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NDA ANNOUNCES WINNERS IN 2017 POULTRY CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

GRAND ISLAND – Nebraska youth have a passion for poultry, and it shows. 4-H and FFA members from around the state submitted their best poultry photos to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture’s (NDA) Poultry Calendar Photo Contest. NDA announced the winning entries during a special celebration at the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island during the weekend.

“From backyard flocks to commercial operations, Nebraska’s diverse poultry population shows the importance of value-added agriculture and that the state has room to grow in the poultry and egg industry,” said NDA Director Greg Ibach. “This calendar not only highlights the photography skills of 4-H and FFA youth, it’s also a way to share important information about biosecurity that owners can use to keep their flocks healthy.”

A total of 36 participants representing 22 counties across Nebraska entered this year’s contest. The following 4-H and FFA members have photographs featured in NDA’s 2018 calendar: Brylee Allred of Crawford; Allie Frasher of Surprise; Hayden Heine of Scottsbluff; Paige Horn of Fullerton; Austin Kamm of Lincoln; Abby Jo Keiser of Yutan; Emma Krysl of Stuart; Brianna Lueck of Arcadia; Chris Mercer of Gibbon; Samantha Mercer of Gibbon; Samuel Roth of Omaha; Caitlin Roundy of Maxwell; Asha Scheideler of Scotia; and Austin Smith of Kearney.

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

Printing of the 2018 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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