



# Marshall County 4-H Chick Chain Project



The 4-H Chick Chain Project allows 4th-12th graders the opportunity to learn the responsibility of raising their own flock of chickens. 4-H'ers will purchase 12 chicks (of the same breed) through the UT Extension Office and spend the summer raising them. In August, participants will bring their best hens to the Chick Chain Show and have the opportunity to sell them if they choose to do so.

**Participants keep all proceeds from the sale!**

2024 breeds: Buff Orpington and Black Sex Link

New participants are required to attend the workshop on February 27th.

## **Chick Chain Project Timeline**

January 8th - Applications and Payment Due

February 27th - Chick Chain Workshop

March - Chicks Arrive

August - Chick Chain Show and Sale

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## 4-H CHICK CHAIN APPLICATION

If you would like to apply in person, please visit the UT Extension Office at 230 College St Ste 160 in Lewisburg, TN

Apply Online at [tiny.utk.edu/Marshall4hChickChain](https://tiny.utk.edu/Marshall4hChickChain) by **January 8th**



Each participants may order 12 chicks (of the same breed)

**Payment information will be sent to the email given on online application**

# Chick Chain Project

1. 4-H students in grades 4-12 order chicks through the UT Extension-Marshall County Office. Applications must be submitted by **January 8th**. The chicks should arrive in March.
2. Members must have the necessary facilities, equipment, and supplies to complete the project. Support and assistance from a parent or guardian is required.
3. 4-H members that have never participated in the Chick Chain Project must attend the Chick Chain Workshop on February 27th at 5:30pm. If a member cannot attend this meeting because of circumstances beyond their control, the member can still receive his/her chicks by calling the Extension Office and learning about poultry care and management.
4. Each 4-H'er participating in the project will be notified of the exact arrival date for the chicks. Members are to come and pick up their chicks on that date at the 4-H Office. Those that do not pick up their chicks on that date will forfeit the chance to participate in the Chick Chain Project.
5. Those 4-H'ers who have previously ordered chicks and failed to pick them up will not be considered for this project.
6. The 4-H member will take the chicks home and raise them until they are mature and laying eggs.
7. An invitation to the 4-H Chick Chain Show and Sale (August) will be sent to each participating 4-H'er and they must bring their 5 best chickens to the show. There will be an auction immediately following the conclusion of the show where the 4-H'ers can auction some of their chickens, if they wish. **4-H'ers get to keep all of the proceeds from the auction.**
8. Additional awards will be given for students who submit a 4-H Chick Chain Journal, which documents their project work (expenses, goals, what was learned, what they would do differently next time, etc.).
9. No chicks other than those to be part of the 4-H Chick Chain will be ordered by the UT/TSU Extension Service.

For more information, Contact the Marshall County UT Extension Office at 931-359-1929 or email Kaylee Layton at [klayton2@utk.edu](mailto:klayton2@utk.edu)



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