

May 14, 2008

TO: All County Extension Agents and Vo-Ag Instructors

It is time to begin preparations for the Broiler Show at the 2008 Arkansas State Fair. With the generous support of the Arkansas poultry industry, the hard work of the junior exhibitors, and the guidance of both yourselves and the University of Arkansas Poultry Science Department, we believe that this can be our best year ever.

- The top six pens will sell in the Junior Livestock Auction.
- Thirty (30) pullet chicks will be provided to each exhibitor for exhibition at the 2008 Arkansas State Fair. Chicks are provided at a cost of \$15.00 per exhibitor.
- A pen of three approximately 7-week-old broiler pullets constitutes one entry.
- Chicks will be provided through the county offices of the Cooperative Extension Service and through local vo-ag (FFA) chapters, from the University of Arkansas Poultry Science Department.
- Only County Extension Agents and Vo-Ag Instructors are eligible to place orders and are the only people authorized to acquire the broiler chicks at distribution. If the authorized individual is unable to pick up the birds, an official release on office/school letterhead must be presented by the person who will pick up the birds. It is the sole responsibility of the person picking up the birds to distribute the birds to the exhibitors.
- **Order/Entry deadline for broilers is August 11, 2008. The order and entry form is enclosed.**
- **FOR 2008!** The order form also serves as the entry form for the State Fair. Please have all signatures in place when the form is submitted. **No Junior Exhibitor will be allowed to participate in the State Fair without a Signature Form on file in the State Fair Office.**
- **The chicks will be distributed at the Franklin County Extension office in Ozark, the ASU-Beebe Agri Lab at the ASU Beebe Farm and the Clark County Fairgrounds in Arkadelphia on Tuesday, August 26 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. **** NOTE LOCATIONS ******
- All birds will be from a single hatch from the same breeder flock, and will be wing-banded for permanent identification by the University of Arkansas Poultry Science Department.
- Participants will be responsible for acquiring feed for the project.
- **Broilers will be entered and sifted on Saturday, October 11 from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**
- **The Broiler Show begins at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 11.**
- All Junior Exhibitors must be present at the shows to be eligible for the \$4,455 added premium to be paid through 33 places in the Broiler Show by members of the Arkansas poultry industry. This program places every exhibitor on an equal basis for getting started. This also makes chick management and final selection the keys to success at the shows.

Rewards

- The Arkansas poultry industry is committed to ensuring that the exhibitors of the top six pens of broilers selling in the Junior Livestock Auction are rewarded exceptionally. In addition, premiums will be paid beginning with \$230 for 7th place and decreasing \$5 per place through \$100 for 33rd place. This results in a rewarding commitment from the Arkansas poultry industry for the youth program.

- In addition to these rewards, the exhibitors of the Grand and Reserve Champion broilers **who meet academic standards** will receive full tuition scholarships by semester to major in Poultry Science at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. **The students must meet the minimum academic standards for POSC freshmen or transfer students upon entrance and maintain those standards to continue receiving this scholarship.**

Note: All broilers brought to the State Fair, including alternates, will become property of the Farm and Ranch Club of Arkansas in an effort to protect the industry from the spread of disease.

As the summer and fall pass, I will provide you with information and opportunities to learn more about how to be successful with these poultry projects. Give me a call to conduct a workshop in your area on “How to Produce Broilers for Show.”

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me (phone: 501-671-2189; fax: 501-671-2185).

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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ADDED PREMIUMS FOR 2008 BROILER SHOW

PLACE	BROILER SHOW
1	\$5,000 (Grand Champion – Jr. Livestock Auction) Projected
2	\$4,000 (Reserve Champion – Jr. Livestock Auction) Projected
3	\$3,000 (Jr. Livestock Auction) Projected
4	\$2,750 (Jr. Livestock Auction) Projected
5	\$2,000 (Jr. Livestock Auction) Projected
6	\$1,500 (Jr. Livestock Auction) Projected
7	\$230
8	\$225
9	\$220
10	\$215
11	\$210
12	\$205
13	\$200
14	\$195
15	\$190
16	\$185
17	\$180
18	\$175
19	\$170
20	\$165
21	\$160
22	\$155
23	\$150
24	\$145
25	\$140
26	\$135
27	\$130
28	\$125