



February 2, 2026

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 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

- ◆ **2026 Poultry Project Kick Off Workshop: Thursday, February 12th 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 12th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Small Projects Building LaPorte County Fairgrounds.
- ◆ **Poultry Project Workshop: Thursday, April 16th 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, April 30th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Small Projects Building LaPorte County Fairgrounds.
- ◆ **Poultry Project Workshop: Thursday, May 7th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Small Projects Building LaPorte County Fairgrounds.
- ◆ **Fair Entry Help Workshop: Thursday, May 28th 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 13th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Located at Poultry Barn. Topics: Wash bird demo (weather permitting), caring for birds during fair week, Poultry Education projects and more.

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 25th for Turkeys**
- ◆ **Place your order by March 8th 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 4th 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 13th 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 27th 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: Wednesday, May 20th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** Poultry Barn LaPorte County Fairgrounds.
- **Fair Entry Deadline for Poultry: June 12th by 4:00 p.m. CST.**
- **Bloodletting/Building Set-up: Saturday, June 27th from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Poultry Barn LaPorte County Fairgrounds.
- **LaPorte County Fair Check-in: Friday, July 10th from 4:00-7:00 p.m.** Poultry Barn LaPorte County Fairgrounds
- **LaPorte County Fair: July 11th – 18th**
- **2025 Poultry Project Awards Banquet: Thursday, July 23rd 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 with questions.

Have a terrific 4-H season!!!

Chris Kulasa
4-H Poultry Committee
Chair

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