

# MARKET TURKEYS

**ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 29, 2008**

**ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 per pen**

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Dr. Mark Michalke

COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRMAN: Ed Landry

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## 2008 RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All turkey entries are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Austin County Fair and to the rules governing the Youth Auction Sale.
2. **All turkeys need to be vaccinated for fowl pox.** Any entry showing symptoms of disease or lacking show quality will be excluded from exhibition at the discretion of the Official Turkey Judge. No stock, except in the above instances, will be removed from the exhibition until the close of the Turkey 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. Hens cannot be laying, at the discretion of the judge.
5. Turkey exhibitors will be allowed one entry in the Turkey Tom division and/or Turkey Hen division. Each exhibitor will be allowed one backup bird per division if their first bird is sifted.
6. Entries in the Turkey Show will move in and be sifted from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2008. Judging will immediately follow. No turkeys will be allowed on the fairgrounds until 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2008.
7. **The Poultry Exhibit Area needs to be kept clean during visitor hours. Turkeys 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.**

8. All poults must be bought from the same place and same hatch through FFA or 4-H agents. Orders must be placed and paid for by Friday, March 7, 2008 by 5:00 p.m. There will be no exception to this rule. Turkeys must be ordered in lots of 5 birds per person or per family. For example - 5 toms and/or 5 hens. Exhibitors from the same family may purchase poults 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. Each exhibitor is limited to the birds he or she ordered, no replacement birds will be issued.
9. 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 Turkey Committee is not notified of their status by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 12, 2008, they will become the property of the Turkey Committee.
10. The Turkey Committee will provide for each turkey exhibitor two (2) clean, one gallon coffee cans for feed and water. Each exhibitor may bring one plastic or metal container in which to store feed and supplies. No paper containers will be allowed
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 his/her turkey processed and delivered to their buyer within two (2) weeks after the close of the Austin County Fair.
13. On the morning of the show, the turkey exhibitors at 8:00 a.m. will be allowed to enter the fairgrounds from FM 529, the swimming pool gate, drive in front of the poultry barn, unload their turkeys and then drive their vehicle to the exhibitor's 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.**