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NDA ANNOUNCES WINNERS IN POULTRY CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

GRAND ISLAND – When the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) invited 4-H and FFA members to participate in a poultry calendar photo contest, youth from around the state answered the call. The resulting 2017 calendar highlights Nebraska’s diverse poultry population and celebrates the talents of youth with photography skills and a passion for the poultry industry. The calendar also includes information on biosecurity measures owners can take to keep their flocks healthy and prevent the spread of diseases like avian influenza.

“Poultry are an important part of Nebraska’s agriculture economy,” said NDA Director Greg Ibach. “The calendar is a great way to showcase the talents of our 4-H and FFA youth.”

A total of 26 participants representing 15 counties across Nebraska entered this year’s poultry calendar photo contest. The following winners were announced at the Nebraska State Fair during Labor Day weekend: Alyssa Boese, Dixon; Linara Carlson, Eagle; Angie Davis, Bingham; Colton Fritz, Plainview; Korvin Fritz, Plainview; Abby Gorecki, Ravenna; Taylor Harms, Dodge; Kimberly Hines, O’Neill; Christopher Mercer, Gibbon; Samantha Mercer, Gibbon; Olivia Michael, Bassett; Ryan Nielsen, Broken Bow; Braidy Parrill, Louisville; Samuel Roth, Omaha; Caitlin Roundy, Maxwell; and Onyx Smith, Kearney.

NDA staff members judged the entries, looking at originality and composition.

Printing of the 2017 NDA calendar was funded through a grant from the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Service, Western Region. Calendars can be requested at local University of Nebraska Extension offices.

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