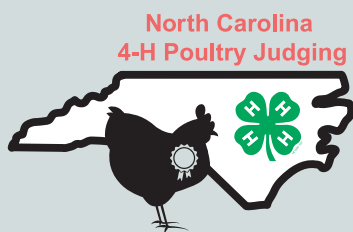


North Carolina 4-H Poultry Judging Quick Start Guide



1. Get the [4-H Poultry Judging Manual FREE online](#)
2. Compete as a TEAM or INDIVIDUAL. Gather 3-4 youth of the same age to form a team (Juniors 8-13 & Seniors 14-18 years of age) or register as an individual.
3. Study & Practice ALL categories of the 4-H Poultry Judging Manual including:
 - a. Past Production Hens/Oral Reasons
 - b. Market Poultry
 - i. Ready-to-Cook Carcasses
 - ii. Ready-to-Cook Poultry Parts
 - iii. Parts Identification
 - iv. Further Processed Breaded Products
 - c. Market Eggs
 - i. Interior Egg Quality
 - ii. Exterior Egg Quality
 - iii. Broken Out Egg Quality
4. Study, Study, Study, Practice, Practice, Practice
5. Review the rules found at national4hpoultry.ca.uky.edu/poultry-judging-manual
6. Submit Registration by June 13, 2026, using 4-H Online (under events). No fee to compete, but there will be parking and lunch fee.
7. Compete **July 8, 2026** at state-level 4-H Poultry Judging Event at NC State in Raleigh.
8. Winning Senior team - go to Nationals **November 17- 20, 2026** in Louisville, KY - this team wins paid registration & hotel stay.

Note: To purchase printed copy of manual for \$10 go to commerce.cashnet.com/NCSTU-PSC.

Fees: Parking and lunch fee will be charged.



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