



Santa Maria FFA

2026 Market Turkey SAE Project Contract & Guidelines



Your son/daughter has shown interest in raising a **Market Turkey** as an SAE Project for their Agriculture Education Course. They have attended an informational meeting that has given them directions as to where this project will lead to, and how it may benefit them. This project is one of great value in terms of developing a sense of responsibility, time management, accounting & marketing skills, and small livestock husbandry (care). An estimated budget is outlined below to let you know what is expected monetarily.

Market Turkey Estimated Budget

The budget listed below is an estimate, student's profit or loss may vary

<u>Estimated Expenses</u>		<u>Estimated Income</u>	
Turkey	\$10.00	SBCF Sale of Turkey	\$200-\$300
Feed (3 bags)	\$65.00		
Shavings for Fair	\$5.00		
Veterinary, Supplies & Other Fees	\$5.00		
SBCF Entry Fees	\$15.00		
Total – Paid to Business Office	\$100	<u>Estimated Profit</u>	
YQCA Certification (not paid to SMHS Business Office)	\$3.00 or \$13.00	Estimated Income	\$200 - \$300
FFA Jacket (not paid to SMHS Business Office))	\$75	Estimated Expense	\$110 - \$188
Maximum Total (including Jacket & YQCA)	\$188	Total Profit	\$12 - \$112

If your student plans on proceeding with the project they must complete and turn-in this contract (with all initials and signatures) by **Friday, February 13th, 2026**. After submitting the contract, they will be issued a payment form. **\$100.00** Payment will be due to the Santa Maria High School ASB Business Office by **Friday, February 20th, 2026** and will include all items outlined in the budget.

For questions or additional information, please contact our Market Turkey Advisors in the Santa Maria High School Agriculture Department:

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Exhibitor Information

Exhibitor Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Grade: _____ Student ID#: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Contract Agreement

By signing this contract, I acknowledge and affirm that both the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parent/guardian have fully read, reviewed, and understand the Market Turkey SAE Project Contract and Guidelines in their entirety. We acknowledge that we understand all deadlines, requirements, expectations, and the consequences of failing to comply with them.

The exhibitor agrees to adhere to the established three-strikes policy. Upon issuance of a third strike, the exhibitor will be immediately removed from the project without exception. This will also result in the removal of barn privileges and require removal of their animal within 72 hours. If the exhibitor and/or parent or guardian fail to remove the animal, it will be taken to a sales yard and sold at market price. This may be a significant loss of investment for the student/parent.

Notwithstanding the three-strikes policy, serious or egregious violations—including but not limited to school suspension, expulsion, or involvement with law enforcement—may result in immediate removal from the project at the sole discretion of program administration.

Printed Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

Printed Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____

Printed Advisor Name: _____ Advisor Signature: _____

Printed Administrator Name: _____ Administrator Signature: _____

Student School: _____ Student ID#: _____



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General Guidelines

1. Students raising any type of livestock project should be in good academic standing 2.0 GPA or higher.
2. All students must attend assigned scheduled meetings & showmanship practices put on by Mrs. Rodriguez/Mrs. Flory-Guerra. The majority of these dates will be posted on the Market Turkey SAE page of the Santa Maria FFA website: www.saints.org
3. All students are to follow the directions and advice given to them by the FFA Advisors. The Advisor's directions are to be followed for the entire length of time the project is eligible for show at the Fair.
4. Each student must read and understand the rules and regulations in the Santa Barbara County Fair Exhibitor Guidebook.
5. Each student will be responsible for feeding, watering, exercising and the health of his/her project for the **entire duration of the project, March/April 2026 - July 2026.**
6. Due to the Santa Barbara Fair Livestock Limitation, students may only show one animal at the 2026 Santa Barbara County Fair with the Santa Maria FFA. (Unless otherwise noted)
7. Students will be required to maintain records of their project in AET throughout the duration of their project. This Record Book will include all important dates, hours worked, expenses paid, etc. regarding the student's project. In addition, their AET must be completed and checked by the FFA Advisor in charge of their project prior to students receiving their paychecks from the Fair.
8. Advisors will conduct the majority of communication through **TeamReach**. Exhibitors are required to download and maintain access to the TeamReach application on their mobile devices. Parents/guardians are encouraged to join. The TeamReach group code is **Turkey0226**.

General SBCF Rules

1. Students must complete the YQCA Certification Course each year, online or in person as per California State Fair Rules. YQCA Certificates will be due to Mrs. Rodriguez/Mrs. Flory-Guerra by May 1st. Note that payment for the YQCA course is not included in the Market Turkey fees and must be paid separately online by the student upon registering for the course. The in-person course (date TBD) is \$3.00, and the online course is \$13.00.
2. Students taking a project to the Santa Barbara County Fair must also enter a **high quality still exhibit** to the fair. All still exhibits are due to Mrs. Rodriguez/Mrs. Flory-Guerra prior to July 1st (exact date TBD). If the exhibit is poor in quality the student must redo the exhibit and submit it to the fair on their own.
3. Each student will be required to serve barn duties at the Santa Barbara County Fair as assigned by their project Advisor.
4. Small Animal Cages must be cleaned by the exhibitor by no later than 8:00 am every day of the fair and animals must be fed and watered 2 times daily.
5. All students will be required to wear the Official FFA show uniform while showing their project at the Fair and **required to own/purchase their own FFA Jacket**. White pants, white dress shirt, FFA Jacket, FFA tie, and appropriate shoes.



