

## Chick Chain Project

The Pickett County 4-H chick chain project will be a fun project to be involved! The challenge of the 4-H chick chain is to raise 15 baby chicks from two days of age to approximately 4 months of age. At this time we will have a 4-H Poultry show and sale. You will be asked to bring 5 of your best hens to show. Ribbons and plaques will be awarded. These 5 birds will be auctioned off. You will keep the remaining 10 hens and receive your \$50 back. To participate in the project you must have two very important things:

- ♦ a parent(s) who are willing and able to help you conduct the project and
- ♦ a very safe and secure place in which to house the chickens.



This year the 4-Hers may choose between Barred Rock or Rhode Island Red breeds. The *Barred Plymouth Rock* is an outstanding farm chicken. Popularity came from its qualities as hardiness, docility, broodiness, and excellent production of both eggs and meat. Generally, they are not aggressive, and tame quite easily. Standard weight of a mature Hen is about 7 ½ pounds, and they lay large brown eggs. *Rhode Island Reds* are a good choice for the small flock owner. Relatively hardy, they are probably the best egg layers of the dual purpose breeds. Reds handle marginal diets and poor housing conditions and still continue to produce eggs. The hens lay large brown eggs and will weigh about 6 pounds when mature.

**If you are interested, please complete the application and return it to the school office or UT Extension Pickett Co office by Friday February 10th along with a \$50 fee.**

The chicks will arrive at the Extension office in late March or early April and it will be your responsibility to care for the chicks until the chick chain show and sale in the fall.

**Please return this form to the:  
School office or Extension  
office by  
February 10, 2023 with a  
\$50.00 fee.**

**Checks should be written to:  
UT Extension Pickett County**

**UT Extension Pickett Co  
105 S Main St, Rm 1**



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Breed (circle one)

Rhode Island Red

Barred Rock

4-Hers Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Describe the area where you will keep the chickens:

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Barred Rock



Rhode Island Red

UT Extension Pickett Co  
105 S Main St, Rm 1  
Byrdstown, TN 38549  
Phone: 931-864-3310



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