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**Attached are the "Rules and Procedures" for the 2010
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, San Antonio Stock Show
and Rodeo and Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo Junior Market
Turkey Divisions.**

Please read carefully. There have been changes in some of the rules.

This will be the only mailing you receive.
IMPORTANT!

In order to exhibit at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo or the Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo entry fees must be paid directly to HLSR or SASSR by December 1, 2009. Ordering and paying for poult does not enter an exhibitor in either show. Contact the following offices for further information:

**HLSR Ph: 832/667-1000
c/o Ag Exhibits & Competition
P.O. Box 20070
Houston, TX 77225-0070**

**SASSR Ph: 210/225-0575
c/o Livestock Department
P.O. Box 200230
San Antonio, TX 78220-0230**

**STFR Ph: 512/919-3006
c/o Livestock Department
9100 Decker Lake Road
Austin, TX 78724**

For any additional copies please go to: <http://posc.tamu.edu> and look under Youth Programs

Pick up day will be October 20, 2009.

Only turkeys purchased through this form are eligible for exhibition at HLSR, SASSR or STFR. Birds purchased as "County Show Only" are not eligible for exhibition at HLSR or SASSR or STFR under any circumstance.

**THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING POULTS IS MIDNIGHT,
July 17, 2009.**

Sincerely,

Dr.Morgan Farnell,
Extension Program Leader for Poultry Science

**RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR 2010
HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO, SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW
AND RODEO and STAR OF TEXAS FAIR AND RODEO JUNIOR MARKET TURKEY DIVISION**

Please read completely and carefully before calling for clarification or attempting to complete order form. For clarification of any part of these Rules and Procedures, please call Jenna Moore, Charlotte Salinas or Dr. Morgan Farnell at 979/845-4318.

Breed and Type of Poults

The poults will be commercial strain Broad Breasted White. These poults are U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid and MG (Mycoplasma Gallisepticum) clean. They should be raised away from other farm fowl, especially older chickens and guineas.

These will be "straight run" poults which means they will not be sexed. In large numbers you would expect a 50-50 division of the sexes, but within small orders, this may not be true. Please advise your members, in all likelihood, they will receive more of one sex than they do of the other.

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 turkeys. If you are showing the birds at a local show you need to submit a PT-03 paper to Dr. Floyd Golan at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, Drawer 3040, College Station, Texas, 77841.

ORDERING POULTS

A. Who may order poults

Only practicing Texas Agricultural Science Teachers and County Extension Agents-AG and 4-H may place a poult order.

B. How to order poults

Attached is an official order form for all HLSR and SASSR poults. All poults for HLSR, SASSR and STFR must be ordered on this form. We will not accept orders on any other form. If you need additional space, you may duplicate the form.

Only actual Texas FFA and 4-H members are eligible to compete in the Junior Market Turkey Division of the San Antonio Stock Show, Rodeo and Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo and the Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo. Any eligibility questions for the Junior Market Poultry show will be handled by the Houston, San Antonio, and Star of Texas Livestock offices.

Each exhibitor may enter only one turkey in the HLSR and STFR, but may enter a hen and tom in the SASSR.

An order cannot be CANCELLED or REFUNDED once it has been received.

THE MINIMUM ORDER PER FORM IS 25 POULTS

Please list 4-H exhibitors under county names and not under 4-H club names.

Each exhibitor ordering poults must be listed on the form with their current mailing address.

A teacher or agent may order as many poults as they wish but the total number ordered **must be in multiples of 25** (Example: 25, 50, etc.)

In situations where the total number of poults ordered by 4-H and FFA members does not reach the 25 minimum, teachers and agents may combine orders on one form as long as the total is in multiples of 25 and each member is listed on the form. Please be certain that it is clear which group (4-H or FFA) each exhibitor is associated with.

When filling out the order form, list families who are ordering 75 poults first, followed by families splitting an order.

All exhibitors must be included on one form received in one envelope. Only minor changes and additions (up to two exhibitors) will be allowed, otherwise the order will forfeit their earlier reference number and will receive a later reference number.

A minimum of 5 and a maximum of 75 poults may be ordered per family unit, regardless of the number of children eligible to show.

Birds purchased for use in **COUNTY SHOWS ONLY** should be listed last on the order form. These birds are not eligible to show in HLSR, SASSR, or STFR. Do not list individual exhibitor names if the exhibitor is not showing in HLSR, SASSR or STFR, indicate "COUNTY SHOW ONLY" in the exhibitor name column.

Substitution of "COUNTY SHOW ONLY" birds for major livestock show entries will not be allowed.

The Department of Poultry Science will acknowledge receipt of your turkey order within 10 working days.

