



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

4-H Poultry Project



The poultry project is designed to help you learn about chickens, turkeys and other poultry. Through your work in this project, you will acquire an understanding of scientific poultry management and marketing practices. You will gain business experiences and insight into the values and principles of purchasing, marketing, financial record keeping and obtaining credit.

Starting Out

Beginner

- Learn about poultry
- How to produce a safe, wholesome product
- Identify the parts of a chicken, duck, goose, turkey
- Different types of feed
- Evaluating poultry
- Learn about nutritional requirements for poultry
- Learn about a chicken's digestive system
- Identifying common poultry diseases
- Learn how to keep records
- Learn how to assume responsibility

Learning More

Intermediate

- Investigate technology's impact on poultry production
- Exhibit animal on tour, achievement day or at a fair
- Purchase, feed and care for birds
- Evaluate project with leader
- Learn about goal setting
- Gain knowledge of sound management practices
- Develop sportsmanship
- Develop public speaking skills

Exploring Depth

Advanced

- How to deal with current issues relating to raising poultry
- Gain leadership skills by helping others learn about poultry
- Explore career opportunities in the poultry industry
- Build lifelong friendship
- Raising your own birds.



Poultry require
around 2-6 square
feet per bird
depending on
species.

Resources and Links

- MA2101 Raising Turkeys
- MA2001 Raising Fancy Poultry
- MA2002 Poultry Prod: Raising Broilers
- MA2003 Poultry Prod: Raising Pullets
- MA2102 Duck/Goose
- Pigeon and Dove Manual
- Livestock e-Record
- Livestock e-Record Guide
- Poultry Egg Production Supplement
- Meat Quality Assurance