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### **NEW JERSEY TEAM TO ATTEND NATIONAL 4-H AVIAN BOWL CONTEST**

Two 4-H members will represent New Jersey at the National 4-H Avian Bowl Contest to be held at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference scheduled for November 18-19 in Louisville, Kentucky. Approximately 250 individuals will be attending this national conference.

The New Jersey team consisting of Grace Majorossy from Flemington (Hunterdon County) and Shyanna Thomason of Williamstown (Gloucester County) were selected to represent our state during a double elimination contest held at the 4-H Avian Bowl State Qualifier event on September 25 in Gloucester County. Only one senior (grades 8-13) team consisting of youth age 14 or older as of January 1, 2015 per state are selected to participate in the National 4-H Avian Bowl. The New Jersey Team called the "Cool Chicks" will compete against teams from eight states across the nation. CHICK Flic sponsored the State 4-H Qualifier event and the New Jersey teams' trip to the National 4-H Avian Bowl Contest.

The 4-H Avian Bowl is a double elimination contest for teams patterned after other knowledge bowls. Teams consist of 2-4 members per team. Avian Bowl is an educational project, in which 4-H contestants must have a comprehensive knowledge of subject matter for several species of poultry, food safety, physiology, nutrition, eggs and other related subjects. The National 4-H Avian Bowl is sponsored by the Poultry Science Association.

"This the first time in the history of the National 4-H Avian Bowl competition that New Jersey has had a team participate. Avian Bowl offers 4-H'ers an excellent opportunity to work as a team to advance their knowledge in poultry related topics. We are proud of our team and look forward to participating in future years!" says Jeannette Rea-Keywood, State 4-H Agent and New Jersey 4-H Youth Development Program - Small Animal Project Advisory Council liaison.

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station - Cooperative Extension. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13(one year out of high school), on an age-appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, marital status, domestic partnership status, military service, veteran status and any other category protected by law.

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