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6. Each student showing market animals will be required to write a thank you letter to their buyer(s) after the purchase of their project at the Fair. This letter must be shown to the FFA Advisor in charge of the project prior to being issued/mailed to the buyer(s) by 11:30 am on the last day of the Fair.

Student Initials: _____ Parent/Guardian Initials: _____

Time Requirement

1. **March/April – May:** Turkeys on Campus will be taken care of as a group; each student must attend an assigned number of feeding/cleaning shifts per week to care of the turkeys.
2. **May – July:** Turkeys will continue to be cared for by the group, but students must also begin working with their individual turkeys 2-3 times per week on their own, attend showmanship practices, in addition to attending their assigned shifts per week for feeding and cleaning.
3. **All turkey exhibitors MUST attend morning (7:00 am) and evening (4:00 pm) feeding and cleanings during the entire week of the fair.** Tentative dates range from **July 3rd – July 13th, 2026**. Exhibitors must have transportation to the fair. If an exhibitor is unable to attend a certain time/day due to an emergency or special circumstance, arrangements must be made prior with another exhibitor that is part of our group to ensure that the project is taken care of. The Advisor should also be notified.
4. Aside from attending daily feedings and cleanings while at the fair, exhibitors must attend all events and contests associated with their project. There will be a pen set-up day at the Santa Maria Fairpark between **March – May**. Tentative fair dates range from **July 3rd – July 13th, 2026**. Exact dates and times are TBD. Items that are bolded are nonnegotiable – in other words, if you miss it, you cannot sell your project.

Date: _____ – Set Up Pens at SBCF
Date: _____ – Set Up Decorations at SBCF
Date: _____ – Wash Turkeys at SMHS
Date: _____ – **Turkey Haul-ins/Inspection/Weigh-In**
Date: _____ – **Turkey Marketing**
Date: _____ – **Turkey Showmanship**
Date: _____ – **SBCF Auction**
Date: _____ – Thank You Card Due
Date: _____ – SBCF Clean Up day

Student Initials: _____ Parent/Guardian Initials: _____

Small Animal Unit Rules

Keeping your animal at the SMHS Small Animal Unit is a privilege that comes with many responsibilities. Students must be an enrolled in a SMHS Agriculture Course to use the small animal unit. In general, all students need to Respect People and Property, the specifics of this are listed below. The rules below must be followed by all students, and we will follow a three strikes rule. Violation of any rules may be considered a strike. Students get three strikes; on the fourth strike their animal must be removed from the unit within 72 hours, or it will be taken to a sales yard and sold at market price.



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Feeding

1. Each student will sign up for multiple feeding times and must show up to those assigned feeding times. If the student is unable to attend the scheduled feeding the student must notify the agriculture teacher **and** find a replacement to take their spot.
2. Feed and water will be in the unit for the students to use to feed the animals
3. Students are responsible for feeding animal twice a day during posted time.
 - a. Times **will** vary during holidays.
4. Students must lock the barn door when they are done.

Student Initials: _____ Parent/Guardian Initials: _____

Barn Cleanliness

1. Unit must be cleaned **DAILY**.
 - a. Animal waste is put into black trash bags and is to be transported to the dumpster.
 - b. Any tools utilized (rakes, shovels, wagons) shall be returned to their designated area after use.
2. Shavings (if utilized) shall be kept fresh. Extra shavings shall be stored in the school's storage container. No bags of shavings shall be left around the pens.
3. No tack shall be stored outside the unit all items need to be stored in the barns.
4. When you exercise your animal, you are required to clean up any excrement they leave behind. Do this immediately after returning the animal to the pen.
5. Students must lock the barn door when they are done.

Student Initials: _____ Parent/Guardian Initials: _____

General Decorum

1. Please be always considerate and polite while in the unit. Use kind and appropriate language.
2. Students must arrive during schedule feeding hours with enough time to feed, clean, and exercise their animal. **DO NOT** arrive five minutes before feeding time is over expecting to stay late.
3. Parents/Guardians may accompany students to tend their animals.
4. Guests: please refrain from bringing friends, siblings etc. they may wait in the car while you feed. Only students/parents are allowed in the unit unless accompanied by their advisor.

Student Initials: _____ Parent/Guardian Initials: _____

Fair and Post Fair Procedures

5. The ultimate responsibility for the sale of an animal is the student. It is not the responsibility of the instructor, or the school, to find a buyer to purchase any un-sold animals.
6. All animals shall be removed from the Small Animal Unit by the Monday after fair.
7. Any animals not removed from the unit will be taken by the advisor to a sales yard for market price.
8. All pens shall be cleaned when the animal is moved to fair.

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Strikes – Do not fill out unless a Strike is issued

Strike 1:

Description of Incident:

Rule Violated: _____

Corrective Action: _____

Printed Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

Printed Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____

Printed Advisor Name: _____ Advisor Signature: _____

Student School: _____ Student ID#: _____

Note to Advisor: Student may take this home for parent signature and return to the advisor.

Strike 2:

Description of Incident:

Rule Violated: _____

Corrective Action: _____

Printed Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

Printed Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____

Printed Advisor Name: _____ Advisor Signature: _____

Student School: _____ Student ID#: _____

Note to Advisor: This requires a parent phone call or conference.



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Strike 3:

Description of Incident:

Rule Violated: _____

Action Taken: _____

Printed Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

Printed Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____

Printed Advisor Name: _____ Advisor Signature: _____

Student School: _____ Student ID#: _____

Note to Advisor: This requires an in-person parent conference with administration present.