C. Special Instructions

Children residing in a common household (children's homes, youth cities, boys' ranches or boarding schools, etc.) will be considered as one family unit and will be entitled to order a maximum of 75 poult. A household with two or more groups of children with different last names residing will also be considered as a single family unit.

Family units with exhibitors in both 4-H and FFA may select birds out of the same group of birds. Each order will be identified by a consecutive set of numbers. A 4-H or FFA member may show a turkey with any band number as long as that number falls within the range of numbers originally assigned to that family.

A family unit MUST order through the same agency either 4-H or FFA. On the order form you must designate which organization each exhibitor will be showing under. Please place all members of one family on one order form.

Please include the first name or initials of one parent for two or more families with the same last name. This will help us in identifying exhibitors and family groups.

If a member changes schools or moves to a different county after ordering turkeys, they may show their turkeys under their new Agricultural Science teacher or County Extension Agent-AG or 4-H, provided a letter stating such is received by the poultry science department.

The threat of avian influenza and other reportable diseases continues to be of serious concern to the poultry in Texas. The situation is being monitored 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.

Show officials reserve the right to collect tissue and/or blood samples at the show to verify identity of entries and compliance with show rules.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, and the Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo are terminal shows. All Turkeys entering HLSR property will belong to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. All Turkeys entering the Freeman Coliseum Grounds will belong to the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. All Turkeys entering Star of Texas Fairgrounds will be property of the Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo.

D. Dates and Deadlines

Poults will be hatched October 19, 2009

You may order poults on receipt of this announcement.

The deadline for ordering poults is midnight, July 17, 2009.

Orders bearing a later postmark will be returned to senders.

All orders must be mailed to:

Dr. Morgan Farnell
Attn: Jenna Moore or Charlotte Salinas
Poultry Science Department
Texas A&M University
TAMU
Station, TX 77843-2472

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Any discrepancies in number of birds or band numbers should be reported to Jenna Moore at the Poultry Extension Office at 979/845-4318 by 5:00 p.m., October 23, 2009.

Please make checks payable to: Turkey Show Fund

The payment **MUST** be in the form of a **SINGLE** county, chapter or school check or in the form of a money order. **ANY PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE RETURNED**, and orders will not be processed until the correct form of payment is received.

Any check returned for any reason may result in cancellation of the order; the agent or teacher will be notified of any returned checks.

There will be no money refunded for canceled orders. **Checks will be deposited upon receipt.**

The price will be \$3.50 per poult paid in advance.

DELIVERY OF POULTS

Distribution of poults will begin at 10:00 a.m. if sufficient number of turkeys are banded at that time. All poults must be picked up at the Louis Pearce Pavilion, George Bush Dr., Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, **before 3:00 p.m. on October 20, 2009.** **All birds not picked up by 3:00 p.m. will have the wing bands removed and become the property of the TAMU Poultry Science Department.** If an emergency arises, please call the Poultry Science Department at 979/845-1931.

ATTENTION - Boxes will be preassigned according to the reference number received from TAMU upon verification of order. This reference number will determine your place in line to pick up your birds. Reference numbers are assigned in the order of receipt of the enclosed form. Earlier orders will have lower reference numbers, and will pick up their poults earlier. **IT IS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE TO SEND YOUR ORDER IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

A copy of the original Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, San Antonio Livestock Exposition, and the Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo order form must be presented by the individual (teacher, agent or substitute) picking up the order. The individual picking up the poults should be prepared to show some proper form of identification (drivers license, photo ID, etc.).

If any party other than the person listed on the order form is to pick up the order, **a copy of the form and a letter of authorization on an official school or county letterhead must be presented at the time of pickup.** Please **do not** send authorization letters to our office.

Poults will be placed 75 per box. Poults will be randomized before banding.

The person picking up the order is responsible for checking the birds for wing bands and/or condition at the time of pickup. **Once accepted, no changes in birds or wing bands will occur.**

Replacements will be limited to five birds per box at the time of pick up

Teachers and agents will receive a printout of the assignment of wingband numbers to family units or individuals at the time the poults are picked up. The proper distribution of the birds among exhibit or families or individuals is the responsibility of the AG science teacher, county agent, or substitute. Please confirm all wing band numbers upon arrival at the county level.

POULT IDENTIFICATION

Each poult will be identified with a special consecutively numbered wingband, with a special tamper evident rivet.

Turkeys, which lose their wing band, for whatever reason, will be ineligible for show.

The superintendent of the Junior Market Turkey Show will instruct turkey sifters and judges to disregard wing bruising and damage caused by a wing band.

Birds with wing bands that show evidence of tampering will be sifted, the decision of the show officials is final.

PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION!