



2023 WALLER COUNTY FAIR & RODEO

POULTRY COMMITTEE RULES

September 29th – October 8th

Turkey	Order Night*	Wednesday	March 29 th	7pm
Turkey	Delivery**	Week of	June 14 th -TBD	TBD
Broiler	Order Night*	Wednesday	May 24 th	7pm
Broiler	Delivery**	Friday	August 25 th	TBD
	Pen Decorating	Sunday	October 1 st	2pm-6pm
	Check-in	Wednesday	October 4 th	8am-9am
	Show	Wednesday	October 4 th	10am
	Auction	Saturday	October 7 th	12 noon
	Cleanup	Sunday	October 8 th	8am
	Thank You Letters	Sunday	October 8 th	8am

***Money for your order is due at this time.**

****Delivery Date - The hatchery sometimes changes dates. If any changes, you will be notified immediately. Please make sure to check your email.**

General Poultry:

- All rules in this committee will be subject to the General Rules & Regulations of the Waller County Fair & Rodeo. If you need a copy of the General Rules, they can be found at www.wallercountfair.org
- PARENT WORK RULE:** Please see #4 in the General Rules for more information.
- USE OF DRUGS RULE:** Please see #23 in the General Rules for more information.
- UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:** Please see #30 and #34 in the General Rules for more information.
- An exhibitor showing in the Poultry Division may show up to two pens in each of the Market Poultry Divisions (Turkey and Broilers).
- Wingbanding:** Each exhibitor's order will be identified by a series of numbered wing bands. Birds are assigned to exhibitors by these numbers. Be sure that the numbers correspond to the exhibitor's name on records provided at the time that the birds are picked up. The assigned wing band numbers for each exhibitor must correspond from distribution to show. Birds losing their wing band, for whatever reason, will not be allowed to enter the show. There will be **no rewingbanding** of birds after they leave from delivery. Birds with wing bands that show evidence of tampering will be sifted, and the decision of the show official is final. The committee reserves the right to verify wing bands at any time before, during or after placing has been announced.

Turkey Division:

7. All Turkey orders for the 2023 show will be ordered at the same time from the same hatch. We request all hens from the hatchery, but occasionally a tom will be in your order. Toms are not eligible to be shown.

Turkeys will be purchased in increments of 5. A minimum of 5 up to a maximum of 75 birds may be ordered per exhibitor or family unit.

Each exhibitor **MAY** order an individual set of birds (up to 75) **OR** exhibitors within the same household may order and share a set of birds (up to 75). In other words, a family with multiple exhibitors can order an individual set of birds for each exhibitor in the family, **OR** if they wish, they can order one set of birds for the entire family. In either case, the maximum number of birds in a set that an exhibitor can select from for the show is 75 birds. Please note: Families with multiple exhibitors are **NOT** required to place a single order for the entire family. Family orders are an option.

Example: A family of three exhibitors want to show turkeys. Exhibitor A, B and C.

Option #1: Exhibitor A orders a individual set of birds up to 75.

Exhibitor B orders a different individual set of birds up to 75.

Exhibitor C orders a different individual set of birds up to 75.

(No sharing birds between family members. Birds will be wing banded and logged for each individual.)

Option #2: Exhibitors A, B and C order one set of birds up to 75.

(Family members share birds. Birds will be wing banded and logged for each family.)

8. The person picking up the order is responsible for checking the bird's wing bands/numbers. The Poultry Committee is **NOT** responsible for the condition of the birds once they leave from delivery.

Turkey exhibitors will be given 1 extra bird.

There will be no exchanging of chicks.

9. Turkey chicks **MUST** be vaccinated for Fowl Pox. This is a mandatory vaccination. Turkeys found to be infected with the virus will not be permitted to show or sell. All exhibitors must purchase the vaccine with their turkey order.
10. A turkey entry shall consist of one (1) turkey hen. Only one (1) extra turkey may be used as a reserve in case of injury to the one (1) turkey entered prior to sift. **DO NOT BRING RESERVE BIRDS TO THE SIFTING RING. NO TURKEY TOMS MAY BE SHOWN.**

Broilers Division:

11. All broiler orders for the 2023 show will be ordered at the same time from the same hatch and be a straight run (meaning that the chicks will consist of both cockerels and pullets).

Broilers will be purchased in increments of 25. A minimum of 25 up to a maximum of 75 birds may be ordered per exhibitor or family unit.

Each exhibitor **MAY** order an individual set of birds (up to 75) **OR** exhibitors within the same household may order and share a set of birds (up to 75). In other words, a family with multiple exhibitors can order an individual set of birds for each exhibitor in the family, **OR** if they wish, they can order one set of birds for the entire family. In either case, the maximum number of birds in a set that an exhibitor can select from for the show is 75 birds. Please note: Families with multiple exhibitors are **NOT** required to place a single order for the entire family. Family orders are an option.

Example: A family of three exhibitors want to show broilers. Exhibitor A, B and C.

Option #1: Exhibitor A orders a individual set of birds up to 75.

Exhibitor B orders a different individual set of birds up to 75.

Exhibitor C orders a different individual set of birds up to 75.

(No sharing birds between family members. Birds will be wing banded and logged for each individual.)

Option #2: Exhibitors A, B and C order one set of birds up to 75.

(Family members share birds. Birds will be wing banded and logged for each family.)

12. The person picking up the order is responsible for checking the bird's wing bands/numbers. The Poultry Committee is **NOT** responsible for the condition of the birds once they leave from delivery.

Broiler exhibitors will be given 2 extra birds.

There will be no exchanging of chicks.

