

4-H Alberta Pheasant Project Agreement Form

4-H Alberta and Alberta Conservation Association (ACA) have partnered to deliver the 4-H pheasant project as an opportunity for 4-H members to gain a better understanding of wildlife and their habitat needs, provide 4-H members a chance to learn more about ACA and allow for interaction with their biologists to develop knowledge.

Please read and complete the following carefully, with a parent/guardian.

I _____ (printed name) am a registered 4-H member in the _____ (club name) in the _____ Region (indicate: **1** – South, **2** – Calgary, **3A** – West Central, **3B** – East Central, **4** – Northeast, **5** – Northwest) participating in the **2019-2020** club year's 4-H Alberta Pheasant Project.

I will:

- a. Review resources including the 4-H Alberta Pheasant Project Guide for information to help me build and maintain suitable and spacious facilities for all of my birds, at all stages of growth and development.
- b. Provide adequate feed, water and care for the birds from arrival to release.
- c. Receive from and provide to 4-H Alberta and ACA staff, information or data that is pertinent to the 4-H pheasant project, including release location data and an end of project survey.
- d. Do my best to attend any available in-person workshops or webinars hosted by ACA that will provide information on pheasant husbandry and habitat requirements.

I understand the 4-H Pheasant Project process and requirements are as follows:

Order and Arrival:

- a. The **total number** of chicks available to an individual 4-H member is between 25 and 200, ordered in increments of 25. Chick ratios are an approximate 9:1 ratio, when indicated as hens or roosters.
- b. **Hen chicks**, between 25 and 200, will be supplied at **no charge** by ACA to 4-H pheasant project members within the six 4-H regions listed: 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 4, and 5. Rooster chicks are available for purchase.
- c. **Rooster chicks**, between 25 and 75, will be supplied at **no charge** by ACA to 4-H pheasant project members **within the 4-H regions 3A (West Central), 3B (East Central), 4 (Northeast) and 5 (Northwest)**. Additional rooster chicks are available for purchase.
- d. All chicks will be ordered by my club's project leader using the 4-H Alberta Tally Form. 4-H members will be notified of arrival date and locations where chicks will be available for their pickup.
- e. If I am unable to complete the project any time after I have signed the agreement form and ordered chicks, I will find an alternate 4-H member to raise my birds to maturity, and inform my 4-H leader and the 4-H Specialist indicated below.

Mid Project Progress Report:

- f. At approximately 7 weeks, I will provide information about my birds' progress by **submitting the Progress Report Form**, signed off by a non-related club or project leader. I understand that feedback may be provided by club leaders or ACA staff, to ensure that my birds are on target to be successfully released.

Final Evaluation, Release and Project Completion:

- g. The specific release date(s) will be communicated to all 4-H pheasant members once finalized. Birds must be released only during these release dates, and into specified areas unless otherwise approved.
- h. ACA has the first right of refusal when it comes to the release of any of the mature pheasants. A financial 'buy back' of mature birds is **not** guaranteed, however:
 - i. At maturity, ACA **may** 'buy back' at a determined price per bird, quantities **up to 50 birds** raised by each 4-H pheasant member, dependent on:
 - the number of 4-H members participating in the project
 - the total number of mature birds raised
 - ACA's yearly budget for the 4-H pheasant project
 - results of a pre-release final evaluation of the quality of the mature birds including:
Tail feathers, fully feathered backs, no evidence of open wounds or blood on their backs

Note that **if** ACA requires additional birds, particularly roosters to fill final required numbers, this will be discussed with members one-on-one, including compensation.

ii. A **Final Evaluation** must be completed before any of my birds are released:

- By a non-related club or project leader or a club leader from a neighboring club with completion and submission of a 4-H Alberta Evaluation Form.

OR

- By ACA staff, at a designated release site on the designated day of releases

iii. 4-H members will be able to have any pheasants that do not meet ACA's minimum 'buy back' requirements reevaluated approximately three weeks later, at a designated release location.

iv. Once evaluated:

- Mature roosters that ACA provided to 4-H members at no charge will be released onto designated locations.
- Mature hens may be selected for release into specific ACA release locations, or secondly, may be released onto suitable habitat locations of the 4-H member's choosing.
- 4-H members are free to market their pheasants elsewhere, but would be required to reimburse ACA the original cost of any rooster chicks at \$3.00 each that ACA originally provided at no charge.
- All release dates and locations will be recorded by the 4-H club leader and submitted on the 4-H Alberta Tally Form with information shared with ACA.

v. Any payment from ACA to 4-H members will be made through the 4-H Foundation of Alberta less an administration fee, to each involved 4-H club. Each 4-H club is responsible for paying their identified 4-H pheasant members accordingly.

vi. For any birds ACA does not buy back, 4-H members are able to determine what they choose with these birds including marketing them to neighbours, hunting clubs, etc.

By signing below, I indicate that I have read and agree to the complete 4-H Pheasant Project Agreement Form:

4-H Member (printed)

4-H Member (signature)

Parent/Guardian name (printed)

Parent/guardian (signature)

Email

Date Signed

My Pheasant raising facility is located at:

Alberta Premise ID

Land location

Pheasant project leader name (printed)

Email

As a record, for the club year of 2019-2020 I will be ordering on the Club's Tally Form:

_____ female chicks at no charge

_____ rooster chicks at no charge **IF located in** (circle one) Region 3A (West Central), 3B (East Central), 4 (Northeast) OR 5 (Northwest)

_____ rooster chicks at \$3.00 each. Cheque is due and payable to **ACA** at the time of my order

This completed and signed form must be received by 4-H Alberta Specialist, Ginny Smith prior to the ordering of any pheasant chicks for this 4-H member through the 4-H club order. Please send to gabby.smith@gov.ab.ca.

Deadline for 2020 chick order and completed agreement forms to be received:

February 11th, 2020. No extensions.