

**News Release**  
**2005 National 4-H Poultry & Egg Conference**

The 2005 National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference was held November 16-17 at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville, KY. This annual conference allows 4-Hers from all over the country to compete in educational events that help them learn to make and defend decisions, speak publicly, and gain poultry-related skills.

This annual 4-H conference includes five separate events. In the Poultry Judging contest, participants are required to judge ready-to-cook chicken and turkey carcasses, live production hens and market eggs. In the Chicken and Turkey Barbecuing contests participants barbecue four chicken halves or two turkey fillets and give an oral presentation on the corresponding poultry industry. In the Egg Preparation demonstration contest participants prepare an egg dish and give an oral presentation on the nutritional value of eggs. In addition to these events, the conference includes an Avian Bowl contest which is a round robin tournament in which the contestants are required to answer questions regarding poultry science, poultry meat and egg production, and information about the poultry industries.

A Poultry Careers workshop is also held at the Conference, exposing the 4-H'ers are exposed to hands-on information from poultry food industry personnel and the participants are given pertinent information about the career and educational opportunities in the poultry food sciences and industries. The Conference Committee greatly appreciates the time, dedication, and efforts of the industry representatives. The workshop was sponsored by Maple Leaf Farms, the State Executive Poultry Association, the Southeastern Game Breeders and Hunting Preserve Association, and the North American Gamebird Association.

At the 2005 National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference, 146 senior 4-H'ers, representing 25 states, participated as teams or individuals. Team competitions were held in the Poultry Judging and Avian Bowl contests. Individuals competed in the Egg Preparation and the Turkey and Chicken Barbecuing contests. Nineteen teams participated in the Poultry Judging contest and 15 teams competed in the Avian Bowl contest. Fourteen individuals participated in the Chicken Barbecue contest, ten in the Turkey Barbecue contest, and thirteen in the Egg Preparation Demonstration.

Mr. Larry Brown of the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association attended the Conference and participated at the awards banquet. Along with the 4-H'ers, an additional 250 people, including county extension agents, 4-H leaders, chaperones, coaches, family members and poultry specialists, helped make the conference a success.

The conference was funded through contributions of goods, finances, and services from many individuals, companies and commodity organizations. A total of 45 organizations provided financial support for awards. The U.S. Poultry & Egg Association sponsored the awards banquet and provided funding for awards for the Poultry Judging contest. The Chicken Barbecue awards were sponsored by Tyson Foods.

The Turkey Barbecue awards were sponsored by the Minnesota Turkey Council, Goldsboro Milling Company, Pilgrim's Pride, the Texas Turkey Federation, and the Wisconsin Turkey Federation. Awards for the Egg Preparation Demonstration were sponsored by funding from the American Egg Board, Georgia Egg Commission, Louisiana Egg Commission, Missouri Egg Council, North Carolina Egg Association, Texas Egg Council, the Pacific Egg and Poultry Association, and the United Egg Producers. Contributions from Hy-Line International Co., Cryovac-Sealed Air Corp., California Poultry Federation, and Southern States Cooperative sponsored the awards for the Avian Bowl. Additional thanks are extended to the Alabama Poultry & Egg Association, Florida Poultry Federation, GoldKist The Poultry Federation (AR, MO, and OK), USA Branch of WPSA, the Indiana State Poultry Association, , the PENNAG Poultry Council, the Texas Poultry Federation, the Ohio Poultry Federation, Tennessee Egg & Poultry Association, South Carolina Poultry Federation, Kentucky Federation, American Poultry Historical Society, Virginia Poultry Federation, Louisiana Poultry Federation, Nebraska Department of Agriculture – Poultry & Egg Division, Wisconsin Poultry Improvement Association, Dr. Francine Bradley, Poultry Science Association and the Midwest Poultry Federation for their donations this year to the National Conference. A special appreciation goes out to all of the supporting organizations and individuals. The National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference could not exist without their contributions.

The California team won the Avian Bowl contest. Each team member won a plaque, gold pin and a \$200 savings bond. The winning team members were Marta Kroger and Scott McCalla. Other top ranking teams were Pennsylvania (2<sup>nd</sup>), Minnesota (3<sup>rd</sup>), Ohio (4<sup>th</sup>), Georgia and Kentucky (5<sup>th</sup> – tied), Louisiana and Missouri (7<sup>th</sup> – tied), New York, Wisconsin, Kansas and Alabama (9<sup>th</sup> – tied).

In the cooking contests, Eric Kimbrough from Louisiana took first place in the Chicken Barbecue contest. Ashlee Bell-Cohen from Arkansas took first place in the Turkey Barbecue contest. Jessenia McDowell from Kentucky placed first in the Egg Preparation Demonstration. Each contestant received a plaque, a gold pin and a \$500 savings bond.

In the Poultry Judging contest, Laura Liedner of Georgia placed first in the Production Hen and Market Poultry divisions. The team from Georgia placed first in the Production Hen division while the team from Louisiana placed first in the Market Poultry division. The individual placing first in the Market Egg division was Andrea Bryce from Oregon. The team from North Carolina placed first in that division. Each individual winner received a gold pin and a plaque. Each team member was awarded a trophy and gold pin.

The overall individual champion in the Poultry Judging contest, receiving a plaque, gold pin and a \$500 savings bond, was Laura Leidner from Georgia. Georgia was the overall team champion in the Poultry Judging contest. The Georgia team consisted of Sally Smith, Laura Leidner, Samantha Tankersley and Austin Juggs. Each team member received a trophy and gold pin. Other top ranking teams were Louisiana (2<sup>nd</sup>), Ohio,

(3<sup>rd</sup>), North Carolina (4<sup>th</sup>), Indiana (5<sup>th</sup>), Tennessee (6<sup>th</sup>), Maryland (7<sup>th</sup>), Minnesota (8<sup>th</sup>), Oregon (9<sup>th</sup>), and Florida (10<sup>th</sup>).

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