

Turkey show guidelines

Please note several changes from last year.

- Age: Youth need to be finished with 3rd grade and 8 years old before picking up poults in July.
- Exhibitors may show 2 birds of any gender.
- Toms must weigh a minimum of **20 lbs** and hens must weigh a minimum of **15 lbs** after processing in order to show in the turkey show.
 - Note: Turkeys keep about 80% of their body weight after processing.
If a turkey weighs 27 lbs. live, it will weigh about 27 lbs. x 0.80 = 21.6 lbs after processing.
 - Note: During the harvesting process, bruised or damaged meat is cut off, thus reducing the weight. Meat becomes bruised or damaged due to improper management while the bird is alive. For example, if a bird's wing gets caught in the coop door, it could damage the wing meat. Please treat your birds with care. Last year, about 3% of birds were bruised and 97% of birds were fine.
- A registration form must be filled out, appropriately signed, and returned to your County Agent or FFA advisor on or before **May 16, 2008**.
- Cost for each poult will be **\$2.00**, due with registration form on **May 16**.
- Processing Cost is **\$7.00** per turkey, due November 20.
- You may process as many birds as you would like.
- To pre-tag turkeys contact Allan Sulser or Kody Clyde at WHS 654-0640, or Alicia Moulton at 657-3236. We will come to your place to tag the turkeys.
- Exhibitors must select which birds you will show before tagging. We will use different color tags for show and non-show birds.
- Please provide a shipping container for transporting birds to Bothwell (Tremonton area). The best containers are dog kennels, but cages will also work. Be sure that whatever container you bring has plenty of air holes for turkeys to breathe. You are also welcome to haul birds to Bothwell yourself.
- Pick up all extra (non-show) birds November 20 between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. at Wasatch High School. We will charge a \$12.00/bird storage fee for extra birds not claimed. Birds not claimed on the 20th can be picked up at the sale on November 25. If you would like any of your extra birds smoked, bring them back on November 25.
- We will store show birds for free.
- Official FFA or 4-H dress is required for the show and sale. FFA members need a jacket, tie, and dark pants. 4-H members need a white shirt, 4-H patch, and dark pants.
- Failure to follow any of these guidelines may result in elimination from the show.

Timeline:

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| May 16, 2008 | Order Form and money turned in before 5:00 pm |
| July 18, 2008 | Pick up poults from Wasatch High School |
| November 20, 2008 | Drop off toms at Wasatch High School for processing at 7:00 a.m., trucks leave at 8:00 a.m. |
| November 20, 2008 | Process birds at Bothwell (we would love your help!) Meet at high school at 7:00 am. We will be back after 7:00 p.m. |
| November 20, 2008 | Pick up any extra birds between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. |
| November 25 | Turkey show buyer's dinner 6:00 p.m. Turkey show and sale 7:00 p.m. |