



4-H Alberta Pheasant Project Agreement Form

4-H Alberta and Alberta Conservation Association (ACA) have partnered to deliver the 4-H Alberta Pheasant Project as an opportunity for 4-H members to gain a better understanding of wildlife and their habitat needs, provide 4-H members a chance to learn more about ACA and allow for interaction with their biologists to develop knowledge.

Please read and complete the following carefully, with a parent/guardian.

I _____ (printed name) am a registered 4-H member in the _____ (club name) in the _____ Region (indicate: **1** – South, **2** – Calgary, **3A** – West Central, **3B** – East Central, **4** – Northeast, **5** – Northwest, **6** – Peace) participating in the **2023-2024** club year’s 4-H Alberta Pheasant Project. (If you are from the Peace Region your birds need to be picked up in Sherwood Park.)

I will:

- a. Review resources including the 4-H Alberta Pheasant Project Guide for information to help me build and maintain suitable and spacious facilities for all of my birds, at all stages of growth and development.
- b. Provide adequate feed, water and care for the birds from arrival to release or sale.
- c. Receive from and provide to 4-H Alberta and ACA staff, information or data that is pertinent to the 4-H pheasant project, including release date(s) and location data or sale data and an end of project survey.
- d. Do my best to attend any available in-person workshops or webinars hosted by 4-H Alberta and ACA that will provide information on topics such as pheasant husbandry and habitat requirements.

I understand the 4-H Pheasant Project process and requirements are as follows:

Order and Arrival:

- a. The **total number** of chicks available to an individual 4-H member
 - i. entering the first year in this project is between 25 and 100.
 - ii. returning to the project, with confirmation that the size of the flight pen is sufficient, chick orders may be between 25 and 200.
- b. All chicks are to be ordered in increments of 25. Chick ratios are an approximate 9:1 ratio, when indicated as hens or roosters.
- c. **Hen chicks**, will be supplied at **no charge** by ACA to 4-H pheasant project members within the seven 4-H regions listed: 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 4, 5 and 6. Rooster chicks are available for purchase.
- d. All chicks will be ordered by my club’s project leader using the 4-H Alberta Tally Form. 4-H members will be notified of arrival date and locations where chicks will be available for their pickup.
- e. If I am unable to complete the project any time after I have signed the agreement form and ordered chicks, I will find an alternate 4-H member to raise my birds to maturity, and inform my 4-H leader and the 4-H Coordinator indicated below.

Mid Project Progress Report:

- f. At approximately 7 weeks, I will provide information about my birds’ progress by **submitting the Progress Report Form**, signed off by a non-related club or project leader or a club leader from a neighboring club. I understand that feedback may be provided by club leaders or ACA staff, to ensure that my birds are on target to be successfully released or marketed as a mature pheasant.

Final Evaluation, Release or Sale and Project Completion:

- g. Suggested dates(s) for release or sale will be communicated to all 4-H pheasant members so that they may aim for these dates, meaning that the birds should be of good quality including:
 - Reasonable weight (*i.e. does not appear underfed or emaciated*).
 - Fully feathered backs (*no missing or damaged feathers*).
 - No evidence of open wounds or blood on their backs.
 - Two tail feathers evident. Males in good condition will have tails > 12” in length.



h. A **Final Evaluation Form** must be completed by a non-related club or project leader or a club leader from a neighboring club before any of my birds are released or sold. **The evaluation form must be submitted to 4-H Alberta.**

- Once evaluated: 4-H members are able to do what they choose with these birds including marketing them for sale to neighbors, hunting clubs, etc.

Acknowledge that ACA will not provide

- Netting to new 4-H pheasant project members. ACA will provide suggestions as to where to acquire netting, and input as to what qualities the netting should possess.
- i. Indication of sale, or release date(s) and locations will be recorded by the 4-H club leader and submitted on the 4-H Alberta Tally Form with information shared with ACA.

By signing below, I indicate that I have read and agree to the complete 4-H Alberta Pheasant Project

Agreement Form:

4-H Member (printed)

4-H Member (signature)

Parent/Guardian name (printed)

Parent/guardian (signature)

Email

Date Signed

My Pheasant raising facility is located at:

Alberta Premise ID

Land location

Pheasant project leader name (printed)

Email

Returning members:

My flight pen measures _____ x _____ (size in meters or feet)

Based on the suggested spacing of 2 square meters (approx. 25 square feet) per bird (with beak bits), my facility would adequately house _____ birds

As a record, for the club year of 2023-2024 I will be ordering on the Club's Tally Form:

_____ female chicks at no charge

_____ rooster chicks at charge. \$4.35/rooster

Cheque is due and payable to ACA at the time of my order. Please mail to the 4-H Centre – RR1, Site7, Box 1, Westeros, AB T0C 2L0

This completed and signed form must be received by 4-H Alberta Coordinator, Tracy Dietrich prior to the ordering of any pheasant chicks for this 4-H member through the 4-H club order. Please send to tracy.dietrich@4hab.com.

Deadline for 2024 chick order and completed agreement forms to be received:

February 10th, 2024. No extensions.