

## Should I take BROILERS as a 4-H project?

Choosing to take a livestock project in 4-H should involve sound decision-making. This fact sheet provides basic information to help you make a good decision.

### SPACE NEEDED

- 2 square feet per finished broiler in confinement

### COMFORT ZONE

- 95° F the first week; lower 5 ° each week to 70 ° for optimal performance

### WATER REQUIREMENTS

- Access to clean, fresh, cool water is critical
- 1 pint - 1 gallon/day for 10 birds (increases as birds grow)

### FEED CONSIDERATIONS

- Will eat approximately .3 pounds of feed per day
- Will gain approximately .1 pounds per day (Average Daily Gain or ADG)
- Needs approximately 2 pounds of feed per pound of gain (Feed Efficiency)

### MARKET CONSIDERATIONS

- Should weigh 5 – 8 pounds when finished
- Should be finished at approximately 6 - 8 weeks of age

### BUDGETING

- Approximate purchase cost is \$2.00 each at hatching
- Projected market price is \$1.42 per pound live weight
- Projected feed cost is around \$6.00 and includes:
  - Turkey Starter (complete feed)
  - Broiler Grower (complete feed)

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