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NC State Fair Annual Youth Market Turkey Show

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The 2014 Youth Market Turkey Show will be held during the NC State Fair, with turkey hen check in on October 15th and the show on October 17th. This competition is open to any NC youth between ages 5-18 who will be in grades K-12 on the day of the show.

REGISTRATION is Mandatory

Online registration will open March 2nd at 3:00pm. The link to registration can be found here:

<http://poultry4hyouth.ces.ncsu.edu/youth-market-turkey-show/>

There is a limit of 300 participants due to space at the State Fair and the availability of turkey poults. The first 300 participants who pay the \$10 registration fee (for each person not for each poult) after they have registered online, will have poults reserved for them. All entry fees that are received after the 300 limit has been reached, will be returned to the participant. **Social security numbers are not necessary at this time.** All 300 entries who pay their fee will receive an email from me with an attached **Market Turkey Entry Form** that **MUST** be brought to the Fairgrounds when the hen is checked in on Oct. 15. A social security number is necessary in order for the participants to receive prize money from the NC State Fair after the show. If this form is not returned when the hen is checked in, the participant will forfeit his/her right to receive a premium check but will receive a prize placement ribbon. Mail your fee to: Debbie Ort, NC State University, Prestage Department of Poultry Science, Campus Box 7608, Scott Hall Room 240, Raleigh, NC 27695. Please make your check payable to: **Agriculture Educational Services.**

POULT Pick Up:

Turkey hen poults will be available for pick up, on June 12th and 13th, from 9:00am to 5:00pm, at the NCSU Animal and Poultry Teaching Unit, 3801 Inwood Drive, Raleigh, NC 27603. It is located off of Lake Wheeler Road. A map to the Teaching Unit is at the bottom of this document. Each participant may pick up from 1 to 3 banded turkey hen poults. **(Only one choice bird will be allowed to show, the rest you keep).** To give the poults a healthy start, 5 lbs of turkey starter will be given to **each participant** (not a bag for every poult). Turkey Starter and Grower feed may be difficult for participants to find. However, it is recommended that a Game Bird Starter and Grower feed be utilized for growing. Most Southern States stores and other feed stores sell Game Bird feeds. Southern State pamphlets of feed guidelines and the Market Turkey Entry Form will be emailed to every participant who pays their fee. Please bring a box with **dry pine shavings** or shredded newspaper as bedding for transporting the poults. Boxes will not be provided.

RULES and Show Information:

ONLY your best turkey hen poult will be taken to the NC State Fair. Check in your bird from 8:00-5:30 on Wednesday, October 15th, prior to the opening of the fair. You do not need to pay to park to check in your bird but can drive right up to the poultry tent by entering Gate 4. Dog carriers are excellent for transporting turkeys. Do not put turkeys on slippery surfaces when transporting. Please provide some kind of bedding to stabilize their feet.

The youth does not have to be present to check in the bird. A parent, 4-H Agent or any adult can bring the bird to check it in, but that person **MUST** have the participant's Market Turkey Entry Form, with the participant's social security number and other information completed. **Every poult will be banded with a metal wing band so please write down the number of your chosen show bird on the Market Turkey Entry Form at check in.** Birds will be kept and cared for by our staff, Wednesday thru Friday, before the show and of course after the show until market. All participants will be given a cage number and a new leg band number for their bird so that they can get the bird when the class is called for the show. Each participant will receive 1 complimentary entry ticket to the Fair. Fair entry tickets are required by everyone to enter the fairgrounds to show on Friday.

There is a 10 pound minimum weight limit. Any bird that does not weigh 10 pounds **will not be accepted** and you will be responsible for transporting the bird back home. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** So please, weigh your

bird before you bring it to the fair. Additionally, a diseased bird will not be allowed to enter the contest, and participants must take a diseased bird back home. All turkeys entering the contest will be retained by the Prestage Department of Poultry Science. It cannot go back home after the show.

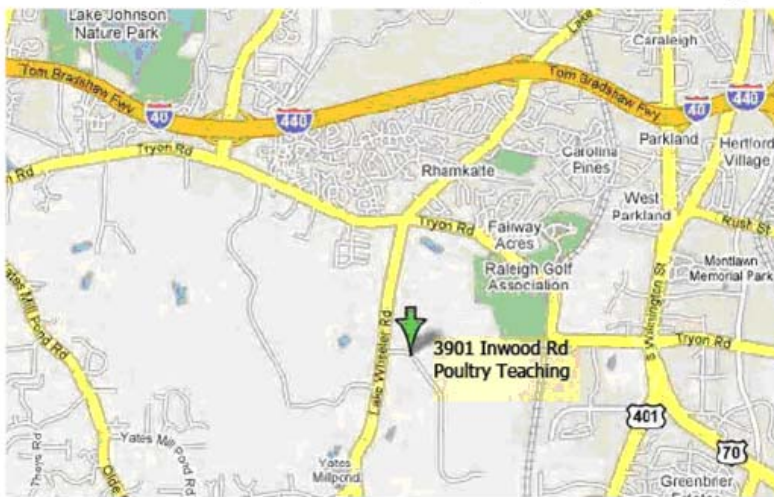
The turkeys will be shown on Friday, October 17, 2014, at **9:00 am**. **You will need to pay to park on this day** so give yourself plenty of time to park and get to the show. There will be one Grand and one Reserve Champion auctioned on the next day, Saturday. The Gobbler age division (5 - 8) shows their birds for placement in their class, and will have a Grand and Reserve Champion award, but the Gobbler age division birds will not be allowed to compete for the final Grand and Reserve Champions.

The age divisions, which are age as of June 1, 2014, are: Gobbler (5-8 years of age); Junior (9-13); and Senior (14-18). The turkeys will be shown 15 birds per class with **EVERY** participant winning a ribbon and placement money. Of course, 1st through 10th place will win more money. Class assignments will be displayed the day of the show as well as emailed to everyone the night before, Thursday. **Remember, you must be registered in grades K-12 on the day of the show to be eligible for this event.**

During the contest, each contestant must walk or carry their turkey to the judging site (area behind the poultry tent at the fair grounds). Staff will be available to help if necessary. Parents can assist as well. Once facing the judges, each contestant must hold their turkeys upside down by the legs with the breast facing toward the judges. The judges will allot points according to body weight, conformation of the breast, legs, thighs, wings, and back. The overall finish, feathering, health, market defects and uniformity are scored as well. There will be an oral question or two for the participant to answer. Casual clothes are recommended for the show. Like last year, all first place winners will receive a complimentary Turkey Show t-shirt. Extra shirts will also be available for sale on Wednesday and Friday of the show.

For additional information, please contact Debbie Ort (919) 515-5403, Email: debbie_ort@ncsu.edu (recommended form of communication).

Directions to the NC State Poultry Science Teaching Unit



Get your poultts off to a great start – Be READY

Bring a box or tote with you to pick up the poultts.

Bring some pine shavings or shredded paper if you can.

Have a warm (use heat lamps) place ready for them as soon as you arrive home.

Provide them with plenty of feed and clean water at all times!!

Protect them from predators!

Keep their litter as dry as possible

Remember, birds will not eat if they don't have water, no matter how much you feed them!

