

# Improving wellbeing in HIGHLAND COUNTY

## PARTNERS FOR SOLUTIONS

“It was my goal to ensure youth had a venue to both show and sell their chickens in 2021, and we made it happen. Everyone, including myself, learned a great deal about chickens in the process. Three youths in this program did not have previous poultry experience.”



**Kari Sponaugle**  
Extension Agent

## SHARING KNOWLEDGE



Participants at the 2021 Bath-Highland 4-H Poultry Chain Show and Sale display their awards.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions in 2020, a Bath-Highland 4-H Poultry Chain was created to give youth an at-home 4-H project opportunity that allowed for safe social distancing and a hands-on experience. Seven youth began the program in 2020 but were unable to participate in a show and sale due to restrictions on people gathering. In April 2021 the program reopened registration with the promise of a fall show and sale. Twelve youth received 125 chicks to raise and signed an agreement to participate in educational programs and complete a 4-H poultry record book by the end of the program. They also agreed to show and sell five mature chickens at the end of the program in the required show and sale component of the program. The event at which youth would show and sell their chickens would be the Bath County Fair, which was canceled due to COVID-19. 4-H agent Kari Sponaugle and Extension agent Berkeley Clark Cassady rallied quickly for an alternative show and sale option.

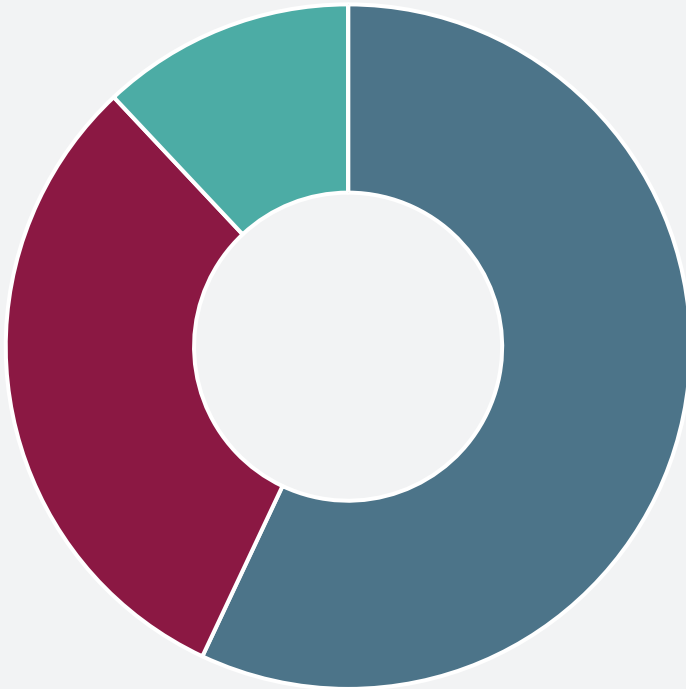
In October, eight competing 4-H youth gathered at the Highland Center Pavilion in Monterey to show and sell five mature chickens from their flocks at the first ever Bath-Highland 4-H Poultry Chain Show and Sale. A live auction sale following the show raised \$705 to fund future poultry chain purchases and awards.

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# HIGHLAND COUNTY

## FUNDING BY SOURCE



57% State

31% Local

12% Federal

0% Grants

0% Other

**TOTAL FUNDING: \$201,260**



**\$2.24**

return on investment for every dollar invested by the county in **Highland County**



**\$14,453**

Value of extension volunteer hours in **Highland County**

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