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## UTAH JR. TURKEY SHOW (UJTS) 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 Junior Turkey Show.

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

**\*Turkey Show board has the final say in all disputes\***

### General Rules:

- 1. Age:** Exhibitors must be *8 years of age* as of September 1 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.
- 2. Poult Pick Up:** Poults will be available for pick up during the last week of July TENTATIVELY. You will be notified as soon as we have a confirmation date, and you will be REQUIRED to pick up your poults ready to care for them the day they arrive.
- 3. Ordering:** Participants may order up to **15 poults**. The cost for each poult will be **\$14.00** (This includes the purchase and processing fee) This fee will be non-refundable unless there is a program wide health issue. All payments will be made on the Utah Junior Turkey Show Website. (<https://www.utahjrturkeyshow.com/>)
- 4. Processing:** All poults received from the Utah Junior Turkey Show committee **MUST BE** processed at the poultry processing plant in Bothwell, Utah. **Failure to process birds will result in probation, and potential barring from future participation!** Birds **MUST BE** left in our USDA approved cooler overnight the day of processing to ensure they have reached a safe temperature for consumption.
- 5. State Show:** The Utah Junior Turkey show will be held **November 13-15, 2025 in Tremonton, Utah**
- 6. 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 will be made when ordering turkey poults.
- 7. Length of Ownership:** Shall be determined by the Utah Junior Turkey Show Committee but shall be no shorter than 15 weeks and longer than 19 weeks.

8. 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 Norbest, and no Junior Turkey project owner may 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.
9. 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. **Birds must be purchased for youth to raise and show, we WILL NOT allow extras to be purchased for FFA or 4-H programs.**
10. Only birds supplied by the UJTS committee are eligible for the State and County turkey shows and auctions.
11. An exhibitor is not permitted to use turkeys grown by another individual for the competition in the UJTS show and auction, or county show and auctions.
12. If birds are supplied by the Utah Junior Turkey Show to individuals who do not process their birds at the turkey plant in Bothwell, Utah, they will be on probation for the following year. If the violation is repeated, they will not receive poults thereafter. Any exceptions must be approved by the UJTS board of directors.
13. 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.

### STATE SHOW AND AUCTION RULES

No additional entry fee is required for the Show and Auction.

Participation in the State show and Auction is **not required** to participate in the UJTS program.

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

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

1. Exhibitors can enter one hen and one tom in the Utah Junior 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.
2. 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.
3. 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 competition in show.
4. The heaviest hen and tom will be placed in a separate category and will not be judged with the rest of the birds.
5. Only one recognition award will be given to any contestant. In case a contestant has two birds placed in winning categories, the placing 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:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Grand Champion Tom and Hen
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Heaviest Tom and Hen
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Reserve Champion Tom and Hen
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Third Place Tom and Hen

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

6. 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.
7. 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:
  - 4-H** – A long or short-sleeved shirt, which fastens down the front with a collar, is mandatory. Shirts must be solid white and need not to be Western Style. Black or blue pants are to be worn. There is to be a 4-H 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 sale money.
8. All birds will be auctioned with a **5% sales fee** collected. Donations after the sale will be used at the discretion of the Utah Junior Turkey Show Committee for auctions birds and/or record books.

## **4-H PORTFOLIO & FFA RECORD BOOK CONTEST RULES**

The object of the Utah Junior Turkey Show Record Book Contest is to stimulate youth to learn to keep accurate records. Records book can use either 4-H or FFA format. Both 4-H and FFA Portfolio/Record Books will be submitted online by **midnight the Monday before the State Turkey Show** to compete in the contest. High-quality record books will receive the following awards from the Show Committee:

### **4-H Portfolio Guidelines**

Cash awards of \$75, \$50, and \$25 for **4-H portfolios** (Resume and Cover Letter) will be presented to participants in three school grade categories: Junior 3-5<sup>th</sup> grades; Intermediate 6-8<sup>th</sup> grades; Senior 9-12<sup>th</sup> 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 only 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 7-8<sup>th</sup>, 9-10<sup>th</sup>, and 11-12<sup>th</sup> 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 <https://extension.usu.edu/utah4h/more/4-h-portfolios>

FFA record book information can be obtained from the FFA Advisor at your school.

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.

