



Big Swamp Smoke Off Collier County Fair 2014 Market Turkey Auction Rules and Information Sheet

TURKEY ENTRY FORM – Due Saturday, April 26, 2014

TURKEY PICK-UP – Thursday, May 22, 2014 4:00 – 6:00 PM

CHECK-IN & SIFT – Saturday, October 18, 2014 2:00 PM

TURKEY AUCTION – Saturday, October 18, 2014 3:00 PM

SPECIAL RULES

1. All entries in this department are subject to the General Rules of the Collier County Fair and the Special Rules of the Market Turkey Livestock Auction.
2. All birds must be ordered and paid for by mailing required money and entry form to Collier County Fair, 751 39th Ave NE, Naples, FL 34120. Money orders and checks should be made payable to the Collier County Fair. See Important Dates
3. Exhibitors must order turkeys AND enter the turkey auction. The order of turkeys does not automatically enter the exhibitor in the Market Turkey Livestock Auction.
4. **All entries will consist of one Turkey. One entry per exhibitor.**
5. Turkeys must be picked up in a proper cage or carrying cage from the fairgrounds on the date listed above. Feed and water containers should accompany cage and litter should be spread out in the cage to maintain the animals' safety. Please bring a box with pine shavings or shredded newspaper as bedding for transporting the turkeys. Boxes will not be provided. Each participant is responsible for bringing their own turkey to the fairgrounds, 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.
6. Turkey starter and grower feed may be difficult for participants to find. However, it is recommended that a gamebird starter and grower feed be utilized for growing. Most Southern States Stores and other feed stores sell gamebird feeds.
7. All entries will be sifted for quality. There is a 10 pound minimum weight limit. Any bird that does not weigh 10 pounds will not be accepted and you will be responsible for transporting the bird back home. Additionally, a diseased bird will not be allowed to enter the auction, and participants must take a diseased bird back home. Only one (1) bird per carrying cage will be allowed in sifting area. Only one (1) adult / one (1) exhibitor will be allowed to hold birds during sift.
8. This is a carrying cage auction. Turkey must stay in cage until the time of auction.
9. All litter, feed, and care must be provided by the exhibitor.
10. Only birds with leg bands (will be provided at check in) that were assigned to the exhibitor will be allowed to sale.

11. The Live Auction sale lots will be filled according to check in times. During the contest, each contestant must walk or carry their turkey to the auction ring.

12. Live auction turkeys will become property of the auction buyer or the Collier County Fair. Exhibitors WILL NOT be allowed to take these birds home. Any attempt by the exhibitor or family to replace or remove these sale projects from the fairgrounds will result in the forfeiture of sale proceeds. Exhibitors attempting to circumvent this rule will be permanently banned from participating in future Collier County Fair events.

GET YOUR TURKEYS OFF TO A GREAT START – BE READY

1. Bring a box or tote with you to pick up the turkey.
2. Bring some pine shavings or shredded paper if you can.
3. Have a warm (use heat lamps) place ready for them as soon as you arrive home.
4. Provide them with plenty of feed and clean water at all times!!
5. Protect them from predators!
6. Keep their litter as dry as possible.
7. Remember, birds will not eat if they don't have water, no matter how much you feed them!

