

2024 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.
MARKET BROILER RULES
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CO-CHAIRPERSON: Wendy Austin (409) 795-0431

ORDER DEADLINE:	Thursday, January 11, 2024, 5:00 p.m. at the Fair Office (No refunds for any reason)
ENTRIES DUE:	All entries, fees and required paperwork will be due to the fair office no later than 6:00 p.m. January 25, 2024 and must be submitted by 4-H Leader or Ag Teacher, ONLY. NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON
PICK-UP DATE:	Friday, March 1, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in YOUTH BUILDING
CHECK-IN:	Saturday, April 13, 2024, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
JUDGING:	Saturday, April 13, 2024, Immediately following Mkt. Turkey Show
ENTRY FEE:	\$20.00 per pen
MANDATORY RELEASE:	Saturday, April 13, 2024, Following the conclusion of the show
CHECK-OUT:	<u>Sunday, April 21, 2024, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for Grand and Reserve Broilers</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 broilers for the 2024 show will be purchased from one hatchery at one time. Exhibitors wishing to show broilers in the 2024 Fair must purchase broilers from this shipment which will arrive on **Friday, March 1, 2024**. Birds will be sold in like numbered lots of 25 birds. Exhibitors or families must buy their birds in increments of 25 birds per exhibitor or family. In the case of family orders, all Exhibitors names must be listed on order forms. All birds will be wing banded. All wing bands **must be** checked at pick-up time. Broiler committee and Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. will not re-band birds. **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 broilers must be turned in to the Fair Office by January 11, 2024, NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. **(No refunds for any reason) Loss of wing band for any reason constitutes disqualification of bird.**
3. Broiler entries are limited to one (1) pen of three (3) birds per exhibitor. Roosters are permitted.
4. The judge will sift for show-quality birds at check-in on Saturday, April 13, 2024. Each exhibitor will present three (3) birds to judge at time of sift. If a bird is sifted one (1) alternate bird must be presented at this time.
5. No cleaning after birds pass the sift.
6. Birds are not allowed out of cage after sifting.
7. **All Exhibitors must furnish two (2) feeding containers for dry feed and water. Containers should be equivalent to a plastic or metal coffee can, 11.5oz. to 16oz. No Bowl Containers, No Styrofoam, No trays, No Solo Cups or oversized drinking glasses will be accepted. You must present your feeding containers at check-in time. All containers must be secured to the cage. No wet feed allowed in cage. Exhibitors are responsible for watering and feeding birds. Commercial electrolytes are permitted in water. Failure to comply, as determined by the Broiler 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.**
8. The Fair will furnish litter and cages for entries.
9. **Absolutely no boxes, feed, or equipment may be stored in or around cages. Items found will be removed by Fair Officials.**

10. Mandatory release for all broilers except Grand and Reserve, will be April 13, 2024 following the conclusion of the broiler show with a completed animal release form. Check-out for Grand and Reserve broilers will be on Sunday, April 21, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. with a completed animal release form.
11. 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.

Fair officials reserve the right to change the rules, dates, times and places due to unforeseen circumstances.