TExAS 4-H POULTRY PROJECT

LET'S GET STARTED!

Turkeys are shown individually and broilers as a pen of three birds. Some broilers are straight-run (sexes not separated), while others separate pullet and cockerel divisions. Turkeys are almost always separate due to size differences.

Average Cost of Chicken Project

- Purchase Price: $62.50
- Feed Cost: $352.00
- Supplies: $180.87
- Vet Cost: $21.63
- Fees: $73.85

Total Cost: $690.85 (per 50 Birds)

Average Cost of Turkey Project

- Purchase Price: $87.50
- Annual Feed Cost: $1,295.25
- Supplies: $140.94
- Vet Cost: $18.57
- Fees: $78.50

Total Cost: $1,620.76 (per 25 Birds)

Selection and Culling

- Physical Defects (Tears, Cuts, Broken Bones, Bruises)
- Muscling
- Uniformity
- Finish (Amount of fat immediately under the skin)
- Skin Pigmentation

Facility Preparation

- Electricity
- Heat Lamps
- Ventilation
- Bird Pen
- Litter/Shavings
- Lighting
- Drainage
- Waste Disposal
- Water
- Feeders
- Protection From Elements and Predators

Feeding

The feed dealer should be informed of the type of feed required at least 2 weeks before chicks arrive so that fresh feed can be ordered. It is absolutely essential that birds receive a high-quality poultry feed containing at least 20 percent protein. As the birds grow, adjust protein levels in feed.

Suggestion:
Establish a working relationship with a veterinarian.

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Fun Fact: With 25 billion chickens in the world, there are more of them than any other bird species.

Important Tip!

Know in advance which shows you plan to attend. Then, order birds based on time frame and size requirements.