

MARKET BROILERS

ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 29, 2008

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 per pen

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Dr. Mark Michalke
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COMMITTEE: Becky Kaminski, Freddie Engelbrecht, Travis Nelson, Virgil Hajdik, Ben Hajdik, Allen Kaminski, Albert Thormaehlen, Dawna Michalke

2008 RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All broiler entries are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Austin County Fair and to the rules governing the Youth Auction Sale.
2. Any entry showing symptoms of disease or lacking show quality will be excluded from exhibition at the discretion of the Official Broiler Judge. No stock, except in the above instances, will be removed from the exhibition until the close of the Broiler Show.
3. All birds must be the property of the person entering them, but birds from one family may be housed in the same facilities.
4. Broiler exhibitors may have one (1) entry in this division with a backup pen of no more than 3 broilers allowed at time of sifting.
5. Entries in the Broiler Show will move in and be sifted from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2008. Judging will immediately follow. No broilers will be allowed on the fairgrounds until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2008.
6. Three (3) broilers will constitute one entry. There will be a minimum weight limit of 5.0 lbs. per bird. A scale will be made available to the judge. **The Official Broiler Judge reserves the right to weigh any bird entered. The 2008 Broiler Show will be a straight run show (roosters or hens).**
7. All broiler chicks must be bought from the same place and same hatch through FFA advisors or 4-H agents. Orders must be placed and paid for by Friday, May 16, 2008 by 5:00 p.m. There will be no exception to this rule. Exhibitors from the same family may purchase chicks collectively, however, all exhibitors' names must appear on the order form. Exhibitors must use the official order form provided by their 4-H leader or FFA advisor. Broilers must be ordered in lots of 25 birds per person or per family. Each exhibitor is limited to the birds he or she ordered, no replacement birds will be issued.

8. Exhibits will move out between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., Sunday, October 12, 2008. Pens must be clean upon departure. If any birds are not picked up, and the broiler committee is not notified of their status by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 12, 2008, they will become the property of the Broiler Committee.
9. The broiler committee will provide for each broiler exhibitor two (2) clean, one gallon coffee cans for feed and water. Each exhibitor may bring one plastic or metal container that will fit under his broiler cage in which to store feed and supplies. No paper containers will be allowed under cages.
10. **The Poultry Exhibit Area needs to be kept clean during visitor hours. Broilers must be fed, watered and pens cleaned by 9:00 A.M. each day. In addition, exhibitors are required to change out shavings sometime between Thursday evening (5:00 p.m.) And Sale Day (Friday at 9:00 a.m.) The Poultry Committee has assigned a group of Committeemen to enforce this rules during the Fair, an Exhibitor will first be given a YELLOW (Warning Tag). If the problem is not corrected by the following day, the Housekeeping Committee will then tag the pen with a RED (Penalty Tag), the Exhibitor will then be subject to a \$50.00 fee for each day a Penalty Tag is present. This fee will be deducted from the exhibitors Youth Sale check should the project make the sale. Tags should only be removed by poultry committeemen, and it is suggested that if an exhibitor's pen is tagged that the exhibitor contact a poultry committeeman or the Fair Office as soon as possible. This rule will be STRICTLY enforced during the 2008 Fair.**
11. If a bird dies or is injured after he makes it through the sift, the bird is eligible for the show.
12. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to have their birds processed and delivered to their buyer within two (2) weeks after the close of the Austin County Fair.
13. On the day of the broiler show, broiler exhibitors at 4:00 p.m. will be allowed to enter the fairgrounds from FM 529 (the swimming pool gate), drive behind the Chuckwagon and 4-H Hamburger Stand unload their broilers, and then move their vehicle to the exhibitors parking lot.
14. **IMPORTANT NOTICE: The threat of avian influenza and other reportable diseases continues to be of serious concern to poultry in Texas. The situation is being monitored on a continuous basis. Any requirements for testing, limitations on the movement of poultry or other activities related to this or similar matters will be handled under the authority of show officials and/or the Texas Animal Health Commission.**