

YOUTH MARKET TURKEY DIVISIONS

RULES AND ORDERING PROCEDURES

2026 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo,
San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, Rodeo Austin, and Hill District Grandstand

Please read this document carefully before ordering.

Only birds purchased through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Poultry Science office are eligible to compete in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLSR), San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo (SASSR), Rodeo Austin (RA), and Hill District Grandstand Show (HDGS) youth market poultry shows. **Order forms must be mailed** to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Poultry Science office.

ORDER DEADLINE

Orders must be postmarked by August 15, 2025.

IMPORTANT! Ordering birds from the Poultry Science Department does not constitute entry into any of the shows. The rules herein apply only to the ordering, pick up and validation of birds for the shows. Please contact the Livestock Office of each show for information regarding show entry fees or specific questions about the show itself:

HLSR

P.O. Box 20070
Houston, TX 77225
Phone: 832.667.1000
www.rodeohouston.com

SASSR

P.O. Box 200230
San Antonio, TX 78220
Phone: 210.225.0575
www.sarodeo.com

Rodeo Austin

9100 Decker Lane
Austin, TX 78724
Phone: 512.919.3000
www.rodeoaustin.com

Hill District Grandstand

PO Box 291750
Kerrville, TX 78029
Email: Thegrandstand21@gmail.com
www.hilldistrictgrandstand.com

THE ORDER FORM CAN BE FOUND AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT

I. Turkey poults

- a. Birds delivered for these shows will be **straight-run commercial type birds (toms and hens randomly mixed)**. These are U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid (PT) clean birds. They should be raised away from other farm fowl, especially older birds.
- b. The order form will serve as your official Pullorum-Typhoid-03 papers; you will not be required to submit any other health papers on these birds at the HLSR, SASSR, RA, and HDGS shows.
- c. If you are exhibiting the birds at any other local show, you need to submit a PT-03 paper to the Pullorum-Typhoid Program at Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory by emailing the form to pt-program@tvmidl.tamu.edu or mailing it to P.O. Drawer 3040, College Station, TX 77841.

II. Bird identification

- a. Each exhibitor's order will be identified by a series of numbered wing bands. Birds are assigned to exhibitors by these numbers. Turkey poults from this single order are eligible for all three shows (HLSR, SASSR, RA, and HDGS).
- b. **Birds losing their wing bands, for whatever reason, will not be allowed to enter the show. Birds with wing bands that show evidence of tampering will be sifted, and the decision of the show official is final.**
- c. The superintendents of the Youth Market Poultry Divisions will instruct bird sifters and judges to disregard wing bruising and damage caused by a wing band.
- d. Show officials reserve the right to collect tissue and/or blood samples at the show to verify entries.
- e. The HLSR, SASSR and RA are **terminal shows**. All birds entering the show grounds will become the property of the shows and may not be removed from the show grounds.
- f. HDGS non-placing birds and birds that receive a premium only placing are released following the conclusion of the show. HDGS birds presented for sale and sold at the HDGS youth auction are terminal and become property of the show.
**Please refer to rules regarding divisions currently eligible to sell at HDGS. The 2025 show turkeys were not eligible to sell.

III. Ordering

- a. Only practicing Texas Agricultural Science Teachers and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service County Extension Agents may place an order. Only **one (1) order form** per 4-H or FFA chapter should be submitted with **all exhibitors** for that organization listed. Please list 4-H exhibitors under county names and not under individual 4-H club names.
- b. Orders will be assigned a reference number upon receipt. This number will determine the order of hand-out on the pick-up day. Only minor changes will be allowed once an order is received, otherwise the earlier reference number will be forfeited, and a later reference number will be assigned. The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Poultry Science office will send an order confirmation to the teacher or county agent as soon as the order is processed.
- c. Once an order is received and processed, it **cannot be cancelled for a refund**.
Exception: If the show is cancelled BEFORE the poults are distributed, refunds will be processed. Refunds will not be processed for any other reason or after the birds are distributed.
- d. Each exhibitor **MAY** order an individual set of birds (up to 75) **OR** siblings within the same household may order and share a set of birds (up to 75). In other words, a family with multiple exhibitors can order an individual set of birds for each exhibitor in the family, OR if they wish, they can order one set of birds for the entire family. In either case, the maximum number of birds in a set that an exhibitor can select from for the show is 75 birds. This rule is the same for the HLSR, SASSR, RA, and HDGS shows. Please note: families with multiple exhibitors are **NOT** required to place a single order for the entire family. Family orders are an option.
For turkey orders: **A minimum of 5 and a maximum of 75 poults** may be ordered per exhibitor or family unit.
- e. **A family unit order MUST be placed on ONE order form only**, either 4-H or FFA. Do not split family orders across order forms from different organizations. On the order form you must designate which organization each exhibitor will be exhibiting under. Place all members of the same family on one order form. Also, provide a current phone number for exhibitor or family.
- f. Each exhibitor's name listed on the order form must be their full legal name as it will be supplied to the livestock show office for show entry. If submitting a family order, you must list the complete name of each exhibitor for that family's order.
- g. **The total number of birds for each order form submitted must be in increments of 25 birds**. The minimum order per form is 25 birds. Agricultural Science Teachers and Texas

A&M AgriLife Extension Agents **may combine their orders**. This may be helpful in situations where the total number of poults ordered by a 4-H or FFA member does not reach the minimum order of 25 birds. Please indicate clearly which organization each exhibitor is associated with.

