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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 contest, processing, show and auction at the Utah Turkey Show.

General Rules:

1. **Age:** Exhibitors must be *8 years of age* as of September 1 of the previous year. Exhibitor 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.
2. **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.
3. **Length of Ownership:** Shall be determined by the Utah Junior Turkey Show Committee.
4. In keeping with the desire to help eliminate disease problems in the turkey industry, Sanpete, Sevier, Millard, Juab, 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.
5. **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 severity of the rule infraction.**
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 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.** 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.
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 poulters thereafter. Any exceptions must be approved by the UJTS Committee.
14. Each exhibitor must turn in a completed 4-H portfolio or FFA record book to their 4-H County Agent or to their FFA Advisor prior to bringing birds to be processed at the plant.
15. 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 the first part of November.
16. Exhibitors can enter one hen and one tom in the Utah Jr. Turkey Show and Auction.
17. The heaviest hen and tom will be placed in a separate category and will not be judged with the rest of the birds.
18. Only one recognition award will be given to any one 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.

19. 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.
20. 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:

21. 4-H - A long or short sleeve shirt, which fastens down the front with a collar, is mandatory. Shirts must be solid white in color 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.

22. 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.

ENTRY AND JUDGING PROCEDURES

No entry fee for the State Show is required. Exhibitors must pay their own processing costs and submit payment with the Show Entry 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 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 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 in order 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 7-8th, 9-10th and 11-12th 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 show. An outstanding portfolio/record book of 4-H or FFA includes project scope, with further emphasis on leadership qualities, outstanding scholarship, citizenship and over- all 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.

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

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

**Utah Junior Turkey
Show Additional
Information and
Rules (Please read
carefully)**

1. 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 and to the Utah Jr. Turkey Show. Once sold to the end consumer, however, birds cannot be resold.
2. All birds received from the Utah State Jr. Turkey Show committee must be processed at the poultry processing plant in Bothwell, Utah.
3. 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.
4. Poult Order Registration Forms must be filled out completely and appropriately signed by your FFA Advisor or Extension Agent. All forms and payment must arrive to the Utah Junior Turkey Show office on or before May 1, 2020. **No late forms will be accepted.** If your County does a group registration submission through your FFA Chapter or Extension Office, forms must be turned in to your county agent/FFA advisor on or before April 24th, 2020 so that they can be submitted to the Utah Junior Turkey Show by the official May 1 deadline. **Regardless of how orders are placed, all forms and payment must arrive to the Utah Junior Turkey Show on or before May 1, 2020. There will be no exceptions.**
5. Poults will be available for pick up TENTATIVELY on Tuesday July 28th. *This is subject to change.*
6. Participants may order up to 20 poults.
7. Cost for each poult will be \$3.50 (Make payment to the Utah Junior Turkey Show):

Utah Junior Turkey Show c/o

Donna Andrews
Box Elder County Extension Office 01 South Main
Brigham City, UT 84302

8. Each exhibitor must turn in a completed 4-H portfolio or FFA record book to their 4-H County Agent or to their FFA Advisor prior to UJTS show and auction.
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10. 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.
11. The turkey show will be held November 12-14, 2020.