



Market Turkey Member Booklet

Name: _____ **Club:** _____ **Age:** _____

This market turkey project is great for both new and experienced turkey enthusiasts. Members will learn about showing, fitting, judging, and caring for turkeys. Members are also encouraged to explore other turkey industry related topics as part of their project whenever possible.

Project Completion Requirements (PCR)

- Conformation
- Showmanship
- Judging
- Home Inspection
- Special Project
- Member Booklet *(with completed member reflection pages)*

Please make sure that ALL PCR's are completed and present at your Achievement Day, which for this project is at Eastern Kings Exhibition.

Deadline to register for this spring project is March 15th! Members must do so by filling out an online spring projects registration form that is located on the 4-H PEI website on the bottom of the "4-H Projects" page.
Website: www.pei4h.ca

Exhibition Requirements

Members show their 4-H animal in conformation & showmanship classes.

Members are strongly encouraged to participate in the 4-H Classes at PEI Fairs & Exhibitions.

Please check with your Project Leader for more exhibition information and review the rules for showing livestock in 4-H classes on the Fairs & Exhibition pages of the PEI 4-H website: www.pei4h.ca

*** Updated rules, entry forms, and class lists are available in May of each year. ***

Note: Some exhibitions do not have market turkey classes.

4-H Year Completion

In order to complete the 4-H year members are required to:

- Complete the PCR's (Project Completion Requirements) as outlined above
- Complete a **Communication** Project
- Complete a **Community Service** Activity
- Complete an **Agriculture Awareness** Activity

PLEASE REMEMBER!!!!

Exhibition Entry Forms
are due to the 4-H Office by

July 15th!

Note: There is no Animal
Identification Form for this project.

Be A Good Sport!

In the spirit of "learn to do by
doing" all those involved in 4-H
are encouraged to practice good
sportsmanship, use common sense
at all 4-H activities, and the work
in any 4-H project should be the
member's own work.



NOTE: This project differs from other projects in that it is not completed at your Club Achievement Day because your turkeys will not be ready until early September. You will be mailed your 4-H certificate and ribbon in the fall after the Eastern Kings Exhibition.

Effective 2018: Members can now complete this project at the Dundas Exhibition, the Evangeline Exhibition, or the Eastern Kings Exhibition. However if members wish to participate in the market turkey auction they must compete in the market turkey showmanship and conformation classes at the Eastern Kings Exhibition.

This is approved as a two year pilot only ending the fall 2020.

PLEASE NOTE! IN THIS PROJECT, MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED...

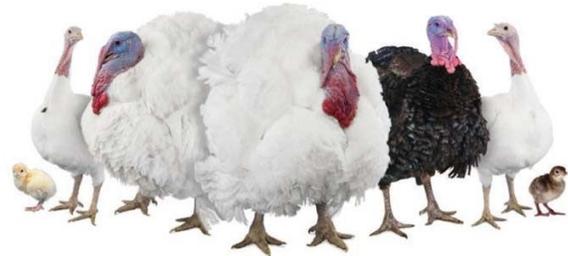
- * To raise two - five turkey poults to market size.
- * To order the turkeys from a supplier. Orders are usually placed in April.
- * To exhibit one turkey in 4-H classes in at least one exhibition.
- * To solicit buyers to bid on your turkey at the Rural Youth Fair Turkey Auction (only the top five turkeys will be sold by auction)
- * To arrange for the delivery of the auctioned turkeys to the designated packing plant and then to the buyer after slaughter.

Preventing Disease

Many poultry diseases are under control because of vaccinations, medicated feed and better disease prevention. Prevention is the easiest and most economical way to combat disease and parasites.

Always follow these guidelines:

1. Select healthy, vigorous, disease free chicks.
2. Keep birds of different ages well isolated from each other.
3. Isolate poultry from other livestock.
4. Provide adequate commercial feed or carefully formulated home mixed feeds along with a continuous supply of clean water.
5. Don't crowd poultry.
6. During brooding, regulate temperature, humidity and ventilation to the comfort of the chicks and pouts.
7. Keep unauthorized people out of the poultry house.
8. Incineration is the most satisfactory and economical method of dead bird disposal.
9. Change litter and thoroughly clean and disinfect barn and equipment after each group of birds.
10. In disease outbreaks, promptly obtain a reliable diagnosis. Then use the best treatment for control of that particular disease.
11. **It is highly recommended that all birds shown at exhibitions be vaccinated for Infectious Laryngotracheitis (I.L.T.).** This is a highly contagious respiratory disease for which there is no cure. Flocks found to have this disease must be destroyed.



