Pheasant Release Program Announced

Each Year the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) makes approximately 60,000 day old pheasant chicks available for individuals to raise and release on public lands. The program known as the Cooperative Day-old Pheasant Chick Program (DOCP) was designed to assist in revitalizing the ring-necked pheasant population in the area.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cayuga County is a facilitator of the DOCP program and helps to order and distribute the day old chicks to participating individuals.

- Anyone can apply to participate in the Day-old Pheasant Chick Program, this includes 4-H members, schools, clubs and members of the community.
- Participants must have appropriate brooding facility and outdoor rearing pen.
- Release sites must be open to the public for pheasant hunting.
- Participants should be familiar with the DEC pheasant rearing guide [http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/dayoldchicks.pdf](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/dayoldchicks.pdf)
- Pheasants must be released at 8 weeks of age or older, but no later than the end of pheasant hunting season.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**
See highlighted section.

**TO ORDER**
Contact Peggy Lillie (extension 238)
315-255-1183
OR
go to

**PICK UP**
Will be at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Cayuga County, Education Center 248 Grant Avenue, Auburn, NY in mid-May.