

# 2024 Turkey Information Sheet

Hello! Thank you for being interested in showing turkeys at the San Benito County Fair (10/1-10/6). Below is the information that will help you decide if you want to apply to raise a turkey.

Ownership period is June through October. You will be responsible for training your turkey to show, practicing showmanship, and proper nutrition/feeding. This is a fun project! I recommend purchasing two turkeys (one as a backup or extra money).

## Approximate Costs and Income:

| <i>Approximate Expenses</i> | For TWO Turkeys ( <i>recommended</i> ) | For ONE Turkey   |
|-----------------------------|--|------------------|
| Turkey                      | \$ 40.00 (for two)                     | \$ 25.00         |
| Feed                        | \$ 100.00                              | \$ 60.00         |
| Shavings                    | \$ 70.00                               | \$ 40.00         |
| Entry Fees                  | \$ 25.00                               | \$ 25.00         |
| YQCA Certification          | \$ 12.00                               | \$ 12.00         |
| Equipment                   | \$ 50.00                               | \$ 50.00         |
| Other                       | \$ 36.00                               | \$ 36.00         |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>       | <b>\$ 335.00</b>                       | <b>\$ 250.00</b> |

| <i>Income</i>                        |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Sale at Fair (with no buyers set up) | \$450.00 (average price) Can be more with sponsors | \$400.00 (average price) Can be more with sponsors |
| Sale of Extra Turkey                 | \$ 200.00  | NA   |
| <b>Profit/Loss</b>                   | <b>\$ ~+ 315</b>                                   | <b>\$ ~+ 150</b>                                   |

Thank you again for being interested! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at [csoares@sbhdsd.k12.ca.us](mailto:csoares@sbhdsd.k12.ca.us).

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Soares

## Turkey Tentative\* Schedule:

*\*dates are subject to change*

| <i>DATE</i>                              | <i>Description</i>  |
|--|---|
| Week 1                                   | Turkey tentative arrival the week of June 17-21, 2024   |
| Week 2 & 3                               | Turkeys will be housed inside the small animal room all together, students will need to take care of the birds before school, after school, and on weekends. Feed and shavings for this time will be covered in the payment.  |
| 7/24                                     | Mandatory Livestock Meeting at 3 pm at the CTE Building   |
| Weeks 4 through 9/30                     | Turkeys will be housed in the barn in separate pens, this is when students will choose their turkeys and be responsible for ALL care (feeding, watering, cleaning) for their turkeys with their pen mate(s).  |
| 8/14                                     | Mandatory Livestock Meeting at 3:15 pm at CTE Building  |
| 8/15                                     | FAIR ENTRIES and YQCA DUE   |
| 8/20                                     | Turkey showmanship practice 5-6 pm at the school barn   |
| 9/10                                     | Turkey showmanship practice 5-6 pm at the school barn   |
| 9/11                                     | Mandatory Livestock Meeting at 3:15 pm at CTE Building  |
| 9/24                                     | Turkey showmanship practice 5-6 pm at the school barn   |
| 9/25                                     | Turkey washing 3:30-5 pm  |
| 9/30 or TBD                              | Weighing turkeys and making final touch ups for fair  |
| <b>FAIR 10/1-10/6</b>                    | Students must be present at the Bolado Park every single day to take care of their animals in the morning and night, including attending the morning meetings and evening check ins. Some days will be less time and turkeys <b>may</b> go into the fair later than 10/1 (it has been Thursday in the past), but they have not released that information yet. During the Fair, the extra turkeys will need to be cared for once a day at the school barn. |
| 10/5                                     | Auction   |
| 10/6                                     | Fair Clean Up and load turkeys back to barn   |
| <b>Week after fair 10/10 (tentative)</b> | <b>MANDATORY Turkey Harvest at the barn (more details to be released soon)</b>  |
| After 10/10                              | Turkey delivery to your buyer   |

# 2024 Turkey Contract

## **San Benito County Fair Acknowledgement of Livestock Contract** **TURN IN THIS COPY BY FRIDAY, APRIL 26th WITH PAYMENT,** **COMPLETED LIVESTOCK CONTRACT & YELLOW SHEET**

We agree to the terms set forth in the fair packet by the Agriculture Department at Hollister High School for the Hollister FFA Santa Benito County Fair Projects. Further, we understand the consequences for non-compliance of these guidelines related to the San Benito County fair project(s) while conducting the project under the supervision of the Hollister High School Agriculture Department.

- We understand that we must submit payment and the additional turkey contract by Friday, April 26, 2024 to get the turkeys through Hollister FFA.
- We understand that grades will determine our eligibility for keeping the turkeys at the barn and going through auction.
- We understand that if we are absent too many days in the summer we may be ineligible to show at the fair.
- We understand that if we do not provide everything needed for fair entries then we are not able to show at the fair.
  - A stills exhibit entry is required to show at the San Benito County Fair.
- We understand that we will receive two turkeys and that it is the student's responsibility to find a buyer for their live turkey(s) and deliver it to the buyer after harvest. It is their responsibility to be present for all important dates.
- We understand that, as per San Benito County Fair rules, only the Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Third, Fourth and Fifth places in Market Turkeys will be sold at auction if market ready.
  - San Benito County Exhibitors will be allowed to ONLY auction two (2) animals (1 Large, 1 Small) at the Fair. Market Turkey will count as ONE small animal.