

MARKET POULTRY DIVISION



Order/Entry Deadline ----- Friday, December 7, 2018
Order Fee + Entry Fee ----- \$85
Delivery to Show Grounds & Sifting ----- 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 13
Judging ----- 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 13
Load Out ----- Sunday, March 17

The total cost of a poultry order will now be \$85.00. The \$85.00 fee will cover the actual poultry order fee and the exhibitors RGVLS entry fee.

MARKET POULTRY DIVISION RULES

Notice to Exhibitors: All birds brought to the showgrounds must be consigned by the exhibitor to the processing plant, individual, etc. assigned by the Show Management. Violation of this rule will result in exhibitor being barred from future shows.

1. Each exhibitor must be a member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary or home school in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr or Willacy County and in their respective FFA Chapter or 4-H Club from November 1, 2018 thru the Show period.
2. FFA and 4-H exhibitors must be in the third grade or nine years old but under twenty as of January 1, 2019.
3. All orders for chicks must be placed no later than December 7, 2018. Birds must be ordered through the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Office. Each exhibitor must order a box of 50 birds. Ordering birds **does** constitute a show entry
4. No requests for refund of money received for payment of chicks or cancellations of orders will be considered. Checks will be deposited upon receipt.
5. Chicks may be either straight run or sexed (if sexed birds become available). All exhibitors will be provided the same number of birds from the same hatchery order and will be distributed to exhibitors randomly. Birds of either sex may be shown.
6. All birds will be wing banded. Wing band numbers will be assigned when exhibitors pick up newly hatched birds. All birds brought to the Show must bear the wing band numbers assigned to that exhibitor.

7. Each Exhibitor will be allowed one entry in each of two classes: Pen of Broilers Class and Best Bird Class. The pen of broilers entry will consist of three birds. The Best Bird Class entry will consist of a single bird and may not come from the pen of broilers class.
8. The winner of the Best Single Bird class will be awarded a belt buckle and will **not** be eligible for premiums or the sale.
9. Each exhibitor may bring no more than 5 birds to sift: Pen of 3, Best Bird and one alternate or pen of three and two alternates. All birds brought to the showground become the property of the Show and will not be allowed to leave the grounds.
10. Birds will be inspected by the judge at sifting to eliminate entries not in proper show condition. Birds found to have a bruise, broken wing, etc. during sift may be replaced by an alternate bird or best bird brought by the exhibitor. Sick and /or diseased birds will be sifted and if discovered at any time during the course of the Show, will be subject to being removed by Show Officials as directed by the judge and/or Show veterinarian. Birds with reduced comb growth or other secondary sex characteristics which indicate the presence of a hormone will be sifted.
11. Birds losing their wing band for whatever reason are ineligible to show. Birds with wing bands showing sign of being tampered with are subject to being sifted. Birds bearing a wing band other than one assigned to the exhibitor will be sifted.
12. There is no maximum or minimum weight per bird. Birds will not be weighed at the Show. Very light weight birds will be subject to being sifted at the discretion of the judge.
13. During sifting and check-in, each exhibitor will be required to sign-up for housekeeping duty as organized by the Poultry Committee. Housekeeping duty will be assigned to individual exhibitors so that all exhibitors will take turns providing feed, clean water and fresh shavings to all birds for the duration of the Livestock Show. All birds must have clean feed and water at all times. It will be the responsibility of all exhibitors to perform their housekeeping duties as assigned. Failure to fulfill these responsibilities may result in disqualification of the exhibitor from future Shows. The Show will furnish feed and shavings. Exhibitors may also bring their own feed.
14. Birds must not be removed from the assigned cage after they are cooped, except by permission from the poultry committee chairman. On the day of the show, birds may be managed inside the cage only by the owner of the birds.
15. Exhibitors must be present at the time of sifting and judging to show their birds to the judge. Each exhibitor should arrange for two 4-H or FFA members to help them exhibit their birds during judging. Absolutely no adults will be allowed in the show ring during judging.
16. The Official Broiler Order Form will serve to meet the requirements of the Texas Pullorum Disease-Fowl Typhoid Act of 1977 and no other broiler health papers need be submitted to the Show.
17. All exhibitors are required to display an exhibitor card on their pens at all times.
18. If a bird expires between the time of sift and the time prior to the exhibitor entering the show arena, their alternate bird or best bird will be allowed to replace the expired bird (but only if an alternate bird and/or best bird was taken through the sift by that exhibitor). If a bird expires after entering the show arena, no substitution will be allowed and the final placing will be left to the discretion of the judge. All substitutions must be approved by the chairman of the poultry committee.

Grand Champion----- Scholarship, Belt Buckle, Trophy & Banner
 Reserve Grand Champion ----- Scholarship, Belt Buckle, Trophy & Banner
 3rd, 4th, & 5th place ----- Banner
 6th thru 15th place -----Ribbon
 Best Single Bird-----Belt Buckle

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 40 also apply.

SCHEDULE OF PREMIUM AWARDS

Premiums will be based on the number of entries in the

Show: 1 - 10 Entries -----To 5th Place

11 - 20 Entries----- To 10th Place

21 - 30 Entries----- To 15th Place

Over 30 Entries ----- To 20th Place

<u>PLACING</u>	<u>PREMIUM</u>
1 -----	\$35
2 -----	\$34
3 -----	\$33
4 -----	\$32
5 -----	\$31
6 -----	\$30
7 -----	\$29
8 -----	\$28
9 -----	\$27
10-----	\$26
11-----	\$25
12-----	\$24
13-----	\$23
14-----	\$22
15-----	\$21
16-----	\$20
17-----	\$19
18-----	\$18
19-----	\$17

The top 20% of the entries will be in the Sale of Champions with no less than the top four entries going through the Sale.