- h. When filling out the order form, please list exhibitors or families who are ordering 75 poults first, with exhibitors or families that are splitting an increment of 25 poults listed last.
- i. **Birds for county shows:** may be ordered at the same time on these forms. Birds purchased for county shows should be listed last on the order form and indicated by “County Show Only” in the exhibitor name column. *****IMPORTANT***** These birds are **NOT eligible to show in the HLSR, SASSR, RA, or HDGS**. Substitution of “County Show Only” birds for the HLSR, SASSR, RA and HDGS shows will not be allowed.
- j. **Birds for county shows:** Orders for county shows can be requested as “Hens only” if the county show will not be showing toms. This **must be specified on the order form**. The hens only option is available for county show orders only. All birds ordered for the HLSR, SASSR, RA, and HDGS shows will be straight-run only. The price of hens only for county shows is the same as straight-run.

IV. Cost and payment information

- a. The price of turkey poults is **\$4.75 per bird** (\$118.75 per 25 poults).
- b. Payment in full for all birds ordered must accompany the order form.
- c. The payment **MUST** be in the form of a **SINGLE** county, chapter or school check or in the form of a money order. **PERSONAL CHECKS OR CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**. Orders will NOT be processed and assigned a reference number until the correct form and amount of payment is received.
- d. Make checks or money orders payable to: **Texas A&M University Poultry Science Club**
- e. All orders must be mailed to:

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
Poultry Science Department
Attn: Livestock Show Interns
107 Kleberg Center; 2472 TAMU
College Station, TX 77843-2472

V. Bird pick-up information

- a. The pick-up date has yet to be determined (at the time this information is being made available). The pick-up date for turkeys is estimated to be in the first 2 weeks of November, so exhibitors should be prepared to receive birds at that time. **When the exact pick-up date, time and location are determined, the information will be posted on the TAMU Poultry Science website and teachers and county agents who submitted orders will be sent a postcard reminder.** All birds not picked up on the designated day will become the property of the Texas A&M University Poultry Science Department.
- b. Birds are distributed according to the reference number assigned to an order upon receipt.
- c. All individuals picking up birds for a reference number must be present before that reference number is called. And all individuals for a reference number must leave as a group when they have completed checking birds.
- d. Birds can only be picked up by the agricultural science teacher or county agent who placed the order and must present a photo I.D. on the day of pick-up.
- e. If a person other than the agent or teacher who placed the order is to pick up the birds, that person must present a **letter of authorization** on official school or county letterhead, and they must present a photo I.D. at the time of pick-up. Do NOT send letters of authorization to the Poultry Science Department.
- f. The person picking up the birds is responsible for checking the birds for wing bands and/or condition at the time of pick-up. Replacement birds will be provided if birds are found to be injured, deformed, dead or improperly wing banded. Birds will **NOT** be replaced for any other reason. The Poultry Science Department is **NOT responsible for the condition of the birds once they leave the pick-up location.**
- g. Teachers, county agents, or other designated individuals will receive a printout of the assigned wing band numbers for each exhibitor or family unit at pick-up. The proper distribution of the birds among exhibitors is the responsibility of these persons. **Please confirm wing band numbers upon arrival at the county level.**

VI. Eligibility

- a. Only actual Texas 4-H and FFA members are eligible to compete in the youth market poultry divisions of HLSR, SASSR, RA, and Hill District Grandstand Show (HDGS).
- b. Exhibitors must **pay entry fees directly to HLSR, SASSR, RA, or HDGS** (fees other than the cost of birds). DO NOT send entry fees to the Poultry Science Department.

- c. Any eligibility questions for the youth market poultry shows should be directed to the Livestock Office of the appropriate show (see page 1 for contact information).

VII. Miscellaneous

- a. If an exhibitor changes schools or moves to a different 4-H or FFA chapter after ordering birds, they may show their birds under the new chapter provided we receive a letter advising us of the change.
- b. The threat of avian influenza and other reportable diseases continues to be of serious concern to poultry in Texas. Monitoring programs are in place on a continuous basis. Any requirements for testing, limitations on the movement of poultry, or other activities related to this or similar matters will be handled under the authority of show officials and/or the Texas Animal Health Commission.
- c. For clarification of any part of these Rules and Procedures, please call our stock show interns or Shelby Espinosa in the Poultry Science Department's AgriLife Extension office at 979-845-4318 or 979-845-4319, or send an email to stockshow@ag.tamu.edu .

Turkey Order Checklist

- _____ 1. The order form is typed.
- _____ 2. All family orders are identified by "F" and individual orders identified by "I" in the second column on the order form.
- _____ 3. If placing a family order, all exhibitors in the family are listed on the same line on the form.
- _____ 4. If placing a family order, the total number of birds ordered for the family is not more than 75. If placing an individual exhibitor order, then total number of birds ordered is not more than 75.
- _____ 5. The total number of birds for the entire order form is a multiple of 25.
- _____ 6. I have enclosed ONE check or money order (not a personal check).
- _____ 7. The check or money order is made payable to Texas A&M University Poultry Science Club.
- _____ 8. I have signed the order form.

Make sure all these items are complete or your order may be sent back to you for correction.

Official Use Only
Reference # _____

**2026 HLSR, SASSR, RA, & HDGS
JUNIOR MARKET TURKEYS
OFFICIAL ORDER FORM**

Please Type All Information
All blanks must be completed.
Forms not completed or typed will be returned.

County 4-H or FFA Chapter _____

County: _____

Name of CEA or Ag. Science Teacher: _____

Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Work phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

ORDER SUMMATION
(Transferred from page 2)

Total # of poult s ordered: _____ (in increments of 25 poult s)

X \$4.75 (per poult)

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____ Check #: _____

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the rules for ordering, I have reviewed the order checklist, and I have enclosed **ONE** check or money order made payable to **TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY POULTRY SCIENCE CLUB**.

Signature: _____
(CEA or Ag Science Teacher)

