 2024 National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference will be held at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville, KY, **November 20-21. Please note that a block of rooms has been reserved at the Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport.** You can make room reservations by calling the hotel directly at **866-888-0620** and mention that you are making room reservations for the National 4-H poultry and egg conference. You can also make reservations on-line by clicking the link here: [National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference 2024](#)

Information on the Conference and general rules are found at the conference website. All non-contestants including State Specialists and contestants need to be registered prior to the conference.

****NEW THIS YEAR** For each state, the State 4-H leader must sign off on each state team/individual. The form is included in your registration packet.**

The registration information for all attendees is on-line. Please go to the conference website at <https://national4hpoultry.ca.uky.edu/> for registration information and link to registration. Once on the conference website, click on the Conference Information tab, then click on Conference Registration. This will take you to a page that will show you the link to register ([National 4-H Poultry & Egg Conference \(regfox.com\)](#)). Once you click on that registration link, you can fill in your information and submit your registrations. **Please note that an additional registration form is needed for the Egg Chef Challenge Contest.** You may pay the registration fee by credit card, debit card, or send in a personal check. You must submit an online registration for each person attending, contestant or non-contestant, although new this year you only have to pay once for everyone if you are using a credit or debit card (preferred method).

A total of three 4-Hers *who have attended the conference in the past and competed in any event in the last five years*, can serve as Ambassadors to the Specialist Committee. Therefore, there is registration information on the on-line site and each state is allowed to nominate an individual of which a total of three individuals will be selected to serve as Ambassadors to the Specialist Committee.

If a contestant, coach, or family member from your state has a disability and desire any assistance, devices, services, or other accommodations such as special dietary restrictions or needs, please contact Dr. Ken Koelkebeck by October 21 at (217) 244-0195; kkoelkeb@illinois.edu during the business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. central time to discuss accommodations.

Everyone coming to the contest (contestant and non-contestant) must fill in their registration information. Complete instructions are found on the conference registration link on the website.

The Web page for this conference includes the general rules of each contest as well as other general conference information, such as the: Competition History, Schedule of Events, Maps to the Contest, Career Workshop, and the entry information link.

As in previous years, there will be a Poultry Career Opportunities Workshop that will be held at the Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport on **Wednesday, November 20, from 8:00 am to 10:30 a.m., with speakers during the 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. hour.** Please take note of the workshop program on page 10 in the information packet and plan on attending this program on Wednesday morning.. There are two tours of the Louisville area on Wednesday. Please plan on going on one of the tours. Tour 1 is for people who don't attend the career workshop and Tour 2 is for those who do attend the career workshop.

Other activities will include a Get Acquainted Party on Wednesday evening and the Awards Banquet on Thursday. Please see the Schedule of Events on pages 11-13 for all scheduled activities.

For the Get Acquainted Party and the Banquet, dietary considerations are the responsibility of the participant. If special meal needs are required, please contact me.

Please remember that the **registration deadline** for the contests is **October 21 at 5 p.m. Central Time** and for the Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport is **October 19**. We have a block of rooms reserved so it is important to secure the rooms early and prior to the deadline. When you call in your room reservations, mention that you are with the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference. **[If you plan to arrive after 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, you will need to provide your credit card number to hold for late arrival.]**

IMPORTANT - there is an activities fee for each person registered for the conference, which includes all contestants and non-contestants.

\$50 for each contestant (regardless of number of contests participating in)

\$50 for each non-contestant adult

\$25 for each non-contestant youth (ages 0-12)

\$10 for anyone including non-contestant youth (ages 0-12) participating in a tour. (A tour may not be added after the registration deadline). This is because of logistics.

\$18 for anyone wanting to purchase a T-shirt. When ready, the design for the T-shirt will be on the Facebook page, which is: "National 4-H poultry and egg conference".

Please submit your credit card or debit card information, or remit a check for the total amount for your state at the time of registration. If you opt to send in a check, it should be made out to the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference and send to Dr. Ken Koelkebeck at 282 Animal Sciences Laboratory, 1207 W. Gregory Dr., Urbana, IL 61801.

Important - in order to plan for the number of people attending the poultry careers workshop, tours 1 or 2, get acquainted party and awards banquet, please indicate those activities when you complete your on-line registration. If you do NOT plan on attending, please do NOT select it so that no food is wasted.

Important Special Note: [The National Poultry Judging Manual - 2022 Revised Edition](#)

This is the only version of the stand-alone Poultry Judging Manual. There is no printed version for sale, although if you have the Avian Bowl manual, it is included as a separate chapter.

The 2024 Study Packet for the Avian Bowl contest will be the following:

THE 2024 STUDY PACKET

All questions and answers will come from the following material in the 2023 version of the Avian Bowl Manual:

- Prologue
- Raising waterfowl (duck breeds and geese breeds only) ... pages 24-25
- Breeds, varieties, and strains (AOSB & Miscellaneous only) ... pages 78-80
- Eggyclopedia (eggs from A-Z through Daily values ... pages 103-118
- Raising your home chicken flock (All)... pages 153-161
- Squab production ... pages 171-173
- Contributions of individuals from industry, academia, and the government to the advancement of poultry science (1953 through 1962 only) ... pages 215-217

Note: The above study material came from the National 4-H Avian Bowl Manual revised in 2023.

If you wish to purchase a printed copy of the revised avian bowl manual, you may do so through Clemson University at \$20 per copy: 4-H Manual 161. An ADA-compliant PDF version will be available for purchase much later in 2024.

The manual purchased online is \$9 plus \$11 for postage purchased through US Mail.

If anyone purchased manuals early on and has blurry pages in the poultry judging section, you can contact Dawn Anticole at Clemson (dawnw@clemson.edu) and she will send you replacement pages free of charge.

To order the printed copy, the link is https://secure.touchnet.net/C20569_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=1587

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They do not accept checks.

I am looking forward to another excellent Conference. Please let me know if there are any specific questions or if the committee can help in any way.

“Educational programs of the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.”