



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 2019 Plymouth County 4-H Embryology program. Here are the materials, along with a limited number of incubators for your program:

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 per 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.

Purchase your own Incubator: Many local feed and grain stores including Tractor Supply or online retailers such as amazon.com, eggcartons.com have incubators you can purchase for your school. Please call the Extension Office at 774-404-7021 if you have questions.

You will be able to pick up your pre-ordered materials and fertile eggs from the Extension Office on either April 22 between 4-6 PM and April 23 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.

If you would like to pick up your rented incubator in advance please let me know at mvollmer@umext.umass.edu

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

Sincerely,

Molly Vollmer
4-H Extension Director