

JUNIOR TURKEY SHOW

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1. Online Registration/Entry Deadline is March 15, 2026. Please refer to the JLA rules for all dates, policies and procedures that pertain to online entries and fees.
2. All turkey entries are subject to the General Rules and Regulations and the Junior Livestock Division Rules, except where they conflict with the rules of the Show, in which case the Show rules prevail.
3. Exhibitors in this division may have the opportunity to attend an optional educational program relating to their species. Specific days and subject matter will be advertised prior to the meetings.
4. Turkey exhibitors must start project in exhibitor's name when project is started.
 - a) All turkeys must be ordered through the Fair Office.
 - b) Exhibitors must order twenty-five (25) turkeys. Turkeys will be sexed birds. Only hens will be eligible to show
 - c) Turkeys will be wing banded, number to be assigned alphabetically (A1- 25) etc.
 - d) Entry is one (1) turkey hen bearing official Washington County Fair wing bands which are assigned to exhibitor.
 - e) Turkeys losing their wing bands cannot show. If wing band and/or wing web shows evidence of tampering or if wing web is torn in any way, the bird will be disqualified.
 - f) All turkeys wing bands will be checked when they are brought to the sifting line and are subject to being checked anytime during the Fair.
5. Exhibitors must be in line by the end of the posted sift time.
6. Turkeys will be sifted by the official judge, with judging to follow. Exhibitor may bring one (1) spare turkey to the sifting line. If birds are sifted by the judge(s), the decision will be confirmed by the committee chairperson. Once birds pass the sift,

they will be placed in their pen. NO exchange or removal will be permitted. Substitutions in case of death will be subject to committee approval.

7. Fire ant bites are considered to be a defect and birds will be sifted.
8. All containers in which turkeys are brought in must have exhibitor's name on them. Any container left after sift may disqualify exhibitor from the show.
9. All exhibitors **must** be present to hold/exhibit their birds at the judging. In the event that support/assistance is needed, a parent/family member can provide support or assistance to the exhibitor. Injuries (i.e., broken bones or incapacitation) excluded. If participating in another show, the exhibitor should make arrangements for someone else to show birds with the approval of committee chairperson or designated committee member.
10. One (1) Showmanship award will be given to the exhibitor who has the best presentation of their livestock project—proper handling of bird, proper show dress, and behavior in show ring, etc. Showmanship will be judged during the Turkey Show and announced at the conclusion of the show. Only exhibitors showing their own project are eligible for showmanship.
11. Each exhibitor will be responsible for the following:
 - a) Feeding and caring of their birds during the Fair, no moist feeding after the judging begins (feed to be furnished by exhibitor).
 - b) Proper maintenance of their bird's pen throughout the Fair.
 - c) Bring two (2) 1 lb. coffee cans with hole punched at top and wire for each can. Battery operated fans are permitted.
 - d) Cleaning and dressing all birds that are sold in the Junior Livestock Sale. Exhibitor will be responsible to deliver dressed birds to their buyers. There will be a 25% deduction from the Sale Price for failure to deliver dressed birds by October 15, 2026. The amount of that penalty will be forwarded to the Washington County Fair Scholarship Fund. Absolutely no switching of birds will be allowed.
 - e) If a turkey is marked for resale in the JLA, the bird is to be distributed at the exhibitor's discretion. The bird will remain the property of the exhibitor and that exhibitor may do as they wish with the bird. Do not take to the buyer as they have given it up for resale.
12. Turkeys will be released on a date and time posted. Committee members will supervise release procedures. Project release will be dependent on weather conditions, and will be communicated to exhibitors prior to show.
13. Remove dead turkeys from pen and take home. Do not put in trash barrels.
14. Only battery operated, small personal fans are allowed on poultry.