

2017 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.
MARKET TURKEY RULES
CHAIRPERSON: Kristin Socias (409) 539-0272
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ORDER DEADLINE:	Friday, September 30, 2016, No later than 4:00 p.m. at the Fair Office
PICK-UP DATE:	December 21, In Ed Pickett Hall - Time: To Be Announced
ENTRIES DUE:	Thursday, January 26, 2017, by 6:00 p.m. at the Fair Office by 4-H Leaders/ Ag Teachers ONLY.
ENTRY FEE:	\$10.00 per pen
CHECK-IN:	Friday, April 21, 2017, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
JUDGING:	Saturday, April 22, 2017 Immediately following the Broiler Show.
EARLY RELEASE:	Sunday, April 23, 2017, 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m.
CHECK-OUT:	<u>Sunday, April 30, 2017, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.</u>

1. All entries for this division will be subject to the General Livestock Rules of the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. except where they conflict with the requirements of this division in which case the division rules will prevail. In the event of special circumstances that may arise, or a conflict between rules, decisions of the Show Chairperson and the Livestock Superintendent will be final.
2. All birds for the 2017 show will be purchased from one hatchery at one time. **A minimum order of 10 birds for one exhibitor plus a minimum of an additional 5 birds for each additional sibling listed on a family order is REQUIRED.** Exhibitors wishing to show turkeys in the 2017 Fair must purchase turkeys from this shipment. All birds will be wing banded. All wing bands must be checked at pick-up time. Each turkey presented to the Sifting Committee must bear a special coded wing band. The identification number on the band must be one of the same numbers assigned to that individual's poults or their immediate family. Orders for birds are due at the Fair Office by September 30, 2016, NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. **Loss of wing band for any reason constitutes disqualification of bird.** *In the case of family orders, ALL exhibitors names **must** be on the ORDER FORM to be eligible to show. In addition to this, **each child that shows** must fill out an Exhibitor Entry form.*
3. **Extra birds may be available for purchase on a first-come/first-serve basis at pick-up. You must place your name and phone number on a list at pick-up to be eligible to purchase these birds.**
4. Each exhibitor is eligible to enter and show two (2) Market Turkeys. An entry (1 bird) must be a HEN. **NO TOMS ALLOWED.**
5. The judge will sift for show-quality birds at check-in on Friday, April 21, 2017. Each exhibitor will present the bird(s) to judge at time of sift.
6. Birds must be clean and dry before being brought to the Fairgrounds. No cleaning after birds pass the sift. Touch up with a damp cloth only is allowed.
7. No substitute birds will be allowed on the Fairgrounds.
8. Birds are not allowed out of cage after sifting. Cages must be secured to the railing at all times before and after show.
9. All Exhibitors must furnish **two (2) rigid cans** (preferred a 3lb coffee can) for dry feed and water ONLY. NO trays, other containers, or wet feed are allowed in cage.
10. **Each exhibitor must keep feed & water in the pens at all times.** Failure to comply, as determined by the Turkey Chairperson and Livestock Superintendent, will result in removal of the animal from the Fairgrounds, forfeiture of all prizes and awards, and/or further disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. Executive Committee.
11. The Fair will furnish litter and cages for entries.
12. Turkeys placing in the top thirty (30) must remain on the Fairgrounds. Non-placing turkeys may be removed from the fairgrounds on Sunday, April 23, 2017, from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. with a completed Animal Release Form.
13. **A Proof of Delivery Form (when applicable) and thank you card (see General Rule #44) will be required before Exhibitor's check can be released.** All exhibitors must come to the Fair Office, with these items, to sign for their check.

