

Sale Name: El Paso County Junior Livestock Sale- CO

LOT 19 - Martin Baca Angel Fire



Short Description Reserve Champion Poultry Broiler Trio

First Name Martin

Last Name Baca

FFA Chapter or 4H Club Name Angel Fire

Validation Tag or Show reference# 307

County El Paso

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Special Placing Reserve Champion Broiler Trio

Description

This is my third year raising market chickens. Market chickens are very hard to raise. When they come as chicks it is usually the beginning of May. They still need a heat lamp. They start to grow quickly and it can be hard because this time of year the days can be cold or hot. Somedays they need a heat lamp and some days they don't. They also get messy quickly because they eat so much and grow so fast. Once they are big enough and don't need heat, they are placed in cages that are raised above the floor. By doing this, any food that is spilled is eaten by other chickens in the coop. This also keeps the chickens cleaner and healthier. As fair gets closer it is time to start weighing chickens and trying to create trios. All the birds have to be close in weight and preferably the same sex. There should be good feathering as well. This is also the time of year that it starts to get very hot outside. Making sure they have water is very important. A large fan in the coop helps to keep the air circulating. The hard part is keeping them from growing too fast. they will eat so much that they will develop leg

issues. This is right around the week before fair. Weight and water are critical now. It is a lot of hard work but I enjoy it. It is important to me that I am raising a quality product humanely. I was bummed because I wanted to sell my pig but she didn't make weight. I am hoping to recoup enough with my chickens to cover my expenses from my pig and maybe my sisters that didn't get to sell their lambs. Thanks for reading and supporting 4-H and FFA!

Quantity: 1



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