



# Plymouth County Extension 4-H Youth Development Program



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Dear Educator,

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I hope this letter finds your school year going well. We are in the process of taking orders for the 2017 Plymouth County 4-H Embryology program. Along with the eggs and incubators, the following items are available for purchase:

**Local Fertilized Eggs:** These eggs are from a local Plymouth County Farm. Eggs are from mixed breeds of chickens and can vary in color from light brown to shades of green, blue and even pink. Always fresh at \$9 a dozen.

**UConn Fertilized Eggs:** These eggs come from the University of Connecticut Poultry Farm. The breed of chicken is Standard Single Comb White Leghorns. The eggs are white and make for easy candling and other experiments. Hatching rate is up to 90% with proper incubation. Eggs are \$15 a dozen

**Embryology in the Classroom (PDF):** The first level (for grades 2-5) explores embryology from incubation to hatching and the second level (for grades 6-8) incorporates several experiments that focus on reinforcing the scientific method. Both correlate to the National Science Standards and MA Frameworks. New this year, PDF versions of this curriculum are available to purchase. You may make copies for your classroom activities.

**Chicken Feed:** Chicken starter feed will be available in small bags. You may purchase these for feeding the chicks while they remain in your classroom.

You will be able to pick up your pre-ordered materials and fertile eggs from the Extension Office on either April 24 between 3-7 PM and April 25 between 8AM-4PM. You will need to provide a home for the chicks, once they hatch. The chicks will hatch 21 days from the date of incubation. For a small fee, we will be able to take chicks if you cannot find a home for them. Please call for details and to schedule at time to return the chicks.

Please use the enclosed form to order your materials and eggs. For further information or questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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