WHAT NEXT?

Congratulations on completing a year with the 4-H mailbox poultry club. We hope you have enjoyed keeping chickens. 4-H has a number of different 4-H projects that may be of interest to you. If you have not already done so, consider joining a 4-H club and starting another poultry project. There are a number of different projects available including broilers, laying hens, purebred birds (chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese).

There are also a number of different poultry-related 4-H activities that you can get involved in, including poultry judging and chicken barbecue.

Contact your local county extension agent if you are interested in getting more involved in 4-H activities.

CAREERS IN POULTRY SCIENCE

Tremendous job opportunities exist in the poultry industry. A career in poultry doesn’t mean you have to live and breathe chickens, eggs or turkeys. You may choose to work for an allied industry that supplies products or services to the poultry industry. For instance, there’s an abundance of jobs in pharmaceuticals, feed milling, equipment, manufacturing, distribution, government, and teaching. Some examples of fields of work that are available in the poultry or allied industries are given on the next page.

Because the poultry industry is so diverse, you may find a job close to home or experience a new lifestyle in a different part of the country. The industry is strong all over America. Broiler producers, although concentrated in the South, are also found in abundance along the East and Pacific Coasts. Turkeys and eggs are produced in many states across the U.S.

A career in Poultry Science could also take you around the world. Poultry production occurs in most parts of the world. A number of companies are multi-national (i.e., operating in many different countries) and allow for international travel.

Obviously, many poultry-related careers begin with college training in poultry science. If you decide on one of those, you can get a degree in Poultry Science from the University of Florida. University of Florida graduates enjoy a near 100% class placement rate, often receiving multiple job offers. For more information, contact the University of Florida undergraduate student advisor (Dr. Don Sloan, phone 352/392-1958 or write him at Department of Dairy and Poultry Sciences, PO Box 110920, Gainesville, FL 32611-0920).

Not all poultry-related jobs require a college degree. There are other routes for getting into poultry-related positions including:

1. Business training designed for those with management, marketing or finance interests.
2. Technological training for those who want to concentrate in production and field work.
3. A two-year associate degree in technology and other areas can prepare you for many jobs in the poultry industry.
EXAMPLES OF POULTRY-RELATED JOB AREAS

- Advertising
- Bioscience
- Breeder management
- Business management
- Computer science
- Data management
- Distribution
- Engineering
- Extension
- Food safety
- Food science
- Genetics
- Government agencies
- Grow out management

- Home economics
- Live production management
- Marketing
- Personnel
- Pharmaceutical
- Poultry health
- Poultry nutrition
- Product development
- Public relations
- Quality control
- Research
- Teaching
- Sales

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