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# UTAH JR. TURKEY SHOW (UJTS) GENERAL RULES

Exhibitors are encouraged to participate in the complete educational opportunity that Junior Livestock Shows provide such as record book contests, processing, show, and auction at the Utah Turkey Show.

## General Rules:

## Violations of Turkey Show Rules will be grounds for show disqualification, withheld premium money, withheld sales money, barring from future showing opportunities, and/or any combination based on the severity of the rule infraction.

1. **Turkey Show Board has the final say in all disputes.**
2. **Age:** Exhibitors must be *8 years of age* as of September l of the previous year. Exhibitors can only show through the same season as their high school graduation. Exception: Disabled persons as defined by Public Law 98-527. In these special cases, the turkeys must still be the project of the exhibitor and cared for daily by the disabled person.
3. **Group Affiliation:** An exhibitor may enter as a 4-H OR FFA member, but not both. This should be determined at the beginning of the project. This declaration shall be made when ordering the turkey poults.
4. **Length of Ownership:** Shall be determined by the Utah Junior Turkey Show Committee, but shall be no shorter than 15 weeks and no longer than 19 weeks.
5. In keeping with the desire to help eliminate disease problems in the turkey industry, Sanpete, Sevier, Millard, and Washington Counties will not be eligible to receive turkey poults from Moroni Hatchery and no junior turkey project owner may go to or purchase feed from Moroni Feed Company. FFA and 4-H members in these counties may have turkey projects along with family commercial operations, compete in demonstrations, and record book award programs.
6. **Turkey Show Board has the final say in all disputes.**
7. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor and/or supervisor to make arrangements for delivering and picking up birds to/from the UJTS processing plant.
8. Birds may be congregated for immediate family members only. **Birds belonging to those outside the immediate family must be kept in separate pens – and cared for by the individual.** This rule also applies to 4-H groups or FFA Chapters that are raising birds in common locations. Separate pens are a requirement per exhibitor to ensure that the project responsibilities and educational components are met.
9. A county agent or FFA advisor must certify that the exhibitor has a bona fide turkey project. Turkeys will not be supplied to individuals not meeting the above criteria, i.e. record book or show bird entry.
10. Only birds supplied by the UJTS committee are eligible for the State and County turkey shows and auctions. Youth must raise and show their own birds.
11. An exhibitor is not permitted to use turkeys grown by another individual for competition in the UJTS show and auction, or county show and auctions.
12. All birds received from the Utah State Jr. Turkey Show committee must be processed at the poultry processing plant in Bothwell, Utah.
13. If birds are supplied by the Utah Jr. Turkey Show to individuals who do not process their birds at the turkey plant in Bothwell, Utah, they will be on probation the following year. If the violation is repeated, they will not receive poults thereafter. Any exceptions must be approved by the UJTS Committee.
14. Because of the UDAF exemption rules related to poultry slaughter, youth, and parents understand that ALL turkeys must be marketed through the Utah Junior Turkey Show and invoiced to the end consumer by the 4-H or FFA member, including those retained for personal use. Members keep the proceeds from their sales through the UJTS. Once sold to the end consumer, birds cannot be resold.
15. Each exhibitor must turn in a completed 4-H portfolio or FFA record book to their 4-H County Agent or their FFA Advisor before bringing birds to be processed at the plant.
16. Completion of this requirement is verified by the signature of the 4-H County Agent or FFA Advisor at the bottom of the Processing and Registration Form that is generally due in the first part of November.
17. Exhibitors can enter one hen and one tom in the Utah Jr. Turkey Show and Auction. Individual Counties may have their own show and auctions. Please talk to your 4-H and FFA Advisors about county shows.
18. The heaviest hen and tom will be placed in a separate category and will not be judged with the rest of the birds.
19. Only one recognition award will be given to any contestant. In case a contestant has two birds placed in winning categories, the prize given will be determined by the highest placing in the order of the auction.

Sixty-two (62) birds will be auctioned in the following order:

1st: Grand Champion Tom and Hen

2nd: Heaviest Tom and Hen

3rd: Reserve Champion Tom and Hen

4th: First Place Tom and Hen

Thereafter, the next 27 show toms and 27 show hens will be auctioned in order of their respective placings.

1. Youth with a turkey in the state auction must be present at the auction or the turkey will be sifted or pulled from the sale.
2. UJTS Auction **4-H and FFA Dress Code:** Exhibitors need to present a uniform professional and neat appearance to the viewing public, judges, and buyers. They will adhere to the following dress code at the Utah Turkey Show:
3. **4-H** - A long or short sleeve shirt, which fastens down the front with a collar, is mandatory. Shirts must be solid white and need not be Western style. Black or blue pants are to be worn. There is to be a 4-H emblem or patch on all 4-H member shirts.

**FFA-** Either a white shirt, tie, and FFA jacket, or a white shirt with the FFA emblem and tie (t-shirts are not allowed.)

**The following will not be allowed:** T-shirts, tank tops, tube tops, sleeveless shirts, and vests. Exhibitors who fail to abide by dress standards will forfeit prize money.

1. All birds will be auctioned with a 5% sales fee collected. Donations after the sale will be used at the discretion of the Utah Jr. Turkey Show Committee for auction birds and/or record books.

**UTAH STATE JR. TURKEY SHOW AND AUCTION**

# ENTRY AND JUDGING PROCEDURES

No entry fee for the State Show is required. Exhibitors must pay their processing costs and submit payment with the Show Processing Form.

