

Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

2026 Market Turkeys

- Entry Fee: \$25 per bird
- Department 806.001

Online Entries Due	Monday, July 27 th
ALL Market Turkeys begin arrival	Thursday, August 27 th @ 7:00 a.m.
ALL Market Turkeys In Place	Friday, August 8 th @ 5:00 p.m.
Market Turkey Weight Cards Due	Friday, August 28 th @ 6:00 p.m.
Market Meat Pen Chicken and Turkey Judging	Saturday, August 29 th @ 8:30 a.m.
Grand Champion Market Poultry Selection	Saturday, August 29 th @ 10:30 a.m.
Showmanship	Saturday, August 29 th following Grand Champion Selection
All Non-Sale Poultry Must be Out	Sunday, August 30 th @ 7:00 p.m.

Limit Of Four Market Turkeys Per Exhibitor

Competition Requirements

1. This show is terminal for all Market Turkeys showing at the 2026 Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition (“State Fair”). The Colorado State Fair Authority (“Authority”) will offer a buyback consignment.
2. ALL Market Turkey exhibitors must submit their birds for inspection by the Avian Health Coordination Team with CSU College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences upon arrival on the fairgrounds. Any bird showing signs of illness or mortality will not be allowed on the fairgrounds.

3. During the Market Turkey show, the Authority will have an on-call veterinarian to help monitor the birds' health. Any bird that becomes ill while on the fairgrounds will be immediately quarantined and reported to the Colorado State Veterinarian's Office. The on-call veterinarian will discuss further steps to be taken with the State Veterinarian's Office at that time.
4. ALL entrants must have read and be familiar with the General Competition Requirements, Livestock and Small Animal Competition Requirements, Junior Livestock Competition Requirements, Junior Livestock Sale Participation Requirements, Animal Welfare Policy, Livestock Health Requirements, and Drug Residue Avoidance Guidelines. Exhibitors in this division must complete a Meat Quality Assurance program and comply with the IAFE Code of Ethics.
5. All exhibitors in Open, Junior Breeding, and Market shows must submit a premises identification (PID) number at the time of entry. PID may be obtained by calling 303-869-9130 or clicking on the following link: <https://ag.colorado.gov/animals/colorado-location-identification-lid-registration-premises>
6. Turkeys over 30 pounds are ineligible to show in the Market Division.
7. Market Turkey entries must have been nominated through the Exhibitor's 4-H Extension office. Market entries that have not been nominated are ineligible to show at the CSF, and entries will be rejected, and no refund will be issued.
8. Any market animal that has been sold at a county sale, district sale, or premium sale after the specified ownership date is not eligible for competition at the current year's fair. That sale is considered consummated when the animal is sold at auction.
9. Exhibitors may enter and check-in four turkeys for each class entered, i.e., four turkeys per class may come to the fair. The leg band number will be placed on coop tag at that time.
10. Each bird entered in the Market Turkey Division must have a "numbered" leg or wing band. The band numbers must be listed on all entry forms at the time of online entry submission.
11. A scale will be available for exhibitors to weigh before turning in the Official Weight Nomination Scale. Pre-weighs will close at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2026. Band numbers must be

designated on the form at the time of weigh-in. Each turkey must have a leg band. No changes of leg band numbers on the Weight Certification form will be allowed after 5:30 p.m., Friday, August 28, 2026.

12. Market Turkey exhibitors are required to carry their own birds to the judging table and shall remain at the table until their market pen is dismissed by the judge(s). Exhibitors with more than one bird in a class may designate another 4-H/FFA member in good standing to assist them with their animals. Exhibitors must report this name to the office or the Superintendent at the judging table. No parent or adult can carry market pen turkeys to or from the judging table. Entry will be disqualified if this takes place.
13. After birds have been cooped, they cannot be removed from the assigned cage. Birds may be touched, handled, and managed inside the cage only by the owner/exhibitor of the birds or CSF official Poultry Show Staff.
14. An exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents (if the exhibitor is a minor) must fill out a Meat Quality Assurance form, which the exhibitor shall turn in at the time of weight nomination.
15. Junior Livestock Sale Qualifiers: The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Turkeys will qualify for the Junior Livestock Sale ("Sale"). All Junior Livestock Sale Participation Requirements apply to Qualifying Market Turkeys. Sale qualifiers must be at a meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at the Southwest Motors Events Center.

Market Turkey Classes

1121. Market Turkey Hen – Any APA Recognized Breed or Variety

- Age: Must be at least 16 weeks and no more than 20 weeks at the time of weigh-in.
- Minimum weight of 13 pounds and a maximum weight of 30 pounds.

1126. Market Turkey Tom – Any APA Recognized Breed or Variety

- Age: Must be at least 16 weeks old and no more than 20 weeks old at the time of weigh-in.
- Minimum weight of 20 pounds and a maximum weight of 30 pounds.

Rosettes to the Champion and Reserve Champion in each Class awarded by the Colorado State Fair Authority

Grand Champion Market Turkeys

1131. Grand Champion Market Turkey

- Buckle by the Steinke Family

1132. Reserve Grand Champion Market Turkey

- Buckle by the Steinke Family

Premium Schedule

No. of Entries (per Class)	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1	\$5	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2	\$6	\$3	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3	\$7	\$5	\$4	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4	\$8	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5	\$9	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
6-7	\$10	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8-9	\$11	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$0	\$0	\$0
10-11	\$12	\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$0	\$0
12-14	\$13	\$11	\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$0
15 or more	\$14	\$12	\$11	\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$4

Market Poultry Showmanship

Saturday, August 29, 2026, following Grand Champion Selection

- Division 806.025

Competition Requirements

1. No pre-entry or entry fee is required. Exhibitors will sign up at the time of weight declaration.
2. Classes are limited to exhibitors with Market entries. Exhibitors must show the exhibitor's own animal.
3. Age divisions are based on exhibitor age as of December 31st of the previous year.
4. Show order will be Junior – Intermediate – Senior
5. The judge will consider the bird's appearance, the exhibitor's showmanship ability, and the exhibitor's appearance, courtesy, and knowledge.
6. Rosettes will be awarded 1st through 6th place in each division. No premiums will be paid for Showmanship.

7001. Junior Division (8-10 yrs. of age)

- Award by **Need Award Donor**

7002. Intermediate Division (11-13 yrs. of age)

- Award by **Need Award Donor**

7003. Senior Division (14-18 yrs. of age)

- Award by **Need Award Donor**

Market Turkey Special Awards

Steinke Family, Pierce, CO, provide the buckles awarded to the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Turkey.