

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. **THIS YEAR, these will be DAY OLD Turkeys that will be arriving on Wednesday, March 14th.**
3. This form, along with the accompanying payment, must be received by the Jackson County Livestock Committee, no later than **Thursday, March 1, 2018**. Forms and payment must be **postmarked no later than Friday, February 23rd**. Forms received or postmarked after the appropriate deadline will NOT be accepted.
4. Phone orders WILL NOT be accepted. Forms can be dropped off (with exact change, check or money order) to the Farm Bureau Office at 231 Broadway St. in Jackson.
5. Return this form to: **Jackson County Livestock Committee
231 Broadway St.
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 **Wednesday, March 14th 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.

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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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