MECOSTA COUNTY 4-H Poultry Project Area

Notebook Guidelines

Poultry Educational Notebook #2

Items A, B, C, D and E are required for all notebooks:

A. Decorative cover
B. Title page
C. Table of contents and Notebook Guidelines
D. Your 4-H story – tell us about your Poultry Project (to be completed each year)
E. Place the year that you complete each page in the lower right corner of each page.

You must complete at least six of the twelve items to be considered a complete project notebook for the year. However, you do have the option of completing all twelve if you wish.

Please remember to keep the pages from Notebook #1 in your binder as this is a progressive project notebook and should illustrate the knowledge you have gained over the years in your project area.

Year Completed

_____ 1. Describe and explain the important characteristics of 10 breeds of poultry (i.e. Japanese bantams, Isa Brown, Bronze Breasted Turkey, Pekin Duck, etc.) Examples of important characteristics include, but are not limited to:
   a. Average weight (male and female)
   b. Color(s) of feathers, feet, skin, eggs, etc.
   c. Comb type

_____ 2. Define the following terms as they refer to poultry:
   a. Class  f. Gizzard
   b. Crossbred  g. Yolk
   c. Layers  h. Broody Hen
   d. Roaster  i. Bantam
   e. Broiler  j. Stewing

_____ 3. Define three (3) diseases specific to poultry. Please include signs and symptoms as well as treatment, if any. (i.e. Avian Influenza, Shaky Leg Syndrome, etc.) Do not use same disease from previous notebook.

_____ 4. Describe what is needed in a poultry show/tack box.

_____ 5. Describe the desired conformation for a market poultry project (broilers or turkeys)

_____ 6. Include a photograph or drawing of your brooding area in which you raise your young birds. Include descriptions of items and how they are used/placed in the area (i.e. heat lamps, water’s, feeders, etc.)

_____ 7. Describe the proper method of bathing your chickens/turkeys.

_____ 8. Label the Parts of a Turkey.

_____ 9. Continue your record of expenses (feed, bedding, housing, purchase of new poultry)

_____ 10. Describe a trip you took to a poultry show, hatchery or other poultry event.

_____ 11. Add pictures of you and your poultry.

_____ 12. Describe the differences between “egg-type”, “breed-type” and meat-type” poultry.

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