

**2014 HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO,  
SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW AND RODEO AND  
STAR OF TEXAS FAIR AND RODEO  
YOUTH MARKET TURKEY DIVISIONS**

**RULES AND ORDERING PROCEDURES**

Please read carefully before ordering. **Only turkeys purchased through the Poultry Science Department, Texas AgriLife Extension Service** are eligible to compete in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLSR), San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo (SASSR) and Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo (STFR) youth market turkey shows. **Order forms must be mailed** to the Poultry Science Department.

**ORDER DEADLINE: Orders must be postmarked by July 15, 2013.**

**IMPORTANT!** Ordering turkeys from the Poultry Science Department does not constitute entry into any of the shows. The rules herein apply only to the ordering, pick-up and validation of turkeys for the shows. Please contact the Livestock Office of each show for information regarding show entry fees or specific questions about the show itself:

HLSR  
P.O. Box 20070  
Houston, TX 77225-0070  
Phone: 832.667.1000  
Web: [www.rodeohouston.com](http://www.rodeohouston.com)

SASSR  
P.O. Box 200230  
San Antonio, TX 78220-0230  
Phone: 210.225.0575  
Web: [www.sarodeo.com](http://www.sarodeo.com)

STFR  
9100 Decker Lane  
Austin, TX 78724  
Phone: 512.919.3000  
Web: [www.rodeoaustin.com](http://www.rodeoaustin.com)

**I. Turkey poults**

- a. Turkeys delivered for this show will be straight-run commercial type turkeys. These are U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid (PT) clean birds. They should be raised away from other farm fowl, especially older birds.
- b. The order from will serve as your official Pullorum-Typhoid-03 papers; you will not be required to submit any other health papers on these birds at the show.
- c. If you are showing the birds at any other local show, you need to submit a PT-03 paper to J.C. Essler at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, Drawer 3040, College Station, TX 77841.

## II. Poult identification

- a. Each exhibitor's order will be identified by a series of numbered wing bands. Poults are assigned to exhibitors by these numbers. Poults from this single order are eligible for all three shows (HLSR, SASSR and STFR).
- b. Turkeys losing their wing bands, for whatever reason, will not be allowed to enter the show. Birds with wing bands that show evidence of tampering will be sifted, and the decision of the show official is final.**
- c. The superintendents of the Youth Market Turkey Divisions will instruct turkey sifters and judges to disregard wing bruising and damage caused by a wing band.
- d. Show officials reserve the right to collect tissue and/or blood samples at the show to verify entries.
- e. The HLSR, SASSR and STFR are terminal shows.** All turkeys entering the show grounds will become the property of the shows.

## III. Ordering

- a. Only practicing Texas Agricultural Science Teachers and Texas AgriLife County Extension Agents may place an order. Only **one order form per 4-H or FFA chapter** should be submitted with **all exhibitors** for that organization listed. Please list 4-H exhibitors under country names and not under 4-H club names.
- b. Orders will be assigned a reference number upon receipt. This number will determine the order of hand-out on the pick-up day. Only minor changes will be allowed once an order is received, otherwise the earlier reference number will be forfeited and a later reference number will be assigned. The Poultry Science Department will send an order confirmation to the teacher or county agent within 10 working days of receipt.
- c. Once an order is received and processed, it cannot be cancelled for a refund.
- d. A minimum of 5 and a maximum of 75 poults may be ordered per family unit** (children residing in a common household). Children within a family unit can choose any of the birds in the family's order when selecting birds to bring to a show. Each exhibitor in the family ordering poults must be listed on the form according to 4-H or FFA chapter name. Please provide a current phone number for each exhibitor.

