



January 22, 2025

4-H Poultry Family,

Enrollment started in October for this program year, please take a few minutes to complete the process by visiting [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com) if you have not done so already.

This letter is to notify you of the workshop dates and information regarding the LaPorte County 4-H Poultry project. Enclosed you will find an easy reference calendar for you to keep handy!

New & returning Poultry Members can contact Chris Kulasa at (219) 324-2019 with general project questions and Jackie Thompson at (219) 851-9236 with workshop questions.

Did you know the Poultry Project is on social media.... Follow us at **Facebook: LaPorte County 4-H Poultry**.

### **WORKSHOPS**

- ◆ **2025 Poultry Project Kick Off Workshop: Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Small Projects Building LaPorte County Fairgrounds. All 4-H Poultry parents and members will have the opportunity to have all questions answered and learn project requirements.
- ◆ **Poultry Project Workshop: Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Small Projects Building LaPorte County Fairgrounds.
- ◆ **Poultry Project Workshop: Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Small Projects Building LaPorte Co. Fairgrounds. Topics: Pen reservations, Record Sheets, and Project Books, etc.
- ◆ **Poultry Project Workshop: Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Small Projects Building LaPorte County Fairgrounds.
- ◆ **Fair Entry Help Workshop: Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Extension Office, 2857 W. Indiana 2, LaPorte. Bring your computer or borrow one of the offices to get help with entering birds into Fair Entry.
- ◆ **Poultry Project Workshop: Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Topics: Wash bird demo (weather permitting), caring for birds during fair week and Poultry Education projects.

### **PLACING ORDERS**

All birds being exhibited are ordered through the Poultry Project Committee to assure equality of the birds. All orders will be placed with Jackie Thompson (219) 851-9236.

- ◆ **Place your order by January 26<sup>th</sup> for Turkeys**
- ◆ **Place your order by March 9<sup>th</sup> for Roasters/Broilers**

## **ORDER PICK-UP**

**All birds will be picked up at Tractor Supply Company (TSC) 71 Pine Lake Ave. (near Kroger in LaPorte) REMINDER: Bring a box with straw, shavings, crushed newspaper or other rough bedding to take your bird(s) home in.**

- ◆ **Turkey Pickup:** Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Payment has not been determined; however, it was \$6.00 per turkey last year. Payment is due at the time of pick up. There is a \$1.00 per member shipping charge.
- ◆ **Roaster Pickup:** May 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Payment has not been determined; however, it was \$2.00 per bird last year. Payment is due at the time of pick up. There is a \$1.00 per member shipping charge.
- ◆ **Broiler Pickup:** May 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Payment has not been determined; however, it was \$2.00 per bird last year. Payment is due at the time of pick up. There is a \$1.00 per member shipping charge.

## **OTHER IMPORTANT DATES**

- **Turkey Banding:** Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Poultry Barn LaPorte County Fairgrounds.
- **Fair Entry Deadline for Poultry:** June 13<sup>th</sup> by 4:00 p.m.
- **Bloodletting/Building Set-up:** Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Poultry Barn LaPorte County Fairgrounds.
- **LaPorte County Fair Check-in:** Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Poultry Barn LaPorte County Fairgrounds
- **LaPorte County Fair:** July 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
- **2025 Poultry Project Awards Banquet:** Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Building at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- ◆ **LaPorte County Poultry Judging Team:** Being a member of this team will offer youth the opportunity to learn how to evaluate birds and chicken products such as eggs and meat by judging live birds, candle and grade eggs, evaluate whole hanging carcasses, and identify cuts of meat. Continually the LaPorte County team excels at the state contest in May. Practices run approximately from the end of February through May with the state contest in May. Please e-mail Chris Kulasa at [ckulasa@lpcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:ckulasa@lpcsc.k12.in.us) with questions.

Have a terrific 4-H season!!!

Chris Kulasa  
4-H Poultry Committee  
Chair

Kelsey Guadarrama  
4-H Youth Development  
Educator

# POULTRY DATES 2025

Sunday, January 26th	Turkey Orders due to Jackie Thompson (219) 851-9236
Thursday, Feb. 13th	Poultry Project Kick -Off from 6:00 -7:00 p.m. @ Small Project Building
Sunday, March 2nd	Roasters/Broilers Orders due to Jackie Thompson (219) 851-9236
Wednesday, March 5th	Turkey Pick-Up from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. @ Tractor Supply Company (TSC), Pine Lake Ave.
Thursday, March 20th	Poultry Workshop from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. @ Small Projects Building
Thursday, April 10th	Poultry Workshop from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. @ Community Building, Fairgrounds
Wednesday, May 7th	Roaster Pick-Up from from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. @ Tractor Supply Company (TSC), Pine Lake Ave.
Thursday, May 8th	Poultry Workshop from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. @ Small Project Building
Thursday, May 15th	Turkey Banding from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. @ Poultry Barn
Wednesday, May 21st	Broiler Pick-Up from from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. @ Tractor Supply Company (TSC), Pine Lake Ave.
Thursday, May 29th	Fair Entry Help Workshop from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. @ Extension Office
Friday, June 13th	Fair Entry Deadline @ 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 14th	Poultry Workshop from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. @ Poultry Barn
Saturday, June 21st	Bloodletting from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. @ Poultry Barn
Friday, July 4th	LaPorte County Fair check-in from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. @ Poultry Barn
Saturday, July 5th - Saturday , July 12th	LaPorte County Fair
Thursday, July 17th	Poultry Project Awards Banquet starting at 6:00 p.m. @ Community Building, Fairgrounds

