

NORTHEAST FLORIDA FAIR 4-H & FFA PULLET PROJECT-2025





Pullet Project's Purpose

New for the Northeast Florida Fair, Nassau County 4-H & FFA members will raise their own backyard flock, where the youth will select their top 3 pullets to show and auction during the fair. The project encourages 10 youth to select, raise, market, and auction a quality laying pullet trio.

We are excited to provide the newest poultry project opportunity to our county's youth!

Important Dates

Pre-Registration Opens March 26

Orientation & Quiz Due March 30

Participants Contacted March 31

> Pick Up Chicks April 3, 6-7pm

Fair Registration Due September 1

Record Books Due October 1

Poultry Received at Fair October 8, 4-8 pm

> Poultry Judged October 9

Silent Auction October 9-13

Poultry Released to Buyers October 14, 12-4pm

> Last Day for Letters Nov 20

Eligibility

This project and show is open to any 4-H or FFA member in Nassau County aged 8-18. Membership in good standing will be checked prior to receiving chicks. To show and auction the pullet trio, youth must complete a record book of either "red" or "blue" quality, to be turned into the 4-H agent no later than October 1st, 5pm.

Registration

Youth interested in participating in the project, show, and auction must first pre-register. Chick reservations will be on a first-come, first-serve basis and limited to the first 10 youth who register, watch an orientation video, and complete the accompanying quiz. Youth have the option to reserve 3-5 chicks of either marans or cream legbars, as supply allows.

Chick Pick Up

Youth who have completed their registration requirements will be notified by the 4-H agent no later than March 31st. Youth may select to purchase 3-5 chicks for \$5 per chick, paid via check or cash on day of pick up. Pick up will be held at the Northeast Florida Fair, Thursday, April 3rd from 6-7 pm.

Fair Entry, Record Books

Youth should select their top 3 pullets to enter. Only pullets purchased from registration will be eligible for the project.

Fair Entries go through Northeast Florida Fair, Close Sept 1

Record Books: Project record book will be provided to youth upon pickup.

Completed record books must be considered "red" or "blue" ribbon quality for auction eligibility. Completed books must be turned into the 4-H Agent no later than October, 1st at 5pm.



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Judging

Only pullets purchased from registration will be eligible for the project. Completed pullet projects will be received with all other fair poultry entries, Wednesday October 8th from 4-8 pm. Pullet Project trios will be kept in their own area. Project trios will be judged during the Poultry Show on Thursday. Pullet trios will be judged using the modified Danish system of judging. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases.

Premiums:

Blue - \$15.00 Red- \$9.00 White- \$6.00

Market & Auction

Youth are encouraged to write and send at least 3 letters inviting potential buyers to the sale. The information in the letter should include participant information, invite them to the fair, tell them about your project, and ask them to consider bidding on or purchasing your pullet pen.

The pullet project will be marketed through a SILENT AUCTION through an online bidding system, which will run from October 9-13. Youth should display a small 11x17 poster with their pen to help market to fairgoers as well. Information on this poster must include: Youth name, age category, 4-H or FFA clubs/chapters, and bird information including breed, age, egg color and estimated yield. More information about posters will be provided during the orientation. Winners will be notified immediately upon close of auction with instructions for pickup.

Buyers information will be sent to the exhibitor after the conclusion of the auction by Tuesday, October 14th. Buyers thank you baskets are not a requirement, however, if the exhibitor has a basket it must include a thank you letter in it. This letter will have to be reviewed and approved by a member of the Livestock Committee or representative the day of pickup. This is the only way that the exhibitor will not be required to mail a thank you letter. Letters and unsealed stamped envelope addressed to the buyer must be sent to the NEFF, P.O. Box 1070, Callahan, FL 32011 by November 20, 2025. This includes if the buyer was a family member. No checks will be mailed until letters are received (seniors included) and buyers have paid.

Auction Pick Up

Buyers will pick up their pullet trio, October 14, during market animal receiving time (12pm-4pm). Buyers will need to supply their own appropriate carrier to bring home the birds.

Pre-Register Here>



or visit: https://tinyurl.com/25NEFFAPullet