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To: Agricultural Science Teachers, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension County Agents, market poultry exhibitors and parents

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Subject: Turkey orders for the 2017 Houston, San Antonio and Rodeo Austin poultry shows

This letter is to inform you that there will be NO TURKEY TOMS available for the 2017 Houston, San Antonio and Rodeo Austin youth market poultry shows. As mentioned in a letter posted on our website on May 16, 2016, it was our hope that we would be able to work with our poultry industry partners to once again supply both turkey tom and hen poults for the shows. Unfortunately, we were not able to secure a source of turkey toms. The turkey industry continues to attempt to replenish flock numbers lost during the avian influenza outbreak in the spring of 2015. As a result, there continues to be a shortage of turkey tom availability.

We apologize for any inconvenience or hardship this situation will cause to exhibitors and the show managers. We continue to work diligently on behalf of the youth of Texas to provide birds for the livestock shows in Texas, and we are grateful to our industry partners for agreeing to supply hen poults for the 2017 shows. Without their help, we would not be able to supply turkey poults at all.

As a reminder, turkey orders for the 2017 Houston, San Antonio and Rodeo Austin poultry shows must be mailed to the Poultry Science Extension Office with a postmark no later than September 2, 2016. Order forms and rules are posted on our website at <http://posc.tamu.edu>. Turkey pick-up is planned for the first week of November, 2016. The exact day and time will be announced as soon as we are able to work out delivery details from the turkey supplier.

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