

**News Release**  
**2010 National 4-H Poultry & Egg Conference**

The 2010 National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference was held November 17-18 at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville. 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 competitive 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 three 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 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 industries. This year there were three speakers at the workshop. Mr. Terry Ashby, the National Corporate Account Manager with Perdue Farms, spoke about his involvement in 4-H poultry and how it impacted his career choice. Mr. Blake Van Denburgh, Sioux County Complex manager for Center Fresh Group, spoke about his involvement with 4-H poultry programs as a youth. He later completed a bachelor's degree in Animal Sciences with a poultry production emphasis and now has a career with the egg industry. Dr. Jacquie Jacob, Poultry Extension Associate at the University of Kentucky, spoke on her career path and discussed some potential careers available to 4-Hers.

At the 2010 National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference, 144 senior 4-H'ers, representing 22 states, participated as teams or individuals in the various events. Nineteen teams and three independent individuals participated in the Poultry Judging contest and eleven teams competed in the Avian Bowl contest. Twelve individuals participated in the Chicken Barbecue contest, six in the Turkey Barbecue, and eleven in the Egg Preparation Demonstration.

Mr. Paul Pressley of the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association attended the conference and participated at the awards banquet. Along with the 4-H'ers, an additional 164 people, including poultry specialists, county extension agents, 4-H leaders, coaches, chaperones, and other family members, 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 33 donors provided financial support for awards.

The Avian Bowl contest was won by the team from California. Each team member was awarded a plaque, gold pin, and \$200 savings bond. The winning team members were B.J. Bender, Lauren Foy, Sea Jay Bates and Tracey Rice. They were coached by Sharlene Rice. The other participating teams were Minnesota (2<sup>nd</sup>), Ohio (3<sup>rd</sup>), Michigan (4<sup>th</sup>), Pennsylvania (5<sup>th</sup>), North Carolina (6<sup>th</sup>), Georgia (7<sup>th</sup>), Kentucky (8<sup>th</sup>), Louisiana (9<sup>th</sup>), Virginia (10<sup>th</sup>) and Kansas (11<sup>th</sup>)



Avian Bowl winners – from California  
Presented by Mr. Paul Pressley, U.S. Poultry and Egg Association

In the cooking contests, Tiffany Londeen from Minnesota took first place in the Chicken Barbecue contest; Justin Goodroad, also from Minnesota took first place in the Turkey Barbecue contest; Will Walker from Georgia placed first in the Egg Preparation Demonstration. Each contestant received a plaque, gold pin and a \$500 savings bond. The plaque awarded the winner of the turkey barbecue contest is the Robert Hogue Memorial award.



Chicken BBQ winner – Tiffany Londeen from Minnesota  
Coached by Dan Londeen  
Presented by Mr. Paul Pressley, U.S. Poultry and Egg Association



Turkey BBQ winner – Justin Goodroad from Minnesota  
(Received the Robert Hogue Memorial award)  
Coached by Dave Londeen  
Presented by Mr. Paul Pressley, U.S. Poultry and Egg Association



Egg Preparation Demonstration winner – Will Walker from Georgia  
 Coached by Lynn Davis  
 Presented by Mr. Paul Pressley, U.S. Poultry and Egg Association

In the Poultry Judging contest, Sarah Harrison from Georgia placed first in the Production Hen division. Georgia (R. Harrison, M. Corbin, S. Harrison and T.J. Chestnut) was the top team in this division. Katherine Toombs from Arkansas placed first in the Market Poultry division. Georgia was the top team in this division as well. Olivia Cook from Florida placed first in the Market Egg division and Georgia was again the top team. Each individual winner received a gold pin and a plaque. Each team member was awarded a trophy and a gold pin.



Production Hen division, top individual  
 Sarah Harrison from Georgia  
 Presented by Mr. Paul Pressley, U.S. Poultry and Egg Association



Production Hen division, top team  
 Georgia Poultry Judging team  
 Presented by Mr. Paul Pressley, U.S. Poultry and Egg Association



Market Poultry division, top individual  
 Katherine Toombs from Arkansas  
 Presented by Mr. Paul Pressley, U.S. Poultry and Egg Association



Production Hen division, top team  
 Georgia Poultry Judging team  
 Presented by Mr. Paul Pressley, U.S. Poultry and Egg Association



Market egg division, top individual  
Olivia Cook from Florida  
Presented by Mr. Paul Pressley, U.S. Poultry and Egg Association



Market egg division, top team  
Georgia Poultry Judging team  
Presented by Mr. Paul Pressley, U.S. Poultry and Egg Association

The overall individual champion in the Poultry Judging contest, receiving a plaque, a gold pin, and a \$500 savings bond, was Sarah Harrison from Georgia, with Georgia finishing as the overall team champions (R. Harrison, M. Corbin, S. Harrison and T.J. Chestnut). They were coached by Brian Tankersley. Each team member received a trophy and a gold pin. The top team also receives the Dr. Charles Wabeck Memorial Award. Other top ranking teams were Maryland (2<sup>nd</sup>), Arkansas (3<sup>rd</sup>), Ohio (4<sup>th</sup>), Pennsylvania (5<sup>th</sup>), Indiana (6<sup>th</sup>), Kentucky (7<sup>th</sup>), Virginia (8<sup>th</sup>), New York (9<sup>th</sup>), and Minnesota (10<sup>th</sup>).



Top individual overall  
Sarah Harrison from Georgia  
Presented by Paul Pressley, US Poultry and Egg Association



Top team overall, Georgia  
Coach: Brian Tankersley  
Presented by Paul Pressley, US Poultry and Egg Association

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