

NC State Fair Annual Youth Market Turkey Show



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About the Youth Market Turkey Show

The Youth Market Turkey Show is an opportunity for youth to raise and show market turkeys. The 2019 Youth Market Turkey Show will be held during the NC State Fair, with turkey hen check-in on **October 16** and the show on **October 18**. The competition is open to any NC youth between 5-18 who will be in grades K-12 on the day of the show.

Registration and Fee

Registration is mandatory. Social security numbers are not necessary for registration.

We are limited to 300 participants due to space at the State Fair and the availability of turkey poults. The first 300 participants who have registered online and paid the **\$10 registration fee** will have poults reserved for them.

All registrations after the 300 limit has been reached will be waitlisted.

We are switching to registrations through REPORTER - please see the Youth Market Turkey Show webpage for more info.

Important Dates

MAR	JUN	JUN	OCT	OCT
8			16	18
FRI			WED	FRI
Registration for the 2019 Youth Market Turkey Show opens	Participants pick up their poults from 9am to 5pm.		Participants check in their hens	2019 Youth Market Turkey Show

Poult Pick-Up

Turkey hen poults will be available for pick-up in **June** from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Pick up your poults at the NC State Animal and Poultry Teaching Unit, 3901 Inwood Drive, Raleigh, NC 27603, located off of Lake Wheeler Road.

Each participant may pick up 1 to 3 banded turkey hen poults. Only 1 bird will be allowed to show — the rest you keep.

To give the poults a healthy start, each participant (not each poult) receives 5 lbs. of turkey starter.

Turkey Starter and Grower feed may be difficult for participants to find. However, it is recommended that a Game Bird Starter and Grower feed be utilized for growing. Most Southern States stores and other feed stores sell Game Bird feeds.

Southern State pamphlets with feed guidelines and the Market Turkey Entry Form will be emailed to every participant who pays their fee.

Please bring a box with dry pine shavings or shredded newspaper as bedding for transporting the poults. Boxes will not be provided.

Rules

Only your **best** turkey hen poult will be taken to the NC State Fair.

There is a 12-pound minimum weight limit. Any bird that does not weigh 12 pounds will not be accepted and you will be responsible for transporting the bird back home.

NO EXCEPTIONS — please weigh your bird **before** you bring it to the fair.

Diseased birds will not be allowed to enter the contest and participants must take a diseased bird back home.

All turkeys entering the contest will be retained by the Prestage Department of Poultry Science. They cannot go back home after the show.

Show Information

Checking in

Check in your turkey on **Wednesday, October 16** from 8:00-5:30 (before the fair opens). You do not need to pay to park to check in your turkey but can drive right up to the poultry tent by entering Gate 4.

Dog carriers are excellent for transporting turkeys. Do not put turkeys on slippery surfaces when transporting. Please provide some kind of bedding to stabilize their feet.

The youth does not have to be present to check in their turkey. A parent, 4-H agent or any adult can bring the bird to check it in, but that person **must** have the participant's Market Turkey Entry Form with the participant's social security number and other information completed.

Each poult will be banded with a metal wing band — please write down the number of your chosen show bird on the Market Turkey Entry Form at check-in.

Birds will be kept and cared for by our staff Wednesday through Friday before the show. Each

participant will be given a cage number and a new leg band number for their bird so that they can get the bird when the class is called for the show.

Each participant will receive 1 complimentary entry ticket to the NC State Fair. Fair entry tickets are required by everyone to enter the fairgrounds to show on Friday.

Showing

Turkeys will be shown on **Friday, October 18, 2018** at 9:00 am. You will need to pay to park on this day — give yourself plenty of time to park and get to the show.

Participants must be registered in grades K-12 on the day of the show to be eligible for this event.

The age divisions, based on age as of **June 1, 2019** are

Gobbler (5-8)

Junior (9-13)

Senior (14-18)

The Gobbler division (5-8) shows birds for placement in their class and will have a Grand and Reserve Champion award, but the Gobbler age division birds will not be allowed to compete for final Grand and Reserve Champions. There will be one Grand and one Reserve Champion auctioned on **Saturday, October 19**.

Turkeys are shown 15 birds per class with **every** participant winning a ribbon and placement money. First through 10th place will win more money.

Class assignments will be displayed the day of the show and emailed to everyone the night before.

During the contest, each contestant must walk or carry their turkey to the judging site (behind the poultry tent at the fairgrounds). Staff will be available to help if necessary. Parents can assist as well.

Once facing the judges, each contestant must hold their turkey upside down by the legs with the breast facing the judges. The judges will allot points for body weight and conformation of the breast, legs, thighs, wings and back. Overall finish, feathering, health, market defects and uniformity are scored as well. There will be an oral question or two for the contestant to answer.