13. A pen of broilers shall consist of three (3) birds. The pen may consist of hens and/or roosters. Exhibitors must select his/her best three (3) birds to show **PRIOR TO CHECK IN AND SIFT**. No more than two extra birds may be used as reserve in case of injury to any of the THREE (3) EXHIBITING prior to sift. **DO NOT BRING RESERVE BIRDS TO THE SIFTING RING.**

At the Show:

14. There will be no showboxes, waters, feeders or feed/additives allowed during the fair in the poultry barn. Fans, shavings and hay are allowed.
15. Only good quality broilers and turkeys will be eligible for show at the Waller County Fair & Rodeo. Any entry showing symptoms of disease or lacking show quality (for example, but not limited to, broken wings, bruising, blisters, ant bites, etc.) will be sifted at the discretion of the poultry judge. If a bird dies or is injured **AFTER** it makes it through the sift, the bird(s) IS eligible to show.

16. During the check in process all vehicles **MUST** be removed from the poultry drive as soon as the birds are removed from the vehicles. You will not be permitted to check in your paperwork or your birds until your vehicle is moved. **Any exhibitor not checked in by the time allowed under their division WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
17. Only the exhibitor and the exhibitor's helper/assistants will be allowed in the poultry barn to pen broilers/turkeys or to take broilers/turkeys to the show. All exhibitors will enter the poultry barn from the west and exit through the east. **NO EXHIBITORS WILL BE ALLOWED TO REENTER THE POULTRY BARN AFTER PENNING BIRDS UNTIL SHOW TIME. THERE WILL BE NO DECORATING OR SETTING UP OF FANS THURSDAY BEFORE/DURING CHECK-IN, TURKEY SHOW AND BROILER SHOW.**
18. Immediately after the last bird(s) have checked in, the committee will provide one sealed bottled water per pen to all birds.
19. All alternate birds **MUST** be removed from the Fairgrounds after check-in and taken home prior to the show. There will be a sift trailer if you do not wish to take your reserve birds home. Birds left in the sift trailer will be processed and the committee will use discretion regarding distribution.
20. **Helpers:** Turkey and Broiler Exhibitors may have an eligible helper assisting if the assistant is a 4-H or FFA member meeting the Waller County Fair & Rodeo requirements. This means that they must have an eligibility form to present to the committee at check-in. Parents/Guardians can assist with holding projects with the exhibitor/helper in the ring. A 4-H or FFA member must accompany the adult into the ring. Helpers must also abide by the Waller County Fair & Rodeo Rules. Helpers are not eligible for Poultry Show Awards. The exhibitor number must be worn by an eligible 4-H or FFA member; adults are not permitted to wear the exhibitor's number.
21. **Dress Code:** Jeans or slacks with a button down shirt tucked in. No shorts, no caps, no hats, no t-shirts, and no sleeveless shirts or blouses will be permitted. You must be in dress code to be eligible for the Showmanship Award.
22. **Show Awards:**
Awards will be given for-
 - Winners of Turkey Division
 - Turkey Senior Showmanship and Turkey Junior Showmanship
 - Winners of Broiler Division
 - Broiler Senior Showmanship and Broiler Junior Showmanship

The Poultry Committee will present awards after placing is announced. If for some reason an exhibitor is disqualified after receiving an award, that exhibitor may be asked to return it to the committee. Substitute exhibitors are ineligible for showmanship awards.

23. **Additional Award Opportunities:**

Best Dressed Pen

Awards will be given to the two individuals with the best decorated pens! The theme for this year is It's Showtime. Pen assignments will be posted in the poultry barn.

To qualify for consideration of this award

1) Decorate your pen Sunday, Oct 1st 2pm-6pm

2) Exhibitors (not parents) must decorate their own pens.

The pens will be judged/evaluated on theme and originality the following Tuesday

Results will be posted in the poultry barn.

Stewardship

Awards will be given to the two individuals that go above and beyond. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to feed and water their project and exhibitors are expected to help keep the barn clean for visitors, brooms will be available for use. The individuals that go above and beyond might have.... made sure that all poultry had food and/or water, helped with the disposal of poultry, promoted poultry to fair attendees, etc. Stewardship is from Sunday October 1, 2023 – Saturday October 7, 2023. Results will be posted in the poultry barn.

After the Show:

- 23. **Cleanup:** The exhibitors must be present on Sunday, October 7, 2023 to clean up their project area at 8:00a.m. The exhibitors will be responsible for clean up of the Poultry Barn. The exhibitor will remove their project from the pen and take it to the processor of their choice. Any exhibitor that fails to show up to clean their project area will incur a fine of \$50.00 that will be deducted from their fair check. If the exhibitor does not sell their project and he/she fails to clean up their project area they will not be allowed to show the following year.
- 24. Poultry Exhibitors will not be permitted to drive onto the grounds for cleanup. Please park outside the gate closest to the Poultry Barn and walk in/out through that gate.
- 25. **Thank You Letters:** Thank you letters are required from all exhibitors that sell in the live auction and that have award sponsors. All thank you letters must be handwritten. **NO COMPUTER PRINTED LETTERS.** Letters MUST be in an addressed and unsealed envelope, with postage affixed. The chairperson will approve and mail thank you letters.

Letters are due to the Poultry Chairperson on or before **Sunday Morning Checkout**, October 7, 2023. Failure to write your Thank You Letters in a timely manner will result in the Waller County Fair & Rodeo fining the exhibitor 20% or \$200.00, whichever is higher.

Exhibitors need to send Thank You Letters to your add-on donors. You will be given the list of your donors with your fair picture.

PLEASE SEND OUT INVITATIONS TO POTENTIAL BUYERS

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You may view the rules, calendar of activities and sign-up for your work time at your own convenience on the fair web site, www.wallercountyfair.org. If you do not have access to the internet, you can still call the fair office at 979-826-2825.