- e. A family unit **MUST** order through the same organization, either 4-H or FFA. On the order form you must designate which organization each exhibitor will be showing under. Place all members of one family on one order form.
- f. **The total number of birds for each order form submitted must be in increments of 25 birds.** The minimum order per form is 25 birds. Agricultural Science Teachers and AgriLife Extension Agents may combine their orders. This may be helpful in situations where the total number of poults ordered by a 4-H or FFA member does not reach the minimum order of 25 birds. Please indicate clearly which organization each exhibitor is associated with.
- g. When filling out the order form, please list families who are ordering 75 poults first, with families that are splitting an increment of 25 poults listed last.
- h. **Poults for county shows** may be ordered at the same time on this form. Birds purchased for county shows should be listed last on the order form and indicated by “County Show Only” in the exhibitor name column. These birds are **NOT eligible to show in the HLSR, SASSR or STFR.** Substitution of “County Show Only” birds for the major livestock shows will not be allowed.

#### **IV. Cost and payment information**

- a. The price of poults is \$3.50 per bird (\$87.50 per 25 poults).
- b. Payment in full for all poults ordered must accompany the order form.
- c. The payment **MUST** be in the form of a **SINGLE** county, chapter or school check or in the form of a money order. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS OR CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Orders will NOT be processed and assigned a reference number until the correct form and amount of payment is received.
- d. Please make checks or money orders payable to: **Turkey Show Fund**
- e. All orders must be mailed to:

Dr. Craig Coufal  
Att: Livestock Show Interns  
Poultry Science Department  
Texas A&M University  
107 Kleberg Center; 2472 TAMU  
College Station, TX 77843-2472

## V. Poult pick-up information

- a. The hatch and pick-up date has yet to be determined (at the time this information is being made available). **The pick-up date will most likely be in the first week of November, 2013**, so exhibitors should be prepared to receive birds at that time. When the pick-up date is determined, the date will be posted on the TAMU Poultry Science website and teachers and county agents who submitted orders will be sent a postcard reminder. All poult must be picked up at the Poultry Science Research Center on FM 2818 in College Station by 3:00 pm on the pick-up day. All birds not picked up by 3:00 pm will become the property of the Texas A&M University Poultry Science Department.
- b. Poults will be distributed according to the reference number assigned to an order upon receipt.
- c. Poults can only be picked up by the agricultural science teacher or county agent who placed the order and must present a photo I.D. on the day of pick-up.
- d. If a person other than the agent or teacher who placed the order is to pick-up the birds, that person must present a letter of authorization on official school or county letterhead at the time of pick-up. Do NOT send letters of authorization to the Poultry Science Department.
- e. The person picking up the birds is responsible for checking the birds for wing bands and/or condition at the time of pick-up. Replacement birds will be provided if birds are found to be injured, deformed, dead or improperly wing banded. Birds will **NOT** be replaced for any other reason.
- f. Teachers or county agents will receive a printout of the assigned wing band numbers for each exhibitor or family unit at pick-up. The proper distribution of the birds among exhibitors is the responsibility of the teacher or county agent. Please confirm wing band numbers upon arrival at the county level.

## VI. Eligibility

- a. Only actual Texas 4-H and FFA members are eligible to compete in the Youth Market Turkey Division of the HLSR, SASSR and STFR.
- b. Exhibitors must **pay entry fees directly to the HLSR, SASSR or STFR** (fees other than the cost of poults). DO NOT send entry fees to the Poultry Science Department.
- c. Any eligibility questions for the Youth Market Turkey shows should be directed to the Livestock Office of the appropriate show (see page 1 for contact information).

## VII. Miscellaneous

- a. If an exhibitor changes schools or moves to a different 4-H or FFA chapter after ordering turkeys, they may show their turkeys under the new chapter provided we receive a letter advising us of the change.
- b. The threat of avian influenza and other reportable diseases continues to be of serious concern to poultry in Texas. Monitoring programs are in place on a continuous basis. Any requirements for testing, limitations on the movement of poultry or other activities related to this or similar matters will be handled under the authority of show officials and/or the Texas Animal Health Commission.
- c. For clarification of any part of these Rules and Procedures, please call Dr. Craig Coufal or Tiffany Mikolas in the Poultry Science Department's Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office at 979-845-4319, or send an email to [poultryshows@poultry.tamu.edu](mailto:poultryshows@poultry.tamu.edu)