

2013 STATE FAIR OF TEXAS YOUTH MARKET BROILER SHOW

RULES AND ORDERING PROCEDURES

Please read carefully before ordering. **Only broilers purchased through this form are eligible to compete in the show.** Order forms must be **mailed** to the Poultry Science Department, Texas AgriLife Extensions Service.

ORDER DEADLINE: Orders must be postmarked by June 30, 2013.

The deadline to submit show entries to the State Fair Livestock Office is August 25, 2013. Ordering broilers from the Poultry Science Department does not constitute entry into the show. Please contact the State Fair of Texas Livestock Office for information regarding show entry fees or specific questions about the show itself. The rules herein apply only to the ordering of broilers, pick-up and validation for the show.

I. Broiler chicks

- a. Chicks delivered for this show will be straight-run commercial type broiler chickens. These are U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid (PT) clean birds. They should be raised away from other farm fowl, especially older birds.
- b. The order from will serve as your official Pullorum-Typhoid-03 papers; you will not be required to submit any other health papers on these birds at the show.
- c. If you are showing the birds at any other local show, you need to submit a PT-03 paper to J.C. Essler at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, Drawer 3040, College Station, TX 77841.

II. Chick identification

- a. Each exhibitor's order will be identified by a series of numbered wing bands. Chicks are assigned to exhibitors by these numbers.
- b. Broilers losing their wing bands, for whatever reason, will not be allowed to enter the show. Birds with wing bands that show evidence of tampering will be sifted, and the decision of the show official is final.**
- c. The superintendent of the Youth Market Broiler Show will instruct broiler sifters and judges to disregard wing bruising and damage caused by a wing band.

- d. Show officials reserve the right to collect tissue and/or blood samples at the show to verify entries.
- e. **The State Fair of Texas Broiler Show is a terminal show.** All broilers entering the State Fair property will belong to the State Fair of Texas.

III. Ordering

- a. Only practicing Texas Agricultural Science Teachers and Texas AgriLife County Extension Agents may place an order. Only **one order form per 4-H or FFA chapter** should be submitted with **all exhibitors** for that chapter listed.
- b. Orders will be assigned a reference number upon receipt. This number will determine the order of hand-out on the pick-up day. Only minor changes will be allowed once an order is received, otherwise the earlier reference number will be forfeited and a later reference number will be assigned.
- c. Once an order is received and processed, it cannot be cancelled for a refund.
- d. List each exhibitor according to 4-H or FFA chapter name. Please provide a current phone number for each exhibitor.
- e. Agricultural Science Teachers and AgriLife Extension Agents may combine their orders.
- f. **Each exhibitor must order in increments of 25 birds.** Each exhibitor must have an individual order of at least 25 birds. However, children within families are allowed to share birds from their orders when selecting birds to bring to the show.

IV. Cost and payment information

- a. The price of chicks is \$1.30 each (\$32.50 per 25 chicks).
- b. Payment in full for all chicks ordered must accompany the order form.
- c. The payment **MUST** be in the form of a **SINGLE** county, chapter or school check or in the form of a money order. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- d. Please make checks or money orders payable to: **Broiler Show Fund**

- e. All orders must be mailed to:

Dr. Craig Coufal
Att: Livestock Show Interns
Poultry Science Department
Texas A&M University
107 Kleberg Center; 2472 TAMU
College Station, TX 77843-2472

V. Chick pick-up information

- a. Chicks will be hatched on August 20, 2012. **The pick-up date will be August 20, 2013, starting at 1:00 pm.** All chicks must be picked up at the Poultry Science Research Center on FM 2818 in College Station by 5:00 pm on the pick-up day. All birds not picked up by 5:00 pm will become the property of the Texas A&M University Poultry Science Department.
- b. Chicks will be distributed according to the reference number assigned to an order upon receipt.
- c. Chicks can only be picked up by the County Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher who placed the order and must present a photo I.D. on the day of pick-up.
- d. If a person other than the agent or teacher who placed the order is to pick-up the birds, that person must present a letter of authorization on official school or county letterhead at the time of pick-up. Do NOT send letters of authorization to the Poultry Science Department.
- e. The person picking up the birds is responsible for checking the birds for wing bands and/or condition at the time of pick-up. Replacement birds will be provided if birds are found to be injured, deformed, dead or improperly wing banded. Birds will **NOT** be replaced for any other reason.
- f. Teachers or agents will receive a print out of the assigned wing band numbers for each exhibitor at pick-up. The proper distribution of the birds among exhibitors is the responsibility of these persons. Please confirm wing band numbers upon arrival at the county level.

VI. Eligibility

- a. Only actual Texas 4-H and FFA member are eligible to compete in the Youth Market Broiler Division of the State Fair of Texas.
- b. Exhibitors must **pay entry fees directly to the State Fair of Texas** (fees other than the cost of chicks). DO NOT send entry fees to the Poultry Science Department.

- c. Any eligibility questions for the Youth Market Broiler Division will be handled by the State Fair of Texas Livestock Office.

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VII. Miscellaneous

- a. If an exhibitor changes schools or moves to a different 4-H or FFA chapter after ordering broilers, they may show their broilers under the new chapter provided we receive a letter advising us of the change.
- b. The threat of avian influenza and other reportable diseases continues to be of serious concern to poultry in Texas. Monitoring programs are in place 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.
- c. For clarification of any part of these Rules and Procedures, please call Dr. Craig Coufal or Tiffany Mikolas in the Poultry Science Department's AgriLife Extension office at 979-845-4319, or send an email to poultryshows@poultry.tamu.edu