

Livestock 101
Market Poultry Project
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Poultry Unit

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Educational Programs:

Market Poultry Production and Selection Workshop – usually held in May at Pearce Pavilion on campus
<http://posc.tamu.edu/texas-agrilife-poultry-extension-specialists/youth-programs/>

Market Poultry Shows:

In general, most are the same in Texas. Selection is based on breast meat yield. Turkeys are shown individually and broilers as a pen of 3 birds. Some broiler shows are straight-run (sexes not separated), while others separate pullet and cockerel divisions (Houston, State Fair of Texas, and Rodeo Austin). Turkeys are almost always separated due to the fact that toms are much larger than hens.

HLSR, SASSR, Rodeo Austin Livestock Shows:

Turkeys – order forms available online in early May

- orders due September 1
- pick-up in early November

Broilers – order forms available online Sept. 1

- orders due October 15
- pick-up in January

State Fair of Texas:

Broilers – orders due June 30; pick-up in August

Rules, ordering procedures and order forms online at Poultry Unit website - BE SURE TO READ!!!

County show birds:

Broilers – order from POSC Extension online at <http://posc.tamu.edu/> under “Youth Programs” heading

Turkeys – we do not currently have a source for county show turkeys.

- TAMU Poultry Science Club can provide wing banding for turkeys acquired from other suppliers.