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# UNL POULTRY NEWS

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## Upcoming Activities:

UNL 4-H Poultry Judging State Contest—  
Dept. of Animal Science, June 21, 2023

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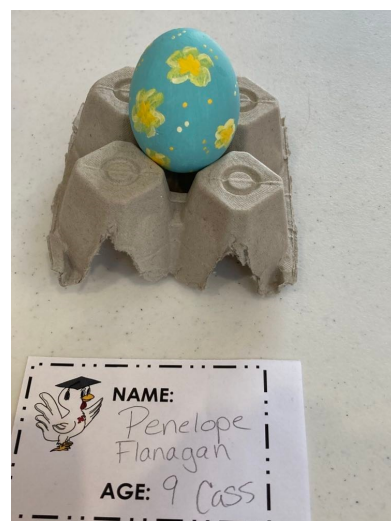
## 2023 UNL Chick Days—Results

**Quiz Bow Team Champions** - Adriana Henrandez, Addison Hemphill and Hailey Scroggins

**Egg Art Winners:** Youth (<12): Emy Jay Houck, Filmore County  
Youth (13-18): Reagan Pfeiffer, Gage County  
Adult: Micki Hernandez, Washington County

### **Photography Contest Winners:**

Youth: Charlie Meister- Sarpy County  
Adult: Megan Patent- Nygren, Lancaster County



Check out our recently released Poultry Judging Past Production Laying hens module for free at:

Laying Hen Past Production Evaluation  
Module, Feb. 2023

[https://campus.extension.org/course/  
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### **Antibiotic use in Chickens Since 2016 drops precipitously over 5 year period**

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A recent FDA summary report of 2016- 2021 data shows the following statistics. Over the 5 year period from 2016-2021, broiler production increased by approximately 10% and use of antibiotics in the production of broilers decreased by 68.9%. This is representative of the consumer demand for antibiotic-free broiler meat products. The trend is not as strong with turkey production actually decreasing by 7% over the 5 year period and antibiotic use in turkey production only decreasing by 12.8%.

	Year 2016	Year 2021	% Difference
Chicken—Ready to Cook	18.50	20.41	+10.4%
Million metric tons			
Antibiotic use	508,800	158.342	-68.9%
Kkg*3			
Turkey - Ready to Cook	2.718	2.526	-7.1%
Million Metric Tons			
Antibiotic use	756,620	659,431	-12.8%
Kg*3			



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