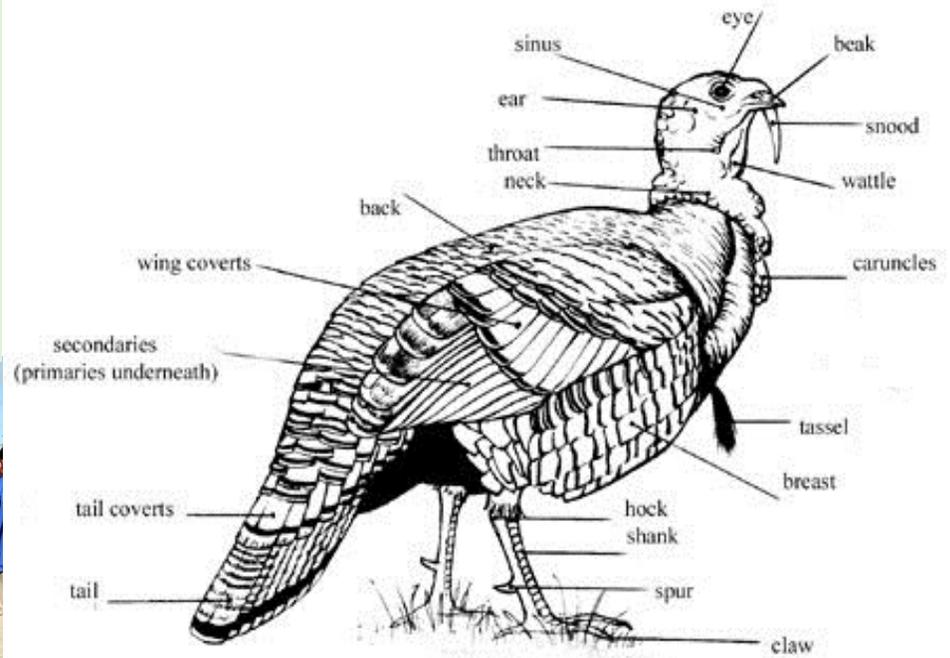
Poor management is the greatest single cause of losses to poultry. Most diseases caused by nutrient deficiencies should not occur if premixes are added to feed in the proper amounts. Feeding your chicks correctly will create healthier birds that are able to fight off infectious diseases.

The recommended dress code for Market Turkey classes is:

- ⇒ **Shirt** - dress t-shirt, collared or button up shirt **PLUS** white lab coat
- ⇒ **Pants** - Long pants or shorts (no rips or tears)
- ⇒ **Footwear** - Hard soled footwear for member's safety



Parts of a Turkey



SHOWMANSHIP

In this class, you and your turkey will be judged on appearance and also on how well you show your turkey.

Judges will be looking for the appearance and attitude of the member, showing of the turkey, the members knowledge of their turkey, and the appearance and condition of their turkey.

General:

- The confidence and ability displayed by the member and the bird's response suggests previous work done with the bird. Handle the bird often before showing so they show well.
- The bird should be displayed in neat, properly constructed cages. The name of the exhibitor should be on each cage. The cage should have a hinged or sliding door to enable ease when removing birds from the cage. The cage should meet all requirements of size set out by the Nova Scotia 4-H program. Please refer to the Market Turkey Project Newsletter for more information.
- Bird should be removed head first from the cage. The bird should be placed back in the cage head first.

The Showmanship Class:

- Turkeys are exhibited walking on the ground using a cane to guide them. Turkeys can be trained with relative ease. Walk in a clockwise fashion as indicated by the judge, use the cane to guide the bird; forward, right, left and to slow down (with handle) as required in order to keep the bird moving clockwise around the ring. When the judge ask to pose the bird calmly stop the bird, squat or kneel (one knee) beside the bird. With the left hand in front of the neck with an open palm (DO NOT GRASP the NECK), place the birds feet with your right hand. Now you are able to show the parts of the bird as requested by the judge.
- Turkey showmanship is very similar to poultry showmanship except that the turkey remains standing on the ground rather than being held due to their size.
- The judge may ask members questions regarding parts, disqualifications, etc to test a member's knowledge.
- To show the breast bone of the bird gently kneel (one knee) beside the bird. Reach over the bird and grasp the bird's legs with your right hand. Your right arm should control the wings. Gently roll the bird onto your thigh and expose the breast bone with your index and middle finger.

