

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS®  
**2025**  
YOUTH MARKET BROILER SHOW

**RULES AND ORDERING PROCEDURES**

**Please read this document carefully before ordering**

**Only broilers purchased through this form are eligible to compete in the show.** Order forms must be **mailed** to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Poultry Science office.

**ORDER DEADLINE: Orders must be postmarked by May 30, 2025.**

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

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Dallas, TX 75315

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Web: [www.bigtex.com](http://www.bigtex.com)

**THE ORDER FORM CAN BE FOUND AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT**

## I. Broiler chicks

- a. Chicks delivered for this show will be straight-run commercial type broiler chickens (pullets and cockerels randomly mixed). These are U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid (PT) clean birds. They should be raised away from other farm fowl, especially older birds.
- b. The order form 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 exhibiting the birds at any show other than the State Fair of Texas, you need to submit a PT-03 paper to the Pullorum-Typhoid Program at Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory by emailing the form to [pt-program@tvmidl.tamu.edu](mailto:pt-program@tvmidl.tamu.edu) or mailing it to P.O. 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. Broilers 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. Contact the State Fair of Texas Livestock Office for specific rules about the show itself.

## III. Ordering

- a. Only practicing Texas Agricultural Science Teachers and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service County 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. Please list 4-H exhibitors under county names and not under individual 4-H club names.
- 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. The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Poultry Science office will send an order confirmation to the teacher or county agent as soon as the order is processed.

- c. Once an order is received and processed, it **cannot be cancelled for a refund**.  
Exception: If the show is cancelled BEFORE the chicks are distributed, refunds will be processed. Refunds will not be processed for any other reason or after the birds are distributed.
  
- d. Orders are placed in increments of 25. A minimum order per exhibitor or family unit is 25 chicks, and up to a maximum of 75 chicks. **Therefore, each exhibitor/family may order 25, 50 or 75 birds**. Each exhibitor **MAY** order an individual set of birds (up to 75) **OR** siblings 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.
  
- e. **A family unit order MUST be placed on ONE order form only**, either 4-H or FFA. Do not split family orders across order forms from different organizations. On the order form you must designate which organization each exhibitor will be exhibiting under. Place all members of the same family on one order form. Please provide a current phone number for each exhibitor or family.
  
- f. Each exhibitor's name listed on the order form must be their full legal name as it will be supplied to the livestock show office for show entry. If submitting a family order, you must list the complete name of each exhibitor for that family's order.
  
- g. **The total number of birds for each order form submitted must be in increments of 25 birds**. The minimum order per form is 25 birds. Agricultural Science Teachers and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agents may combine their orders **within counties**. Please indicate clearly which organization each exhibitor is associated with.
  
- h. **Birds for county shows** may be ordered at the same time on these forms. Birds purchased for county shows should be listed last on the order form and indicated by "County Show Only" in the exhibitor name column. **\*\*\* IMPORTANT\*\*\*** These birds are **NOT eligible to show in the State Fair of Texas**. Substitution of "County Show Only" birds for the State Fair of Texas show will not be allowed.

#### IV. Cost and payment information

- a. The price of chicks is **\$1.50** each (\$37.50 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. **PERSONAL CHECKS OR CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Orders will NOT be processed and assigned a reference number until the correct form and amount of payment is received.
- d. Make checks or money orders payable to: **Texas A&M University Poultry Science Club**
- e. All orders must be mailed to:

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service  
Poultry Science Department  
Attn: Livestock Show Interns  
107 Kleberg Center; 2472 TAMU  
College Station, TX 77843-2472

#### V. Chick pick-up information

- a. The pick-up date will be **posted on the Texas A&M University Poultry Science Department website (same page where this order form is posted) when determined. The estimated pick-up day will be the week of August 21-25.** All chicks must be picked up at the Poultry Science Research Center, 1202 Harvey Mitchell Parkway South, College Station, TX 77840, by 11:00 am on the pick-up day. All birds not picked up by 11:00 am will become the property of the Texas A&M University Poultry Science Department.
- b. Chicks are distributed according to the reference number assigned to an order upon receipt.
- c. All individuals picking up birds for a reference number must be present before that reference number is called. And all individuals for a reference number must leave as a group when they have completed checking birds.
- d. Chicks can only be picked up by the County Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher who placed the order and they must present a photo I.D. on the day of pick-up.
- e. 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 and they must present a photo I.D. at the time of pick-up. Do NOT send letters of authorization to the Poultry Science Department.

- f. 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. The Poultry Science Department is **NOT responsible for the condition of the birds once they leave the pick-up location.**
- g. Teachers, county agents, or other designated individuals will receive a print out of the assigned wing band numbers for each exhibitor or family unit 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 birds). 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 our stock show interns or Shelby Espinosa in the Poultry Science Department's AgriLife Extension office at 979-845-4318 or 979-845-4319; or send an email to [stockshow@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:stockshow@ag.tamu.edu).

## Poultry Order Checklist

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The order form is typed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. All family orders are identified by "F" and individual orders identified by "I" in the second column on the order form.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. If placing a family order, all exhibitors in the family are listed on the same line on the form.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. If placing a family order, the total number of birds ordered for the family is not more than 75. If placing an individual exhibitor order, then total number of birds ordered is not more than 75.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. All family and individual orders are in increments of 25.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The total number of birds for the entire order form is a multiple of 25.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. I have enclosed ONE check or money order (not a personal check)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Check or money orders made payable to Texas A&M University Poultry Science Club
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. I have signed the order form.

Make sure all these items are complete or your order may be sent back to you for correction.

Official Use Only  
Reference # \_\_\_\_\_

**2025 STATE FAIR OF TEXAS®  
JUNIOR MARKET BROILERS  
OFFICIAL ORDER FORM**

**Please Type All Information**  
All blanks must be completed.  
Forms not completed or typed will be returned.

County 4-H or FFA Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of CEA or Ag. Science Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER SUMMATION**  
(Transferred from page 2)

Total # of chicks ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ (in increments of 25 chicks)

X \$1.50 (per chick)

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the rules for ordering, I have reviewed the order checklist, and I have enclosed **ONE** check or money order made payable to **TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY POULTRY SCIENCE CLUB.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(CEA or Ag Science Teacher)

