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**outside.** While you may think of spring cleaning as an indoor activity, it is also a really good time to do some outdoor cleaning and home maintenance projects like cleaning windows and door exteriors, checking the chimney for damage, inspecting weather seals on windows and doors, and removing the lint from the dryer vent.



More information on effective cleaning and healthy homes is available at your local University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

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# Buy chicks now to hit the show ring this year



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Looking for a low-cost project that will engage children and adults alike, teach responsibility, and have measurable results this year? Look no further than the poultry show ring. Chicks bought in late winter or early spring can be raised successfully under a warm brooder lamp. As the chicks mature,

they will progress in step with the weather, heading outside as the days warm up. They will quickly reach an age appropriate for 4-H activities, whether as a dressed carcass, dual-purpose layer, or ornamental show bird.

When buying chicks, keep in mind the following tips.

Select a reputable hatchery. Good hatcheries sell high quality birds that meet breed standards. They also usually offer vaccines against illnesses such as Marek's disease and coccidiosis. Good hatcheries also participate in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP), which seeks to screen out diseases transmitted from mother to chick in the egg.

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