2027 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.

MARKET TURKEY RULES

CHAIRPERSON: Kristin Socias (409) 539-0272

CO-CHAIRPERSON: Julia Velasquez (409) 877-3298

ORDER DEADLINE:	**Thursday, November 5, 2026, No later than 5:00 p.m. at the Fair Office (No refunds for any reason)**
PICK-UP:	**January 5, 2027 from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. in the Livestock Office (subject to change)**
RE-BANDING:	The Market Turkey Committee will be available on **January 14th, 2027 from 5 pm until 6 pm at the Livestock Office by appointment only, contact the chairperson to schedule an appointment** to re-band any turkey chicks that have lost a wing band for any reason. If a turkey chick has a wing band that is questionable, it may also be re-banded at this time with the approval of the Chairperson. This is the only time lost wing bands will be replaced.
ENTRIES DUE:	**All entries, fees and required paperwork will be due to the fair office no later than 6:00 p.m. January 28, 2027, and must be submitted by 4-H Leader or Ag Teacher, ONLY. NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON**
ENTRY FEE:	**$20.00 per pen**
CHECK-IN:	**Saturday, April 10, 2027, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
JUDGING:	**Saturday, April 10, 2027, Immediately Following the Broiler Show**
MANDATORY RELEASE:	**Saturday, April 10, 2027, Following the conclusion of the show**
CHECK-OUT:	***Sunday, April 18, 2027, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for Grand and Reserve Turkeys***

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 2027 show will be purchased from one hatchery at one time. **A minimum order of 15 birds for one exhibitor plus a minimum of an additional 5 birds for each additional sibling listed on a family order is REQUIRED.** Additional birds sold in increments of 5. Exhibitors wishing to show turkeys in the 2027 Fair must purchase turkeys from this shipment. All birds will be wing banded. All wing bands must be checked at pick-up time. Orders for birds are due at the Fair Office by November 5, 2026, NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. **(No refunds for any reason)** *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.* **After the re-banding date, the loss of a wing band for any reason constitutes disqualification of bird.** Damaged wing bands will be replaced ONLY if the original band is still intact and the exhibitor must contact the Chairperson to have the bird re-banded.
3. **Extra birds may be available for purchase on a first-come/first-serve basis at pick-up. 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 Saturday, April 10, 2027. Each exhibitor will present the bird(s) to judge at time of sift. *A sifted turkey will disqualify that entry. No substitutes/alternate birds will be allowed.* 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/immediate family's poults listed on their wing band form.
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 after check in closes.
8. Birds are not allowed out of cage after sifting. Cages must be secured to the railing at all times before and after show.
9. All Exhibitors must furnish **two (2) rigid cans** (preferred a 3lb coffee can) for dry feed and water **ONLY.** Wet feed is not allowed in cage. NO trays, NO Bowl Containers, NO Styrofoam, NO Solo Cups or over sized drinking glasses will be accepted. You must present your feed/water containers at check-in time.

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. Mandatory release for all turkeys except Grand and Reserve, will be April 10, 2027 following the conclusion of the turkey show with a completed animal release form. Check-out for Grand and Reserve turkeys will be on Sunday, April 18, 2027, from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. with a completed animal release form.
13. A Proof of Delivery Form (when applicable) and thank you card (see General Rule #43) 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.