



FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION 2021 MARKET TURKEY SHOW

CHAIRMAN: Ken Reid

ORDER DEADLINE	Thursday, March 18, 2021	5:00 p.m.
EXPECTED DELIVERY DATE	Wednesday, June 9, 2020	TBA
CHECK IN	Thursday, September 23, 2021	6:00 p.m.
SHOW	Thursday, September 23, 2021	7:00 p.m.
CHECK OUT	Sunday, October 3, 2021	7:30 – 10:00 a.m.

MARKET TURKEY SHOW

The top eight (8) placing Turkeys will sell in the Jr. Livestock Auction. The next fifteen (15) placing Turkeys of exhibitors not eligible for the Jr. Livestock Auction may be eligible for the Freezer Sale (see the Freezer Sale Rules for eligibility).

AWARDS

- Grand Champion Market Turkey – Buckle, Banner & **Rosette**
- Reserve Champion Market Turkey – Buckle & Banner
- Champion Turkey Showmanship – Buckle

RULES

1. All market turkey entries are subject to the Fort Bend County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations and the Livestock General Rules and Regulations.
2. For an exhibitor to be eligible for the Fort Bend County Fair Turkey Show, exhibitor must order their turkey poults through the Fort Bend County Fair Association. Only wing-banded birds will be allowed to show.
3. All animals must remain in Fort Bend County unless written notification is received at the Fort Bend County Fair Office prior to departure. **Notification forms are attached to exhibit rules and must be submitted to the Fair Office at least 72 hours prior to leaving the county. Requests that are not received within 72 hours will be denied.** This notification must state where the animal will be and for how long. **Absence from the county must have special permission from the Livestock Chairman and Department Chairman /Co-Chairman. Notification form must be signed and approved by the Livestock Chairman and Department Chairman/Co-Chairman and be filed at FBCFA Office prior to animal leaving county. Failure to abide by this rule will result in removal of project from show.** The animal must remain in the daily care of the exhibitor during the absence from the county, unless permission has been granted by the Department Chairman/Co-Chairman. This rule applies to leaving the county for TCCA shows, or any other related shows, grooming, hoof trimming, or vet care. If an animal must leave Fort Bend County for emergency vet care, the Department Chairman or Co-Chairman must be notified within 48 hours.
4. Deadline to order will be Thursday, March 18, 2021. All orders must be turned in on or before 4 p.m. on March 18, 2021, at the FBC Fair Office. Orders will be accepted prior to the deadline date during normal business hours of the FBC Fair Office. Checks must be made payable to the Fort Bend County Fair Association. Cash and credit cards will be accepted. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to turn in their order. No late orders will be accepted.
5. A minimum of ten (10) poults per exhibitor **MUST** be ordered. Additional poults to be purchased in lots of ten (10) only. An exhibitor may order a **maximum of 50 poults**. The turkeys will be straight run commercial type. Family Orders/Tagging will be allowed with each exhibitor being assigned a set of consecutive numbered poults. Exhibitors in the family may **ONLY** exchange **WHOLE** sets but no intermingling of birds within the sets will be allowed.
6. Entry fee of \$20.00 per exhibitor must be included with the order of poults.

7. Turkeys MUST be ordered in the name of the exhibitor who plans to show the Turkeys at the Fort Bend County Fair. All exhibitors must submit an order form. Family orders must be submitted on separate forms with all members listed on each form to be considered a family order.
8. **Expected delivery date will be Wednesday, June 9, 2021.** Location, delivery date and time will be confirmed via email to all exhibitors. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to verify and ensure all wing bands are accounted for within his/her order, any missing/replacement birds shall be taken care of prior to exhibitor leaving pick-up location.
9. The turkey presented to the Judge/Sifter will be the exhibitor's "Official Entry". No alternate at official check-in time.
10. EXHIBITORS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO RECORD WING-BAND NUMBER ON SHOW-PROVIDED LABEL PRIOR TO PRESENTING BIRD TO JUDGE.
11. Evidence of tampering with wing bands will not be tolerated. The decision of the Turkey Committee is final.
10. Bruising due to wing bands will be disregarded. The judge's decision is final.
12. Turkeys with missing wing bands will not be allowed to show.
13. All exhibitors are required to bring two (2) 1 lb. coffee cans for feed and water per entry to be allowed to check in. NO EXCEPTIONS!
14. All turkeys must be market ready. Blemish free, no bruising on breast, no blisters, no scabs and no broken wings.
14. Exhibitor is allowed to bring one (1) person to help hold the turkey during the show if needed. Those helping are not allowed to have any chapter/club affiliated attire being worn in the show arena.
15. One Showmanship award will be given to the exhibitor who has the best presentation of their livestock project – proper handling of birds, following dress code, behavior in show ring, etc. Showmanship will be judged during the Turkey Show by the Turkey Showmanship Judge. Only exhibitors showing their own project are eligible for showmanship.
16. **Judge's decision is final.**
17. Only the top eight (8) turkeys will be required to remain in coops throughout the duration of the Fair for display. All others are required to check out immediately following the Turkey Show.
18. Any sifted, alternate, and non-sale birds must be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately following the end of the judging.
21. If your animal made the sale, you will be given a disposition sheet. This will advise you to whom and where to deliver your processed animal. Be sure to check with the buyer for preference of processing – fresh or processed, frozen and bagged. Exhibitors are responsible for processing their own poultry.
22. **Check out for ALL MARKET TURKEYS making the Jr. Livestock Auction or the Freezer Sale will be on Sunday, October 3, 2021 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. as outlined in the Fort Bend County Fair Livestock Schedule. All exhibitors making either the Jr. Livestock Auction or the Freezer Sale MUST attend to clean up their pen/stall/area and receive their disposition papers.**

All exhibits must be owned by the exhibitor. All exhibits must be an actual part of the exhibitor's current project under his or her individual management and/or regular daily care. Net profits must terminate with exhibitor. Exhibitors must present evidence of ownership from the date of validation of the project initiation as required by the various departments.

All exhibitors must comply with the general rules of the Livestock Department and the Fort Bend County Fair. All exhibitors must have a Release of Liability on file in the fair office in order to participate in activity on the fairgrounds, only one release per exhibitor per year is required.

All sellers **MUST** submit a thank-you letter to his/her buyer **and add-on contributors which must be received at the Fair Office on or before November 18th**. **The Fair office will forward thank-you letters to the buyer(s) and add-on contributors.** Thank-you letters **MUST** be addressed to the buyer/add-on contributors, have the exhibitor's return address and stamp (see below for reference).

Exhibitor Name Address City, State Zip	Stamp
Business Name Contact Name Address City, State Zip	

- Auction payments will not be released until Buyer Thank You Letters, **Add-On Contributor Thank You Letters** and required paperwork are received by Fair Office.
- **Auction checks will be available for pick up in the Fair Office on Tuesday, November 30th from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. All thank you letters and required paperwork must have been received by November 18th to pick up your check on November 30th. Checks that are not picked up on November 30th will be mailed out Wednesday, December 1st. **There will be a two-week processing period for letters and required paperwork turned in after the November 18th deadline. The check will be mailed out.****
 - a) **If Parent/Guardian is picking up the check, they must present a valid driver's license that matches the address listed on ShoWorks.**
 - b) **If the Exhibitor is picking up the check, they must present a student photo ID.**
- Exhibitors who sell poultry or rabbits, **MUST** make arrangements with the buyer within two weeks of the last day of the Fair.