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The 4-H Broiler Project

Raising young meat-type chickens (broilers) is one of the most interesting and fun-filled activities a 4-H'er can experience. Even though the 4-H Broiler Project is one of the most competitive projects among parish and state poultry contests, more and more Terrebonne Parish youth are discovering how easy it is – while learning the meaning of responsibility – the backbone of the 4-H program.

The project lasts for only 42 days. The chicks will arrive in the beginning of January, with the birds being ready for contests and market in February. The chicks are brought to Houma at one day of age. This is a low-cost livestock project. Once you have the chicks, all that is needed is space, feed, water, and care. Other expenses to be provided by the 4-H'er, include feed, housing, and other equipment (heating and lighting). The local feed stores are always stocked with the best feed and equipment. Each broiler will weigh about five-seven pounds, upon completing the project. After dressing, each will yield about three and one-half pounds of plump tender meat of better quality than purchased fryers. You can keep the meat for the family needs or sell your birds and make some money.

Space requirements are small! A floor pen of only five (5) feet by five (5) feet is good for 25 broilers. That's only one square foot per bird. Since these chickens do not "crow", you can raise them without complaints from your neighbors. This is one reason why the project is so popular, since many of our 4-H'ers live in the city limits of Houma, in residential areas.

For Contests, you can bring your three (3) best looking broilers. These should be carried to the show in a small cardboard box about two (2) feet by two (2) feet, and then carried inside any car without fear. The Parish Broiler Show will be held on January 22, 2022. The District Show will be held February 3- 5, 2022. All 4-H members enrolled in the 4-H broiler project are eligible to participate in the State 4-H Poultry Show in Gonzales, to be held in February 12-19, 2022.

Even though a 4-H'er has not selected a poultry project in September during enrollment, he/she may participate in the broiler contests. Information on "How to Raise Broilers", including what to feed, equipment and facilities needed, will be provided once your order is received. There will be two mandatory workshops, one before you get your chicks, and one after the chicks have arrived. We will send out information by e-mail to let you know date and time of workshops. These workshops may be virtual.

If you are interested in participating in the 4-H Broiler Project, complete the order form below with payment and mail it to Post Office Box 627, Houma, LA 70361. **It must be post marked by November 19, 2021, to be accepted.** Please submit payment at this time to insure your order. No order less than 15 chicks will be accepted. Scheduled pick-up day will be January 6, 2022. An exact time will be emailed to you at a further date.

Made Available by: Cherie Roger & Reed Himel, 4H Youth Development, Terrebonne Parish

ORDER FORM

Child's Name _____

Parent Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Date of Birth _____ School _____

Email address _____

Price Listing: 100 chicks - \$50.00; 50 chicks - \$25.50; 25 chicks - \$12.50; 15 chicks - \$7.50

You have my authorization to order _____(number) chicks for me. I have enclosed a check or cash for _____(amount) to cover the cost of the broilers. Please make check or money order payable to: **Terrebonne 4-H Foundation.**

I understand that if I decide not to raise the chicks after they have been ordered, my chicks will become property of Terrebonne Parish 4-H and my money will not be refunded.

I understand that if I fail to pick up my chicks on date of arrival by 5:00 pm, my chicks will become property of Terrebonne Parish 4-H and my money will not be refunded.

4-H'er Signature

Parent's Signature