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JULY 15 IS DEADLINE TO ENTER NDA'S ANNUAL POULTRY PHOTO CONTEST

LINCOLN – The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) is encouraging 4-H and FFA members to share their passion for poultry by entering NDA's annual Poultry Photo Contest. The contest highlights the state's diverse poultry population and raises awareness of biosecurity measures for poultry owners. Entries must be postmarked by July 15, 2018.

“NDA hosts this annual contest to give 4-H and FFA members the opportunity to promote and support Nebraska's poultry industry by taking photos of the wide variety of birds found in our state,” said NDA Director Steve Wellman. “It's exciting to see how creative these photographers are and how committed they are to raising quality poultry and show birds.”

Winners of NDA's Poultry Photo Contest will be announced during the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island. NDA will feature winning photos throughout the year in promotional materials and on social media. NDA will also feature information on biosecurity measures that owners can take to keep their flocks healthy and prevent the spread of diseases.

Virulent or Exotic Newcastle Disease (VND) was discovered earlier this year in a backyard flock on the west coast. Bird owners should be aware of the basics, practice biosecurity measures to help prevent diseases like VND and avian influenza, and know what to do if an outbreak is suspected.

NDA staff members will judge the photo contest entries based on originality, composition and photographic skills. Contest rules and official entry forms are available online at www.nda.nebraska.gov.

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