The Creed of the 4-H Animal Caretaker

I WILL: Be kind to my animals. I will not take my frustrations out on animals. I will be patient while training my animal. I will never physically abuse my animal and I will only use low-stress handling methods and tools.

I WILL: Provide comfortable and sufficient housing for my animals. I will house my animal with enough space to prevent crowding and fighting. When I tie my animal, I will make sure the rope is not too tight and that there is nothing nearby that can harm the animal. This also means that I will help to prevent my animal from being too hot or too cold, both at home or during transport.

I WILL: Feed my animal on time each day. I will make sure that I can financially afford to feed my animal the right amount and type of feed every day on a regular schedule. This will provide the nutrition my animal needs and ensure the daily comfort of my animal.

I WILL: Provide my animals with clean water. Every day I will check that the water supply for my animal is clean, free of ice, easily accessible and working properly.

I WILL: Keep my animals free from disease and parasites. To ensure the good health of my project animal, I will observe it carefully every day, to see that it is eating and behaving normally. If my animal appears unhealthy, I will see that it receives immediate attention. I will keep accurate and complete records of any health problems that occur. I will never subject my animal to undue suffering.

I WILL: Learn as much as possible about the best methods of feeding and caring for animals. By learning about different methods, my animals will benefit from new ideas that help to ensure that my animals receive the best possible care. I can explore new animal husbandry ideas through reading, asking questions, attending workshops and participating in 4-H activities.

I WILL: Strive to improve the breeding and quality of my animals. The more structurally sound, efficient and productive our animals are, the less stress will be placed on them.

I WILL: Always be a good sport in competition. Events, including Achievement Days, are one way that the public can see how important proper care of our animals is to us. Good manners and a courteous disposition go a long way in presenting a good impression to my fellow members and the public.

I WILL: Talk to my 4-H volunteers or fellow members about others who are not following this creed and are not setting a good example of animal care.

I WILL: Complete my project and take part in all the activities of my 4-H club each year. By taking part in all the activities and completing the project each year, I am allowing myself to learn and experience all that I can about my project. This will help me to improve my understanding of animals and my methods of caring for them.

The Five Freedoms

Farmers, 4-H members, animal owners and caretakers are all responsible for providing their animals with these five freedoms:

Freedom from thirst, hunger and malnutrition by ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigor.

Freedom from discomfort by providing a suitable environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.

Freedom from pain, injury and disease by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment.

Freedom to express normal behavior by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind.

Freedom from fear and distress by ensuring conditions that avoid mental suffering.

For more information on the standard of care for poultry animals see the:
National Farm Animal Care Council's

Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Hatching Eggs, Breeders, Chickens and Turkeys

www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/chickens-turkeys-and-breeders

Member Reflection

As a 4-H member, you are encouraged to “Learn to Do by Doing” through hands-on activities. Keeping a record of your 4-H activities with this **Member Reflection** will provide helpful insight for you, your leader and the 4-H Specialist as to skills you have learned and projects you have completed throughout the 4-H year!



Skill Based Project: You are encouraged to work on skill development and completion of project requirements (with guidance from the project leader) throughout the 4-H year. Not every activity will have a tangible item (for display), but you are asked to share the activities and learnings in which you participate below...

Project Activity: _____

What I did: _____

What I learned: _____

What I liked: _____

Project Activity: _____

What I did: _____

What I learned: _____

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(feel free to use more space if necessary!)

LEADER COMMENTS (optional): Leader observations can be helpful to you in future years with this and other 4-H projects. Be sure to ask your project leader if they would like to reflect on your 4-H year.

I am most impressed by... _____

I believe that you have learned... _____

In the future I encourage you to... _____

4-H Year Completion Checklist

In addition to completing a Skill Based 4-H project, members are also required to participate in Communications, at least **ONE** Ag. Awareness Activity and **ONE** Community Service Activity in order to complete the 4-H year.

Use the space provided to reflect on what you have learned through participation in these activities.

If this information has already been completed in another booklet, please indicate where it can be found:

My Communications Activity

- Speech
 Demonstration (Single)
 Demonstration (Team)
 Alternate Communications: _____

What I learned: _____

What I can work on: _____

Agriculture Awareness Activity

What did you do to complete this activity this year? (Either on your own or with your 4-H Club)

What area of Agriculture would you like to explore in the future?

Community Service Activity

What did you do to complete this activity this year? (Either on your own or with your 4-H Club)

What will you do in the future to give back to your community?

4-H PEI - Staff Comments (Optional)

Completion Requirements		Completion Notes
Skill Based Project		
Communications		
Ag. Awareness Activity		
Community Service Activity		



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