The Show Committee will separate the birds into two classes, toms, and hens after they are received. Each class will be judged as a single pool against each other as in other Jr. Livestock show

Only Grade "A" turkeys will be sold at the state auction. Grade "A" is defined as a processed carcass with no missing body parts (such as wings, legs, etc.) and no skin missing. Physical damage to a bird during processing will not be a reason for a quality downgrade.

A dressed tom must weigh a minimum of 16 pounds and a dressed hen must weigh a minimum of 12 pounds to be considered for the State show and auction.

Judging will be done by comparison according to dressed-bird standards:

**Confirmation -** Depth of Body Width of Breast Length of Keel

Width of back and shoulder Legs moderately short

## Fleshing - General covering with a smooth coat and fat

**Market Appearance -** Cleanliness of body bloom Free of abrasions and bruises Free of pin feathers

# 4-H PORTFOLIO & FFA RECORD BOOK CONTEST RULES

The object of the Utah Jr. Turkey Show Record Book Contest is to stimulate youth to learn to keep accurate records. Record books can use either the 4-H or FFA format. Any individual who did not obtain turkeys through the Utah Jr. Turkey Show must have prior approval from the State Junior Turkey Show Committee before entering a book into the record book contest. High-quality record books will receive the following awards from the Show Committee:

Both 4-H and FFA Portfolio/Record Books will be submitted online.

Portfolios/Record Books must be submitted online before 2:00 PM on Thursday of the State Turkey Show processing day to compete in the contest.

Participation in the show is not a prerequisite for submitting a record book.

## 4-H Portfolio Guidelines

Cash awards of $75, $50, and $25 for **4-H portfolios** will be presented to participants in three school grade categories: Junior 3-5th grades; Intermediate 6-8th grades; Senior 9-12th grades. (These portfolios can include project activities as well as any participation in school, community, or church. Include all previous years' records. An individual can win once in each age category regardless of cash amount.)

## FFA Record Book Guidelines

Cash awards of $75, $50, and $25 for **FFA record books** will be presented to participants in the 7-81\ 9-lOthand I I-12th grade brackets.

# UTAH 4-H AND FFA SCHOLARSHIPS

A $1,000.00 scholarship ($500.00/semester) may be given to a 4-H and an FFA contestant who are high school seniors at the time of the show. An outstanding portfolio/record book of 4-H or FFA includes project scope, with further emphasis on leadership qualities, outstanding scholarship, citizenship, and overall activities in community, school, and/or church. The payment of this award will be made when proof of enrollment at a college or university is presented to the UJTS Committee. If submitting a 4-H portfolio, please summarize your projects to include all 4-H project significance from previous years. A contestant is only eligible to win this award once. Scholarships will be available to winners for one year after graduation from high school. Any exceptions must be approved by the UJTS Committee.

4-H portfolio guidelines can be found at Utah4H.org. FFA record book information can be obtained from the FFA advisor at your school.

4-H Portfolios/FFA Record Books must be submitted online before 2:00 PM on Thursday of the State Turkey Show processing day to compete in the contest.

4-H and FFA exhibitor awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony before the start of the State Turkey Show Auction. Winners do not need to be present to receive their Portfolio/Record Book award.

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**Utah Junior Turkey Show Additional Information and Rules**

*(Please read carefully)*

1. Poult Order Registration Forms must be filled out completely and signed by your FFA Advisor or Extension Agent. All forms and payments must arrive at Utah Junior Turkey Show on or **before April 21, 2023.** If your County does a group registration submission through your FFA Chapter or Extension Office, it is recommended that forms be turned in to your county agent/FFA advisor on or before April 14, 2023, so they can be submitted to the Utah Junior Turkey Show by the April 21st deadline. **Regardless of how orders are placed, all forms and payments must arrive at the Utah Junior Turkey Show office on or before April 21, 2023. There will be no exceptions.**
2. Poults will be available for pick up during the week of July 25-29, TENTATIVELY. You will be notified as soon as we have a confirmation of the date.
3. **Participants may order up to 15 poults.** The cost for each poult will be **$4.00** (make payment to UJTS):

**Utah Junior Turkey Show**

**PO Box 27**

**Tremonton, UT 84337**

1. All poults received from the Utah State Jr. Turkey Show committee must be processed at the poultry processing plant in Bothwell, Utah.
2. Because of the UDAF exemption rules related to poultry slaughter, ALL turkeys must be invoiced to the end consumer by the 4-H or FFA member. Once sold to the end consumer, birds cannot be resold.
3. The state **Utah Jr. Turkey Show** will be held **November 9-11, 2023 in Tremonton, UT**.
4. A dressed tom must weigh a minimum of 16 pounds and a dressed hen must weigh a minimum of 12 pounds to be considered for the show and auction.
5. Only Grade “A” turkeys will be sold at the state and county auctions. Grade “A” is defined as a processed carcass with no missing body parts (such as wings, legs, etc.) and no skin missing. Physical damage to a bird during processing will not be a reason for a quality downgrade.
6. Each exhibitor must submit a completed 4-H portfolio or FFA record book online to their County Agent or FFA Advisor before processing their turkeys. Completion of this requirement is verified by the signature of the County Agent or FFA Advisor at the bottom of the Processing and Registration Form that is generally due the first part of November.
7. Exhibitors may choose to participate in the 4-H Portfolio/FFA Record Book Contest. Contest entries must be submitted online for judging by 2:00 p.m. on Thursday of the Utah Jr. Turkey Show.
8. Please refer to <https://extension.usu.edu/boxelder/4h/turkey> for additional turkey show rules and details.