



# New Mexico 4-H Greentop Project Guide



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## NEW MEXICO 4-H POULTRY PROJECT

**Objective:** To introduce you to the poultry industry and how to raise, feed, care for, groom, show, and manage poultry.

### **Materials included with my 4-H Poultry Project**

- Record Form 300 D-5 (Poultry Record Sheet)
- New Mexico 4-H Poultry Project Greentop 400.D-3 (N-04)
- New Mexico 4-H Poultry Project Guidelines and Requirements 300.D-13
- New Mexico 4-H Poultry Project Guidebook 100.D-3

### **What do I do with my 4-H Poultry Project Information?**

#### **SUGGESTED STEPS FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE 4-H POULTRY PROJECT:**

1. Review the project book, record sheet and greentop to become familiar with the project.
2. Determine if you want to do an Egg, Meat, or Dual Purpose project.
3. Attend workshops and clinics on grooming and showmanship of poultry.
4. Participate in county and state fairs.
5. To complete the project, submit a record book to your local Extension Agent detailing your Poultry Project.

#### **SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES:**

1. Visit a local or commercial egg hatchery or chicken farm. Talk to the owner or manager to learn more about the poultry industry.
2. Visit a feed mill to learn about feeds used for poultry.  
Talk to an Extension Poultry Specialist to learn about careers in the field of Poultry Science.
3. Tour an egg hatchery or brooder chicken farm to learn the differences between the types of chickens and what they are used for.
4. Visit a grocery store and identify various poultry products.
5. Visit different feed stores to compare different types of chicken feeds.

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### **What can be done with this project information?**

1. Give a 4-H Demonstration or Illustrated Talk about your poultry project.
2. Exhibit your chickens at the county and state fairs.
3. Attend showmanship clinics; assist others with poultry showmanship.
4. Assist younger 4-Hers to conduct a poultry demonstration.
5. Serve the community through citizenship activities such as:
  - Make Easter Eggs for a senior citizens center.
  - Offer to give poultry presentation to a group in your area.
  - Talk on your local radio station about being in the 4-H Poultry Project.

### **Where can I go for additional information?**

- County Extension Office
- New Mexico State 4-H Office
- Extension Poultry Specialist
- Internet
- Library
- Poultry Producers in your area
- Veterinarian/Nutritionists

### **What additional projects can I do this year or next year that relate to my Poultry Project?**

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| 1. BAKING          | Make a dish using eggs.                      |
| 2. WELDING         | Build a chicken coup.                        |
| 3. CITIZENSHIP     | Teach others about the poultry industry.     |
| 4. PHOTOGRAPHY     | Take photos of different breeds of chickens. |
| 5. PUBLIC SPEAKING | Give a speech about the poultry industry.    |
| 6. ANIMAL DISEASES | Learn about various poultry diseases.        |
| 7. ENTOMOLOGY      | Learn about different bugs chickens eat.     |
| 8. WILDLIFE        | Learn about wild turkeys.                    |
| 9. ARTS AND CRAFTS | Decorate boiled eggs for a party.            |