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LOT 41 - Erin Jaworski Angel Fire



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Description

Hello, my name is Erin Jaworski. I am 16 years old and I am in Angel Fire 4-H club. I've been in 4-H for majority of my life, this being my ninth year in 4-H. The projects I am doing this year are poultry and pygmy goats. I'm doing market geese and turkeys, as well as showing call ducks and chickens. Although my hobbies consist of mostly artistic things, I have always loved working with animals. The joy I get from owning and taking care of animals and livestock is the main reason I do 4-H. But I also enjoy doing the community service and fundraising that we do as a club. After high school I plan to go to college in Colorado and get a degree in forensics so I can become a crime scene investigator and analyst.

This year the poultry project has been good so far. As of now, the avian influenza outbreak has died down in Colorado and birds are at much less of a threat. Last year we were unable to bring poultry to the county fair. However, this year we will be able to bring birds as long as everybody is cautious and uses all of the biosecurity measures to keep everyone's birds safe. For a while I have separated my birds and practiced biosecurity measures, even more now with avian influenza and I will continue to do these practices to keep my flock healthy and protected.

Again this year I have decided to do market geese as an additional project. I currently have two Embden geese that I will be bringing to the county fair. Unlike the turkey market project, geese do not have a weight limit. This is why I chose Embden geese, because they are a heavy breed. It is rather hard to find waterfowl starter so for the first few weeks of their life they were on a normal chick starter. However, geese need a higher niacin content than chicken food provides, so for all stages of life I add brewers yeast to their feed. After about 3-4 weeks I put them on a waterfowl feed which is about 19% protein. Geese grow very fast so it is important not to increase the protein of their food too much or it will put stress on their joints, which can lead to angel wing and problems with their legs. This is why the niacin is so important. Geese are food foragers and will graze, so I allow them to free range during the day in addition to having access to their feed.

Thank you for allowing me to tell you about my project and thank you for supporting the youth in 4-H, as none of this would be possible without you.

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