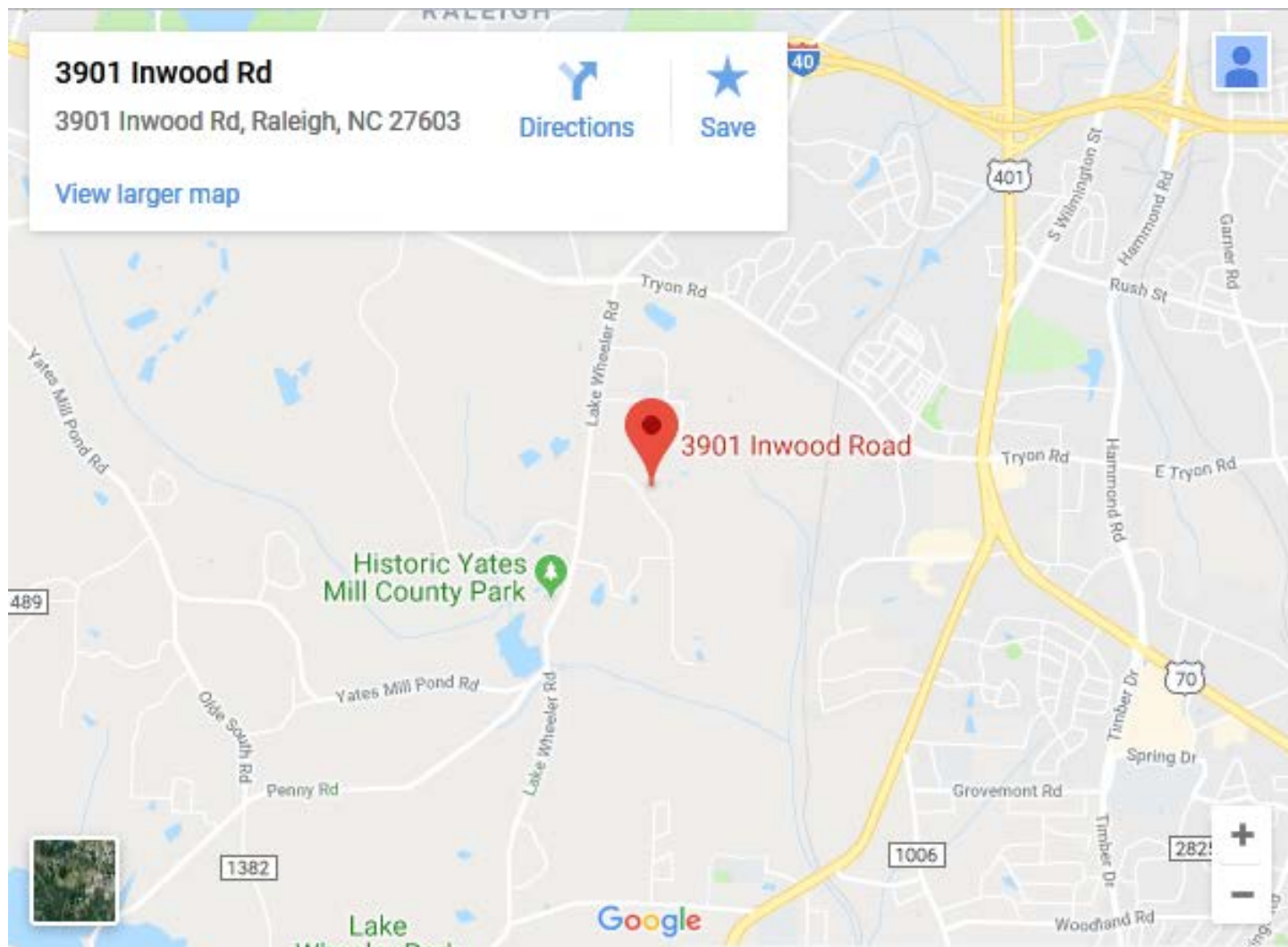
Casual clothes are recommended for the show. First place winners will receive a complimentary Turkey Show t-shirt. Extra shirts will be on sale on Wednesday and Friday.

All participants who pay their fee will receive an email with an attached Market Turkey Entry Form that must be brought to the NC State Fairgrounds when the hen is checked in on **October 16**.

A social security number is necessary for participants to receive prize money from the NC State Fair after the show. If the form is not returned when the hen is checked in, the participant will forfeit their right to receive a premium check but will receive a prize placement ribbon. Forms must use the participant's full legal name and address.

Directions to the NC State Poultry Science Teaching Unit

Click on the map directly from this document to open on your device.



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Bring a box or tote with you to pick up your poultts.

Bring some pine shavings or shredded paper.

Have a warm place (use heat lamps) ready for your poultts as soon as you get home.

Always provide poultts with plenty of feed and clean water.

Protect poultts from predators.

Keep litter as dry as possible.

Birds won't eat if they don't have water — no matter how much you feed them.