

# N.C. State Fair Annual Youth Market Turkey Show



sponsored by

**NC STATE**  
UNIVERSITY

Prestage Department  
of Poultry Science

[go.ncsu.edu/prestage](http://go.ncsu.edu/prestage)

## About the Youth Market Turkey Show

The Youth Market Turkey Show is an opportunity for youth to raise and show market turkeys. The 2020 Youth Market Turkey Show will be held during the N.C. State Fair, with turkey hen check-in on **October 14** and the show on **October 16**. 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; they are required to receive monetary prizes from the N.C. State Fair.

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 **\$15 registration fee** will have poults reserved for them.

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

## Important Dates

| MAR |
|-----|
| 2   |
| FRI |

Registration for the 2020 Youth Market Turkey Show opens

| JUN | JUN |
|-----|-----|
| 18  | 19  |
|     |     |

Participants pick up their poults

| OCT |
|-----|
| 14  |
| WED |

Participants check in their hens

| OCT |
|-----|
| 16  |
| FRI |

2020 Youth Market Turkey Show

## Poult Pick-Up

Turkey hen poults will be available for pick-up in **June**.

Pick up your poults at the NC State Animal and Poultry Teaching Unit, 3841 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 feed crumbles.

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.

Please visit us on the web for more feed guidelines.

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 N.C. State Fair.

There is a 15-pound minimum weight limit. Any bird that does not weigh 15 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 14** from 8:00-4:30 (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.

A parent, 4-H agent or any adult can bring the bird to check it in. Forms with the participant's required information (SSN and full legal name in order to be issued prize money from the state fair office) are **not** required at check-in. This year no form is necessary.

All information was provided to Carol Grant (919.839.4531) or Cheryl Jenkins (919.839.4522) at poult pickup or called into the N.C. State Fair office.

Please call the N.C. State Fair office asap if you have not provided this information by September 15.

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 N.C. 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 16, 2020** 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, 2020** 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 17**.

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.

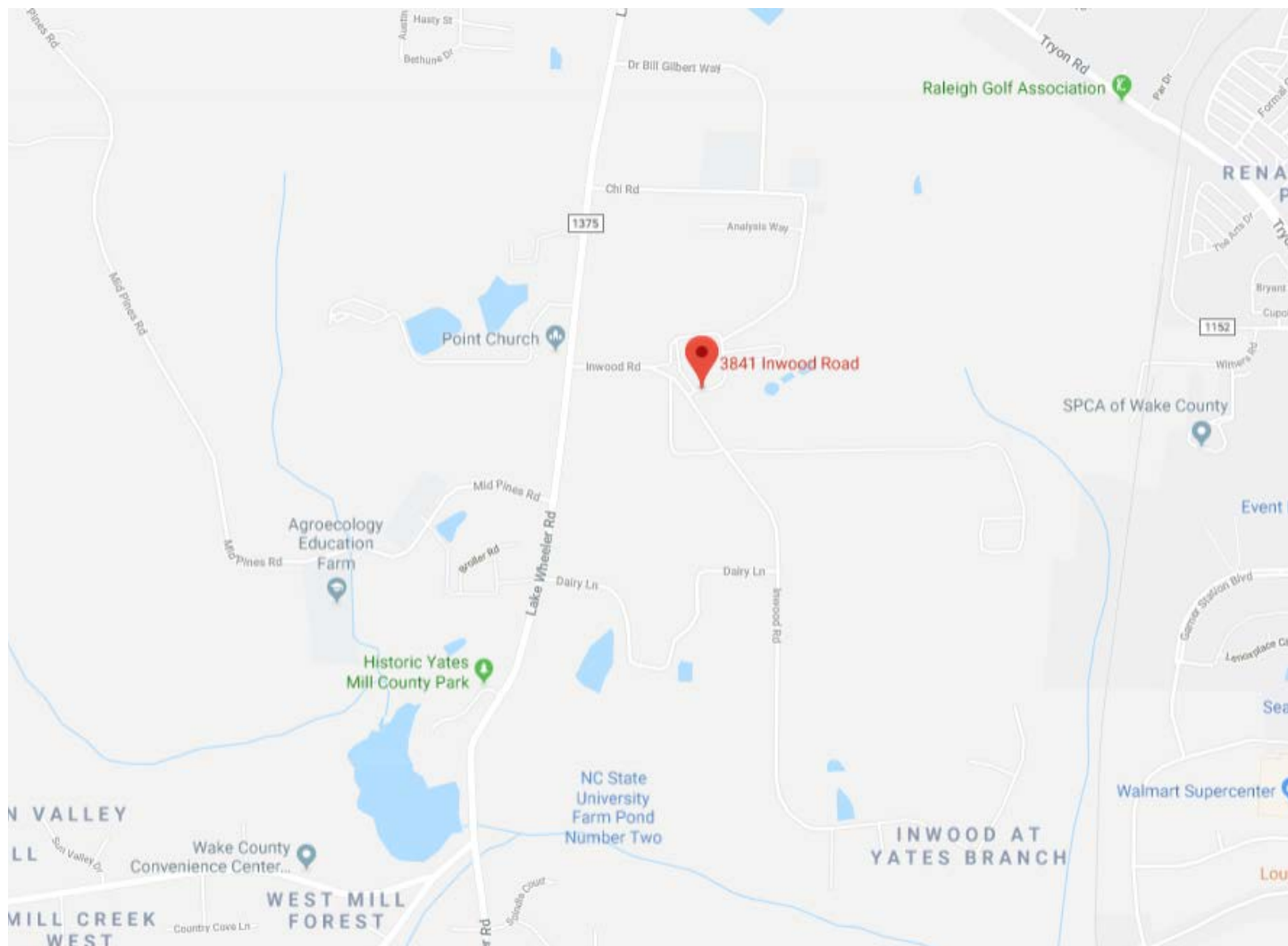
Once facing the judges, each contestant must hold their turkey upside down by the legs with the breast facing the judges. The judges will allot points for body weight and conformation of the breast, legs, thighs, wings and back. Overall finish, feathering, health, market defects and uniformity are scored 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.

SSNs will be collected at Poult Pick-Up or the responsibility of the parent. Parents should call the N.C. State Fair (Cheryl Jenkins at 919.839.4522 or Carol Grant at 919.839.4531) between July 1 and September 15, 2020. Please call between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## Directions to the NC State Poultry Science Teaching Unit

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



## Contact Us

If you have questions or need more information, [visit us online](https://go.ncsu.edu/ymts) (go.ncsu.edu/ymts) or contact

Mary Fosnaught  
919.515.5529

[mhfosnau@ncsu.edu](mailto:mhfosnau@ncsu.edu)

**NC STATE**  
**UNIVERSITY**

Prestige Department  
of Poultry Science

## Get your poultts off to a great start

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.