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2017 STATE FAIR 4-H POULTRY CONTESTS

St. Paul, MN (8/27/17) – The crowds enthusiastically praised the 4-H Poultry Contest participants at this year’s Minnesota State Fair. The three contests – Poultry Judging, Posters and BBQ – give 4-H’ers creative opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge and communication skills that help to educate the public about the poultry industry.

For the Judging Contest, 4-H’ers are required to evaluate carcasses and pieces, grade eggs, exterior quality, candle eggs, live birds and participate in oral reasons, which teaches public speaking, reasoning skills, confidence, and situational analysis.

The Poultry Poster contest gives participants an opportunity to design a poster/display to promote the poultry industry or educate about a poultry issue.

Participants were split into two divisions this year for the Poultry BBQ contest, which gives 4-H’ers the opportunity to demonstrate their culinary skills and knowledge of food science. Participants grill four halves of a chicken with their own special BBQ recipes and are evaluated on appearance, degree of doneness and taste.

Winners of the contests are listed below.

Judging Contest Senior Winners

	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>County</u>
1 st	Isaac Tesch	Carver
2 nd	Jezebel Snyder	Wadena
3 rd	Katie Benson	Wadena
4 th	Mason Wedebrand	Jackson
5 th	Gabe Otto	Wright

Judging Contest Junior Winners

	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>County</u>
1 st	Adam Neumann	Wright
2 nd	Ellexa Orbeck	Meeker
3 rd	Cara Huhn	Meeker
4 th	Isabella Johnson	Chisago
5 th	Myra Arvig	Stearns

Poultry Poster Winners

	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>County</u>
K-2	Madelyn Haas	Beltrami
3-5	Amy Smith	Mower
6-8	Faith White	Nobles
9+	Kalyn Naatz	Steele

BBQ Contest Senior Winners

	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>County</u>
1 st	Jessica Waldron	Wright
2 nd	Katie Benson	Wadena
3 rd	Mikayla Schlosser	Carver

BBQ Contest Junior Winners

	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>County</u>
1 st	Cora Huhn	Meeker
2 nd	Ella Lenzmeier	Isanti
3 rd	Isabella Johnson	Chisago

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