



# Poultry Project Newsletter

Outagamie County 4-H

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## **Chicks, Goslings, Poult; oh my!**

Spring is quickly approaching now and everyone is starting to think about getting baby birds. They are plentiful right now, but remember to time your orders for your project. It's way too early to be starting your Cornish Cross meat birds, but pretty soon it'll be too late to start your young show birds.

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## **Breeds of the Month**

Belgian Bearded d'Anvers – pronounced dee-AN-verz – A true bantam, meaning it has no large counterpart; and one of six bantam breeds developed in Belgium. The d'Anver is believed to originate in Antwerp Belgium and is among the oldest bantam breeds. The breed was accepted in 1949 to the American Standard of Perfection and is recognized in as many as 15 varieties between the APA and ABA. The male d'Anvers are tiny fellows; however, he makes up for it with a fiery personality. The hens are friendly with an amiable personality. They are by no means a utility bird; expect no more than a few tiny eggs in spring and early winter.

Sebastopol goose – pronounced Se-vas-ta-poll – This breed is the only breed of goose with curly feathers on their entire body except the neck and head. They are the equivalent of a frizzle chicken. The breed originated near the Black Sea and the Danube River in Europe. They have always been known as the Sebastopol goose; but Ireland called them Danubian geese for a short time in the 1800's. They are only recognized in white, but occasionally you see them as saddlebacks. The breed was originally bred for their feathers which were used in pillows and quilts.

## **What You Should be Thinking About**

So it's now time to start planning your market entries. Geese and Turkeys can be started by now, however ducks should be under 16 weeks old for the fair. Count backwards from judging day to determine when to get them. Also keep in mind that you may be butchering them right after fair so you want them close to market ready. Most game birds you will want to be about 16 weeks old as well, the exception being quail which are usually 6-8 weeks old when ready for market. Remember there are new categories for market entries this year. Check out the fair premium book when planning your market project!

### **Get to know other Members**

Each month we'd like to feature information from members. If you'd like to share some information about yourself, what you have learned, or why you like the project, please write up something short and send it to [JTrost73@Gmail.com](mailto:JTrost73@Gmail.com) to be considered.

Jada Spiegel – All Poultry – WJPA President - The Wisconsin Junior Poultry Association (WJPA) held a Winter Workshop in January and toured Keipper Cooping to learn how show cages are built. As president, I am encouraging greater WJPA participation in from our county. This year we will hold a contest at the county fun show on May 5th where you can enter your poultry photos for judging. The first and second place winners will have their photos entered into the Wisconsin International photo calendar contest free of charge. If you'd like more information on WJPA visit their website at [sites.google.com/view/wiscojuniorpoultry](https://sites.google.com/view/wiscojuniorpoultry) or email Jada at [Spiegel5@rocketmail.com](mailto:Spiegel5@rocketmail.com).

### **Announcements**

Jeremy and Josh are again dedicating one hatch to youth interested in poultry. Chicks can be picked up on April 7<sup>th</sup> between 5pm and 7pm at N4191 Market Rd in Shiocton on a first come basis. The number available is limited and all will be straight run (mix of males and females). Breeds available will not be known until pick up day. These chicks are from other breeders and will cost \$2.50 for Outagamie County 4-H project members. They are also available to FFA, Scouts and 4-H members of other counties for \$4.

Incubator space is available starting in March through early May. If you'd like to use space please contact Jeremy at [JTrost73@Gmail.com](mailto:JTrost73@Gmail.com) to discuss availability. Sorry, no waterfowl eggs can be set (Jeremy has never been able to get them to hatch).

Interested in raising market quail for the fair? Contact Jeremy at [JTrost73@Gmail.com](mailto:JTrost73@Gmail.com) to find out where you can get eggs or chicks.