

To: State 4-H Leaders and Specialist Committee

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Re: 2023 National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference

The 2023 National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference will be held at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville, KY, **November 15-16. Please note that a block of rooms have been reserved at the Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport.** You can make room reservations, by calling the hotel directly at **866-888-0620**, and mention that you are making room reservations for this conference having the reference group code (**NPE**). You can also make reservations on-line, by clicking the link here: [National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference 2023 NAILE](#). Information on the Conference and general rules are found at the conference website. All non-contestants including State Specialists and contestants need to be registered prior to the conference.

The registration information for all attendees is on-line. Please go to the conference website at <https://national4hpoultry.ca.uky.edu/>, to register on-line. Once on the conference website, click on the Conference Information tab, then click on Conference Registration. This will take you to a page that will show you the link to register (<http://go.illinois.edu/4HPoultryEggConference>). Once you click on that registration link you can fill in your information and submit your registrations. Please note that an additional registration form is needed for the Egg Chef Challenge Contest. You may pay the registration fee by credit card, debit card, or send in a personal check. You must submit an online registration for each person attending, contestant or non-contestant.

A total of three 4-Hers who have attended the conference in the past and competed in any event in the last five years, can serve as Ambassadors to the Specialist Committee. Therefore, there is registration information at the on-line site and each state is allowed to nominate up to three individuals of which a total of three individuals will be selected to serve as Ambassadors to the Specialist Committee.

If a contestant, coach, or family member from your state has a disability and desire any assistance, devices, services, or other accommodations such as special dietary restrictions or needs, please contact Dr. Ken Koelkebeck by October 31 at (217) 244-0195; kkoelkeb@illinois.edu during the business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. central time to discuss accommodations.

Everyone coming to the contest (contestant and non-contestant) must fill in their registration information. Complete instructions are found on the conference registration link on the website.

The Web page for this conference includes the general rules of each contest as well as other general conference information such as the: Competition History, Schedule of Events, Maps to the Contest, Career Workshop, and the entry information link.

As in previous years, there will be a Poultry Career Opportunities Workshop that will be held at the Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport on **Wednesday, November 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Please take note of the workshop program on page 5 in the manual and plan on attending this program on Wednesday morning. As of this date speakers have yet to be determined. There

are three tours of the Louisville area on Wednesday. Please plan on going on one of the tours. Tour 1 is for people who don't attend the workshop and Tour 2 and 3 are for those who do attend the workshop.

Other activities will include a Pizza Dinner on Wednesday evening and of course, the Awards Banquet on Thursday. Please see the Schedule of Events on pages 6-7 for all scheduled activities.

For the Pizza Dinner and Banquet meals, dietary considerations are the responsibility of the participant. If special meal needs are required, please contact me.

Please remember that the **registration deadline** for the contests is **October 31 at 5 p.m. Central Time** and for the Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport is **October 14**. We have a block of rooms reserved so it is important to secure the rooms early and prior to the deadline. When you call in your room reservations, mention that you are with the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference. **[If you plan to arrive after 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, you will need to provide your credit card number to hold for late arrival.]**

IMPORTANT - there is an activities fee for each person registered for the conference which includes all contestants and non-contestants.

\$50 for each contestant (regardless of number of contests participating in)

\$50 for each non-contestant adult

\$25 for each non-contestant youth (ages 0-12)

\$10 for anyone including non-contestant youth (ages 0-12) participating in a tour. (A tour may not be added after the registration deadline). This is because of logistics

\$18 for anyone wanting to purchase a T-shirt. The design for the t-shirt will be on the face book page which is: "National 4-H poultry and egg conference".

Please submit your credit card or debit card information, or remit a check for the total amount for your state at the time of registration. If you opt to send in a check it should be made out to the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference and sent to me. Please send to Dr. Ken Koelkebeck, 282 Animal Sciences Laboratory, 1207 W. Gregory Dr., Urbana, IL 61801.

Important - in order to plan for the number of people attending the poultry careers workshop, tours 1, 2, and 3, pizza dinner and awards banquet, please indicate those activities when you complete your on-line registration.

Important Special Note: [The National Poultry Judging Manual - 2022 Revised Edition](#)

The 2023 Study Packet for the Avian Bowl contest will be the following:

THE 2023 STUDY PACKET

All questions and answers will come from the following material:

- Prologue ... [currently available online only](#)
- Avian systems (Circulatory, nervous, excretory, muscle only) ... pages 39-40
- Breeds, varieties, and strains (through New Hampshires) ... pages 67-71
- Eggyclopedia ... pages 102-124
- Small turkey flock (All)... pages 45-54

- A revised version of Changing World of Poultry and Eggs Market ... [currently available online only](#)
- Embryology (Daily development through entire glossary) ... pages 191-195
- New section: Non-food uses of eggs ... [currently available online only](#)

Note: The above study material came from the National 4-H Avian Bowl Manual revised in 2016 or is [provided free of charge online at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference website](#). The printed manual is available from:

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105 Klugh Avenue
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They no longer accept checks

The following link can be used to purchase National Avian Bowl manuals, using a credit or debit card.

https://secure.touchnet.net/C20569_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=1587&SINGLESTORE=true

I am looking forward to another excellent Conference. Please let me know if there are any specific questions or if the committee can help in any way.

“Educational programs of the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.”