

MARKET POULTRY DIVISION

1. All entries in this division will be subject to the general rules and regulations and the Junior Livestock Auction rules.
2. Entry fee is \$6.00.
3. All poultry projects will be purchased through the Fair Association. All birds will be wing banded prior to pick up with the exhibitor responsible for pick up on or before validation date. Validation is when birds are picked up and wing band numbers are recorded by exhibitor and member of Poultry Committee. Pick Up/Validation will be at the fairgrounds. Exhibitors who order poultry and DO NOT validate them will not be reimbursed.
4. All poultry must be owned, placed on feed and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by validation dates.
5. Exhibitors will not be charged validation fees for validating up to triple the project minimum. Exhibitors may validate additional market poultry at a cost of \$5.00 per project minimum or portion thereof. Validation fees must be paid at validation.
6. Exhibitors may show up to three entries from each project (not to exceed three (3) poultry entries). Minimum projects consist of five turkeys per exhibitor or 15 chicks per exhibitor. Exhibitors must order a minimum of 30 chicks in order to show both broilers and roasters.

7. There will be three divisions of poultry as follows:

Division 1	Turkeys - Hens only.	Possession & Validation Date	Thursday, May 28, 2009, notified by division superintendent
Division 2	Roasters – Males only, with a minimum weight of 5 pounds per bird.	Possession & Validation Date	Thursday, August 27, 2009, notified by division superintendent
Division 3	Broilers - 1 pen of 3 with a total pen weight to be not less than 12 pounds. Pullets only.	Possession & Validation Date	Thursday, August 27, 2009, notified by division superintendent

8. Each division in poultry (turkeys, roasters & broilers) will be awarded a Grand Champion and a Reserve Grand Champion. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of each division will go through the auction as Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of their division.

9. All exhibitors must provide their own equipment for feeding and watering their birds during the show. Each exhibitor will be required to bring two 1-pound coffee cans or two large vegetable cans approximately 28 ounces. Turkey exhibitors will need largest containers (3-pound coffee cans or 3-gallon buckets). Non-spill commercial feeders that attach securely to the side of the pens will be allowed. **STYROFOAM CUPS AND SHALLOW DISHES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN PENS.** Poultry **MUST** have feed and water at all times. Pens will be checked at 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. for feed and water. If birds are not fed and watered, the poultry division superintendent will feed and water them, at a charge to the exhibitor of \$5.00 per violation. Pens **WILL** be kept clean at all times. Violations of this (Rule #24, page 8 of the Rule Book) will result in monies being withheld from fair checks as stated. Violations will be at the superintendent's discretion.

10. The judge will place the entries on the quality of live birds. Ribbons will be awarded through ten places.

11. Sifting of live birds - A qualified sifter will be appointed by the show and sifter will examine all birds to determine live market value. Entries showing symptoms of sickness, disease, or external parasites will be excluded from exhibition at the discretion of the sifting judge or the judge if discovered during the show. (Breast blisters to the degree that is determined objectionable by the sifting judge. Bruises may constitute sifting if in excess).

12. All poultry will be sifted and weighed at sifting judge's discretion between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 20, 2009. After weigh and sift no substitution will be allowed for injured or deceased poultry.

13. Anyone found administering drugs to a project without consent of division superintendent will have their project disqualified by the division superintendent and must remove the project immediately. Due to Federal Regulations all projects shown at the Jim Wells County Fair will be subject to FDA and USDA testing at slaughter plants. If the project tests positive the exhibitor or producer of the animal will be held responsible for any violation. Funds will be withheld from any exhibitor by the Jim Wells County Fair Association from exhibitor and buyer resales on such violation.