

Sale Name: El Paso County Junior Livestock Sale - CO

LOT 97 - Evan Jaworski Angel Fire 4H



Short Description Market Turkey

First Name Evan

Last Name Jaworski

FFA Chapter or 4H Club Name Angel Fire 4H

County El Paso

City Peyton

Animal Weight (in Pounds) 1

Description

Hello my name is Evan Jaworski. I am in Angel Fire 4H club. I am in my seventh year of 4H. This year my 4H projects are show chickens and ducks, market turkeys, and market geese. I like to build models, build Legos, fish, camp, play video games, and spend time with my animals. I do not know what career path I will pursue at this point, so I plan to spend high school narrowing my choices down. I plan to attend college after high school and hope to get a couple of classes taken while I am in high school so I can get ahead.

I am raising broad breasted white turkeys. I usually get my turkeys at the end of February or the first week in March, but this year there was a shipping embargo which prevented hatcheries from shipping any poultry due to cold weather. Because of this I did not get my turkeys until mid-March, which has put me a few weeks behind schedule. I have both hens and toms, but I have had better success with hens in past years, so I am focusing on them this year. I have currently separated them from the toms because the toms do not let the hens eat as much, and by separating them the hens have a better

chance to achieve market weight. I usually feed turkey starter for the first six weeks; which is 28% protein, and then move down to a grower and finisher feed which are lower protein contents. This year I have kept the hens on starter feed to help them gain weight at a healthy rate. The toms are now on chicken layer crumble which is 16% protein because they grow so much faster than the hens. I will watch their weight and conditioning over the next few weeks to make sure I bring the best birds to the fair. The most expensive cut of meat on a turkey is the breast meat, and that is followed by the legs and thighs. Because of this I will choose the bird that has the greatest width of breast that continues through the whole body. You do not want breast meat that tapers down to a point near the legs of the bird. I will then look at the quality of the leg conditioning on the birds and make sure that the combination of breast and leg meat is the best possible.

I look forward to meeting you at El Paso County Fair. The junior livestock auction will be held on July 17th. Thank you for allowing me to share my projects with you, and thank you for supporting 4H.

Quantity: 1



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