

2010 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.
MARKET TURKEY RULES
CHAIRPERSON: Kristin Socias (409) 539-0272
CO-CHAIRPERSON: Wendy Austin (409) 925-3161

ORDER DEADLINE:	Tuesday, October 13, 2009, No later than 5:00 p.m. at the Fair Office
PICK-UP DATE:	Wednesday, December 9, 2009, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the ED PICKETT HALL
ENTRIES DUE:	Wednesday, January 27, 2010, by 6:00 p.m. at the Fair Office by 4-H Leaders/Vo-Ag Teachers ONLY.
ENTRY FEE:	\$7.50 per pen
CHECK-IN:	Friday, April 9, 2010, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
JUDGING:	Saturday, April 10, 2010, 7:00 pm
EARLY RELEASE:	Sunday, April 11, 2010, 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m.
CHECK-OUT:	<u>Sunday, April 18, 2010, 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 2010 show will be purchased from one hatchery at one time, **with a limit of 75 per exhibitor**. Exhibitors wishing to show turkeys in the 2010 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 poult or their immediate family. Orders for birds are due at the Fair Office by October 13, 2009, NO LATER THAN 5:00 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, December 9, 2009. 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 9, 2010. 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.
9. All Exhibitors must furnish **two (2) rigid cans** (minimum one-pound, maximum gallon) 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 forty-five (45) must remain on the Fairgrounds. Non-placing turkeys may be removed from the fairgrounds on Sunday, April 11, 2010, from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. with a completed Animal Release Form.
13. A Proof of Delivery Form and thank you card will be required before Exhibitor's checks can be released. These items must be brought to the Fair Office.