

Junior Market Turkey Show

Chairmen – Quentin Fojtik & Nicholas Otto

Entry Fee: \$15 per entry, **Entries Close:** September 1, 2023, 4pm Fair Office

Check-In: Saturday, October 14, 2023, 7am - 8:30am, Sifting and Pre-Judging during Check-In

Time Final Judging: Saturday, October 14, 2023, 9am

Early Release: Saturday, October 14, 2023, 11am - 12pm

Release Date: Sunday, October 22, 2023, 7am - 11am

Rules:

1. All entries and awards in this department are subject to General Livestock and Fair Rules printed in this catalog unless otherwise specified.
2. All turkeys must have been purchased in the 2023 Central Purchase Order of turkey hens for the fair. Any exhibitor having an excessive amount of toms in their order should contact the Fair as soon as possible. Each exhibitor's name must be submitted at the time the order is placed. No entry will be accepted unless the exhibitor's name appears on the turkey master list. Verification of exhibitor's name will be made at poult pick up and no change will be made after poult distribution.
3. All poults must be owned and fed by the exhibitor. Each turkey presented to the judge must bear a special code wing band. The identification number on the band must fall within the series of consecutively numbered poults assigned to that individual or that family. Turkeys losing their wing band, for whatever reason, will not be eligible to show. If the band shows evidence of being tampered with or if the web is torn in any way, the bird will be disqualified.
4. All turkey exhibits must be approved by the sifting judge before they can be cooped. Birds not accepted by the Show at the time of sifting will be released to their owners. Sifted birds must be removed from the Show Barn immediately by their owners.
5. Each exhibitor may enter three (3) turkeys.
6. TURKEYS WILL BE SIFTED FOR POOR WEIGHT, SIZE, AND/OR MARKET QUALITY.
7. EACH EXHIBITOR MUST HAVE TWO THREE-POUND OR EQUIVALENT CANS FOR FEED AND WATER FOR EACH ENTRY IN ORDER TO CHECK IN WITH THE COMMITTEE. THE CANS MUST BE SECURED TO THE CAGE. EXHIBITORS WILL FURNISH FEED AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROPER CARE OF THEIR EXHIBITS. ANY EXHIBITOR FAILING TO FEED, WATER AND KEEP THE CAGE CLEAN WILL BE BARRED FROM SHOWING AT NEXT YEAR'S TURKEY SHOW.

8. Exhibitors are responsible for presenting their own birds to the judge. These birds are being pre-judged during the sifting procedure. A posting of the birds that will be considered for placing will be made following the close of sifting. Exhibitors who are unable to present their own bird to the judge may appoint a substitute exhibitor to hold their bird with notification to the turkey committee. If the exhibitor or their substitute is not present to present their bird to the judge, the bird will not be judged.

9. No substitution of turkeys will be allowed prior to judging.

10. Each exhibitor is responsible for removing water/feed containers.

11. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion turkeys will remain in the barn for the duration of the fair and will be relocated to Champions Row. All other turkeys will be released early and must be removed from the grounds. Any exhibitor not adhering to the release and/or relocation times will be disqualified from the market sale and the Jr. Livestock Auction. Turkeys eligible for auction will be determined immediately following the show.

12. No one except Poultry Committee of the show will be allowed to handle the birds without permission from the owner.

13. For exhibitor eligibility requirements, see General Livestock Department rules.

14. Any exhibitor having more than one animal making the sale in this department must sell the highest placing animal. In the event two animals have the same placing, the exhibitor must notify the Chairman or Co-Chairman of this department within one hour after the show which one will sell, otherwise the chairman will determine which animal will sell.

15. Any animal that exhibits signs of being unethically altered or fit will be disqualified. See General Livestock rule 11.