What is it?
This CDE supports your learning about production, processing, marketing and consumption of chickens, turkeys, processed products and eggs. Participants complete a written exam, solve a management problem, evaluate animals and products, identify chicken carcass parts and give oral reasons explaining their placing/grading of various classes.

Career Opportunities

Career Clusters:
- Agriculture Forestry & Production
- Management and Financial Specialties
- Marketing, Merchandising, and Sales
- Science and Engineering
- Social Services
- Education and Communication

Career opportunities found in the career cluster areas:
- Agriculture Forestry & Production – beak trimmer, equipment installer, chick sexer, hatchery manager, egg candling worker, bird breeder, fancier, etc.
- Management and Financial Specialties – egg processing supervisor, hatchery supervisor, research director, production supervisor, industry analyst, etc.
- Marketing, Merchandising, and Sales – commodity broker, customs inspector, grader, packaging supervisor, buyer, etc.
- Science and Engineering – biochemist, inseminator, equipment designer, food scientist, geneticist, biophysicist, etc.
- Social Services – waste products consultant, field service technician, industry planner, disease control agent, etc.
- Education and Communication – college faculty member, poultry extension specialist, editor/writer for a poultry publication, etc.

Educational Requirements

High School Diploma & Industry Training – beak trimmer, equipment installer, chick sexer, confinement system worker, bird breeder, egg candling worker, fancier, inseminator

Associate Degree – egg processing supervisor, customs inspector, packaging supervisor

Bachelor Degree – commodity broker, hatchery supervisor, production supervisor, buyer, field service technician, editor/writer for poultry publication

Graduate Degree – poultry extension specialist, college faculty member, geneticist, biophysicist, food scientist, biochemist, waste products consultant, industry planner, disease control agent, equipment designer

SAE Opportunities
Produce and market chickens, turkeys, other domestic and exotic fowl; sell eggs; raise and release game birds such as quail into the wild through a monitored restocking program; process chickens and sell the meat; and job placement at an egg packaging and distribution center

Proficiency Award Areas
Poultry Production- Entrepreneurship/Placement Agriculture Processing – Entrepreneurship/Placement Specialty Animal Production- Entrepreneurship Specialty Animal Production - Placement

Curriculum Resources
- Poultry Science Manual for National FFA Career Development Events (Fourth edition) (IMS Catalog #0418-4). Available from Instructional Materials Service (IMS), Texas A&M University, 2588 TAMUS, College Station, TX 77843-2588 (Phone: 979.845.6601; FAX: 979.845.6608; ims@tamu.edu; http://www-ims.tamu.edu/)
- Selected web sites for additional information about poultry science and careers:
  http://gallus.tamu.edu/employ.html (Source: Texas A&M University)
  http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/poultry/psw.htm (Source: North Carolina State University) [Note: Use of this site requires the free downloadable Microsoft PowerPoint Animation Player.]