SASSR/HLSR/Rodeo Austin Turkey Poult Pick Up Procedures  
During COVID-19 Pandemic  

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The Department of Poultry Science at Texas A&M University is committed to providing broiler chicks and turkey poult to the youth of Texas for exhibition at youth livestock shows across the state. However, we are also committed to the health and safety of our students, staff, faculty and stakeholders during the distribution of show poultry. The following procedures MUST be followed when picking up poultry. We will utilized a “curb-side” style of service during the pick up process.

1. **You should plan to arrive at the Brazos County VFW** (794 Harvey Mitchell Parkway, Bryan, Texas, 77807) according to the reference number of your order during the following time slots:

   - 12:00 - 12:30 – reference # 1 - 10
   - 12:30 - 1:00 – reference # 11 - 20
   - 1:00 - 1:30 – reference # 21 - 30
   - 1:30 - 2:00 – reference # 31 - 40
   - 2:00 - 2:30 – reference # 41 - 50
   - 2:30 - 3:00 – reference # 51 - 60
   - 3:00 - 3:30 – reference # 61 - 70
   - 3:30 - 4:00 – reference # 71 - 80

2. **When you arrive in the parking lot, one of our staff will greet you and assign you a parking space.** Please proceed to your designated parking space and wait in your vehicle. DO NOT get out of your vehicle at this time.

3. **Our staff will bring your boxes of birds to your vehicle.** At this time, you may exit your vehicle to load your boxes into your vehicle. If you do so, you MUST be wearing a face covering. If you wish to stay in your vehicle, our staff will place the boxes into your vehicle for you.

4. **Once your boxes of birds are loaded, you must IMMEDIATELY leave the parking lot.** You will NOT be allowed to count, sift, or replace any birds. Our staff will inspect the condition of your birds in the box prior to bringing them to your vehicle to ensure all the birds are alive, have intact wing bands, and all cull birds have been removed.
5. **DO NOT arrive at the VFW prior to your scheduled time slot according to your reference number.** We do not have sufficient parking for extra cars. If you arrive early, please spend your time elsewhere in Bryan/College Station until your designated timeslot.

6. **If you arrive after your designated pick up time slot, our parking lot attendant will inform you what to do.** If space allows, we will assign you a parking space. If all spaces are full, we will ask you to leave and return shortly when space is available.

7. **Visitors are NOT allowed in the building.** Please do not ask to use the restrooms in the VFW. Please keep this in mind and make necessary stops before coming to pick up your birds.

   We realize this is a deviation from the normal pick-up procedures our stakeholders are accustomed to. However, we are living through extraordinary times, so these procedures are vital to making sure we protect the health and safety of everyone involved. In addition, there are state laws and university policies that we must abide by, so these procedures are necessary to allow us to continue to provide poultry to the youth of Texas.