

Sale Name: Elbert County Fair - CO

LOT 69 - Lyla Harris Kiowa Community 4H Club



First Name Lyla

Last Name Harris

FFA Chapter or 4H Club Name Kiowa Community 4H Club

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County Elbert

City Kiowa

Animal Weight (in Pounds) 19

Short Description Broad Breasted Market Turkey

Description

1st in class market turkey.

My 4-H Turkey Meat Bird Project: Year 4

Hello! My name is Lyla Harris, and this is my fourth year immersed in the exciting world of 4-H turkey meat bird production. What started as a venture into raising poultry has blossomed into a deep passion and a valuable learning experience. Each year has built upon the last, transforming me from a beginner into a knowledgeable and confident turkey raiser.

The Journey So Far

My first couple of years were all about mastering the fundamentals. I learned the critical

daily routines: ensuring proper feed and fresh water, maintaining a clean brooder and coop, and closely monitoring my poult's health. I became familiar with recognizing signs of stress and understanding the importance of biosecurity. These foundational years taught me immense patience, attention to detail, and the profound satisfaction of nurturing animals from tiny poults to impressive market birds.

By my third year, I was ready for more advanced challenges. I delved deeper into research, exploring different feed formulations to optimize growth and meat quality. I also began to troubleshoot minor health issues more independently, always under the guidance of my project leader. This year truly solidified my understanding of the economic side of the project, as I meticulously tracked costs and learned to evaluate my birds for prime market readiness.

Fourth Year

This year is about leadership, refinement, and sharing what I've learned. I'm focusing on mentorship by helping newer 4-H members, sharing practical tips for brooder setup, feeding schedules, and handling techniques. It's incredibly rewarding to help others discover the joys of raising turkeys.

My goal this year was to demonstrate advanced problem-solving skills, applying my accumulated knowledge to maintain optimal flock health and performance. I'm honing my ability to articulate every aspect of my project, from initial planning to market preparation. This includes clearly explaining my methods, results, and the invaluable life skills I've gained.

Beyond the Birds

This turkey project has taught me far more than just how to raise poultry. It's instilled in me a strong work ethic, a keen sense of responsibility, and excellent problem-solving skills. I've learned about animal welfare, the importance of detailed record-keeping, and the satisfaction of seeing a long-term goal come to fruition. Most importantly, it's shown me the value of continuous learning and sharing knowledge within my community.

I'm incredibly proud of my journey through the 4-H Market Turkey Project, and I'm excited to showcase the culmination of four years of hard work and dedication.

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