

ROASTERS

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ORDER DEADLINE:	Thursday, November 30, 2023	
BIRD COST & ENTRY FEE:	\$2.40 per bird + \$30.00	<i>(if showing Houston bird, only entry fee is required)</i>
PICK UP DATE:	Friday, January 26, 2024	TBA
FAIR CHECK-IN:	Sunday, March 17, 2024	2:45 p.m.
SHOW DATE:	Sunday, March 17, 2024	3:00 p.m.
CHECK-OUT:	Sunday, March 17, 2024	Following showmanship
CHECK-OUT FOR CHAMPIONS:	Sunday, March 24, 2024	8 - 9 a.m.

1. Exhibitors must read and be familiar with the "General Livestock and Poultry Rules and Regulations", including Drug Policy, Parent Work Rule, Sale and Livestock schedule.

2. All Roasters must be ordered through the WCYF Office.

3. Exhibitors who show broilers at the Houston or Austin livestock shows, may designate birds for the Roaster Show at the WCYF. When the order is placed for the major show, the Roaster committee chair needs to be notified and the \$30 entry fee paid to the WCYF (by the Nov. 30 deadline).

When exhibitors' pick up their birds for either of the major shows, they must submit a copy of their validation record to the Wharton County youth fair office. This form may be submitted electronically or dropped off at the office.

4. A minimum of 25 roasters must be ordered. Additional roasters may be ordered in increments of 25 not to exceed 50. Roasters must be ordered in the individual exhibitor's name not one order per family.

5. All birds of the same division will be of the same hatch and of the same breed.

6. An exhibitor may show only a Rooster or a Pullet.

7. Family Exhibitors will be allowed to show any Roaster that was ordered by that exhibitor living under the same household. Once a bird plus alternate is selected for show, the wing band numbers of that bird must correspond from within the range of wing band numbers assigned to an individual family exhibitor at the time of distribution. Wing band numbers between family exhibitors cannot be combined.

8. All roaster exhibitors will have a card in their exhibitor packet that must be filled out and brought to check in.

9. Birds with missing wing bands will not be allowed to show. Bands that are not legible will not be allowed to show.

10. Evidence of tampering with wing bands will not be tolerated. The decision of the judge is final.

11. No person may take possession of a pen without being officially assigned by a chairman.

12. An exhibitor will be allowed one alternate bird per category. That alternate must be with the exhibitor when he/she checks in with the birds. Should a bird die or become injured before sifting starts, it can be replaced by the alternate. If a Roaster dies after sift and before the final judging, the exhibitor must report it to the chairman and request permission from the chairman to substitute an alternate.

13. To eliminate confusion during the scoring of birds, observers will not be allowed in the Poultry judging area. Due to the congestion, and out of consideration for the next exhibitor, each exhibitor is asked to move on after his/her birds are judged, and to move boxes or cages out of the area. ONLY a Parent and the exhibitor are allowed to assist the exhibitor in holding the birds. However, if the exhibitor or assistant fails to move as directed after scoring, they may be disqualified. Everyone will be allowed back in the judging area as soon as the scoring and recording is completed.

14. Grand and Reserve Champion Exhibitors will provide their own feed and be responsible for feeding and watering their roasters during fair week. THE WCYF WILL EXERCISE EVERY PRECAUTION IN CARING FOR THE BIRDS, BUT WILL ASSUME NO LIABILITY OR LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY IN CASE OF LOSS OR DEATH OF BIRDS WHILE THEY ARE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.

15. If a bird dies any time after judging, scoring, and placing, it may be replaced by a bird of similar quality for sale.

16. If there is any question about the breeding of a bird, the judge's opinion will serve as the final answer.

17. Only "Grade A quality" birds will be considered for the Sale of Excellence or the Freezer Sale. Sifted birds will not be sold in the freezer sale or sale of excellence and these birds must be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately after the judging is completed. Roaster exhibitors will take their Roasters home after judging. Grand and Reserve Champions MUST STAY.

18. All birds are subject to drug testing.

19. Roasters will sell as individual lots in the Sale of Excellence.

20. Roasters will be released by the check-out schedule only. ALL POULTRY EXHIBITORS will be required to come to the Fairgrounds on Sunday, March 24, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., to receive final buyer information and disposition instructions. A penalty of \$25 per entry will be assessed if participants fail to comply with this rule.

SHOWMANSHIP (Current school year)

Junior - Grades 3, 4 & 5

Intermediate - Grades 6, 7 & 8

Senior - Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

Showmanship refers to the presentation of a poultry project by the exhibitor. It refers to the grooming and handling of the animal in the arena, as well as dress and conduct of the handler. Showmanship will be optional but encouraged. All showmanship will be divided into three age groups, unless stated otherwise.

- Showmanship will take place after the judging of the birds.
- Only exhibitors may participate in showmanship.