



FAWE 2026 Pullet Project



2026 FLORIDA AGRICULTURE & WILDLIFE EXPO

MARKET PULLET SHOW AND SALE

This project is open to all Hernando 4-H and FFA members in good standing. All age divisions are welcome to enroll, HOWEVER, there is a limit of 50 projects total.

All registrations will be accepted. After 9/18, fifty will be selected with priority going to Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) or exhibitors not showing other market animals. There will be ten alternates.

Each exhibitor is limited to showing up to TWO market animals (steer, swine, pullets).

Registration Due: September 18, 2025 by midnight via ShowmanApp website

Animal Pick-up: October 11, 2025 @ Ranch Hand Feed Depot (subject to change if necessary)

NEW: Ethics Course Completed by: January 31, 2026

Arrival Date: March 15, 2026 3pm early bird, 4pm others at time on schedule (TBD)

There will be a brief mandatory meeting after check in on March 15th (approx. 6:15pm)

Show & Showmanship Date: March 16, 2026 6:00pm

Open cages by 3:00 p.m.; showmanship begins at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Attendance is mandatory at awards, in official dress, or awards will be forfeited.

Sale Date: Saturday March 21, 2026 @1:00 p.m. All Exhibitors MUST sell a cage of three.

Pullets must be removed after the sale by 9pm

MANDATORY Clean up Sunday, March 22, 2026 12:00 – 1:00p.m.

Exhibitors must be present the entire hour.

Getting Started:

The FAWE Board will provide participants with instruction and opportunities to gain experience with feed, water, and care for chickens from the “day old hatching” stage to “ready-to-lay” pullets. This project will benefit young people by providing opportunities to develop self-responsibility, discipline, and persistence, and it will also provide a pathway into developing the character traits necessary to transition into larger animal projects.

To ensure uniformity (age, gender, and breed) and to increase survivability, each participant will be given 6 chicks that have been purchased from the hatchery. Prior to receipt, all chicks will be vaccinated at the hatchery for Marek's Disease and each participant will receive the health-related information needed for the care of their new arrivals. Only provided birds are permitted. In the unfortunate situation a bird is determined to be a rooster, that animal will not be eligible.

If you would like to purchase UP TO THREE additional birds at \$4.00 each, you must indicate so and pay at registration. Numbers will be limited based on total birds needed.

Pick up times will be assigned by club/chapter to help the process. Anyone unable to attend during their scheduled time is asked to contact notify.fawexpo@gmail.com to request a change. We will work with you to make pick up happen. It is best if the youth is present but exceptions are possible.

FAWE Board will have final decision of all rule change requests or request for exemptions.

REQUIREMENTS:

Poultry **MUST** be tested by a livestock inspector before being allowed onto the grounds on March 15, 2026. Early testing can be arranged by contacting the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences (FDACS) or an agent will be available at check-in to test your birds. If possible, an early testing date will be arranged by the FAWE Board and notification will be sent to all registered exhibitors. All poultry presented for entry **MUST** be free of parasites and will be inspected by designated personnel. State health and USDA requirements will supersede any other rules or health requirements. **Pre-tested and NPIP holders will have early-bird check-in.**

All care, feeding, cleaning, and general responsibilities for the project are the responsibility of the member who may receive assistance from FFA Advisor, 4-H leader, parent/guardian, or fellow exhibitor. Feeding & watering must be done at least **TWICE** per day and must be completed by 10:00 a.m. and then 9:00 p.m. or one hour after a show/sale. There will be no feeding or watering of animals during any livestock show. There will be sign-in sheets, and these will be monitored. Youth may be fined up to \$5/day for noncompliance. Exhibitors are **REQUIRED** to bring a sturdy feeder and water containers. Milk jugs are a great, inexpensive option.

During Check-in, no equipment/tack/supplies will be unloaded until after the final rabbit/poultry is checked in. All equipment, feed, etc. must be kept in their designated areas for the duration of the FAWE. Clubs/Chapters are permitted one trailer on site for storage. Sharing of trailers is permitted and encouraged. Additional trailers may be granted to clubs with large numbers of exhibitors.

The FAWE Board reserves the right to visit any project within a reasonable amount of time at the location disclosed as their place of housing with at least 24-hour notice to exhibitor and parent/guardian. Notice will be in writing to the email address listed on the entry form. Refusal may result in disqualification of exhibitor and animal. Death of any animal registered to exhibit in the Florida Agriculture and Wildlife Expo must be reported to the FAWE Board within 24 hours. FAWE Board reserves the right to verify the death of any registered animal.

NOTE: In the event of a major loss, an exhibitor can request replacement birds up to 20 days following distribution, ***if any are available.***

Showmanship:

Youth will be permitted to choose one of their three pullets as their showmanship bird. If a pullet exhibitor also shows general poultry, they will select one bird from all entries to use.

Showmanship participation is optional for cloverbuds, mandatory for all other ages. Any exhibitor not participating in showmanship will forfeit earned premiums for that species. **Each youth must use their own bird for showmanship.** If a youth registers but does not have a viable bird in the show, they will not be permitted to participate in showmanship. School/Club/Family entries may select one member for each age division (up to two exhibitors) to participate in showmanship. Showmanship participation information will be collected upon registration and only those pre-registered will be permitted to participate.

Sales:

Prior to the FAWE check-in date, participants will select their top three pullets to enter for judging at the 2025 FAWE. Each entry will be judged as a ready-to-lay set by an unbiased official and ribbons will be awarded. The three pullets presented for judging must be sold as one lot on March 21, 2026.

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