

# MARKET TURKEY ORDER FORM

NAME OF MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER (Mobile or Main): \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

To be eligible for the Market Turkey Project:

1. **An order of turkeys must be placed through the Livestock Committee**
2. **These will be DAY OLD Turkeys that will be arriving on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.**
3. **Turkeys will be TOMS this year, there will be no penalty if you receive a HEN.**
4. This form, along with the accompanying payment, must be received by the Jackson County Livestock Committee, no later than **Wed, Feb. 26, 2020**. Forms and payment must be **postmarked no later than Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**. Forms received or postmarked after the appropriate deadline will NOT be accepted.
5. Phone orders WILL NOT be accepted. Forms can be dropped off (with exact change, check or money order) to the **Extension Office on the following dates and times ONLY:**
  - a. **Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30pm**
  - b. **Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-6:30pm**
6. Return this form to: **Jackson County Livestock Committee  
P.O. Box 702  
Jackson, Ohio 45640**



## Exhibitors may order up to 6 turkeys for \$7 each (plus the \$5 Fee)

- \_\_\_\_ I would like two (2) Market Turkeys for **\$14.00**  
\_\_\_\_ I would like three (3) Market Turkeys for **\$21.00**  
\_\_\_\_ I would like four (4) Market Turkeys for **\$28.00**  
\_\_\_\_ I would like five (5) Market Turkeys for **\$35.00**  
\_\_\_\_ I would like six (6) Market Turkeys for **\$42.00**

\_\_\_\_ Turkeys x \$7 = \_\_\_\_ + \$5 Exhibitor Fee = \_\_\_\_ Total Payment Enclosed

**Please make all checks or money orders payable to the Jackson County Livestock Committee.**

Member signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

You must make arrangements to pick up your turkeys on **Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Extension Office between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm**. Please bring a box to put them in and carefully read the information provided. An additional fact sheet is included with more information that you may want to consider when raising day old turkeys.

Before raising broilers for competition, you should ask yourself one question: "Am I up to the challenge of caring for turkeys for several months?" Birds require regular care and feeding throughout their lives. Raising birds requires an extra commitment of time, patience, dedication and concern for the animals involved. Persons who cannot put forth the effort required should probably not begin the process.

Planning and preparing adequate facilities before the arrival of the birds allows birds to adapt to their new environment with a minimum amount of stress. Facilities should provide birds with ample space, plenty of ventilation, proper temperature and adequate protection from the elements and predators. While good facilities and feed which meets the nutritional needs of the bird are crucial for rapid growth, poor management or bird care can undermine all the previous efforts. Checking the birds, particularly at times of the day when the temperature is changing, and making appropriate adjustments are the only ways a proper environment can be maintained.

*Watkins, S.E., Jones, F.T., Clark, F. D., Wooley, J.L. Raising Broilers and Turkeys for Competition. University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service.*

### Office Use Only

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment: Check    Money Order    Cash

## Should I take TURKEYS as a 4-H project?

Choosing to take a livestock project in 4-H should involve sound decision-making. This fact sheet provides basic information to help you make a good decision.

### SPACE NEEDED

- 5 - 10 square feet per finished turkey in confinement

### COMFORT ZONE

- 100° F the first week; lower 5 ° each week to 70 ° for optimal performance

### WATER REQUIREMENTS

- Access to clean, fresh, cool water is critical
- 1 pint - 2 gallons/day (increases as birds grow)

### FEED CONSIDERATIONS

- Will eat approximately .34 - 11 pounds of feed per week
- Will gain approximately .1 - .3 pounds per day (Average Daily Gain or ADG)
- Needs approximately 2 – 2.5 pounds of feed per pound of gain (Feed Efficiency)

### MARKET CONSIDERATIONS

- Hens should weigh 25 – 27 pounds when finished
- Toms should weigh 42 – 47 pounds when finished
- Should be finished at 21 - 22 weeks of age

### BUDGETING

- Approximate purchase cost is \$6.00 each at hatching
- Projected market price is \$1.00 per pound
- Projected feed cost is around \$30.00 and includes:
  - Turkey Starter (complete feed)
  - Turkey Grower (complete feed)

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