



Needville Youth Fair 2026 Roaster Rules

Chairman: Mark Weber – (281) 960-9317

Vice Chairman:

Judge: Micah Osburn

Key Dates

Event	Date	Time
Online Entry Deadline	Saturday, January 10, 2026	
Chick Pick-Up	Friday, March 6, 2026	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Check-In	Friday, May 1, 2026	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Show Begins	Friday, May 1, 2026	8:00 a.m.

Rules & Regulations

1. General Compliance

All exhibitors must comply with the **Needville Youth Fair General Rules**.

2. Eligibility & Purchasing

- Only roasters **purchased through the Youth Fair** are eligible to show and sell.
- All birds will be straight-run commercial type from a certified **Pullorum-Typhoid free flock**.
- Only **wing-banded birds** are eligible to show.

3. Ordering Guidelines

- Chicks must be ordered **online** by **Saturday, January 10, 2026**.
- Orders must be **paid at time of entry**.
- No refunds will be issued once the Chairman has received the order.
- This order date marks the **official project start**.

4. Quantities & Family Tagging

- **Minimum order:** 25 chicks per exhibitor.
- **Order in increments of 25 only.** Maximum allowed: **50 chicks**.
- Chicks may be tagged as **Family Orders**, but each exhibitor must be assigned a set of **consecutively numbered chicks**.

- Family members may **only exchange full sets**—no mixing of birds between sets is allowed.

5. **Chick Pick-Up**

- Pick-up will be at the **Creative Arts Building** on **March 6, 2026**, between **11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.**
- Updates (if needed) will be communicated via **text, email, and social media.**
- Only chicks with **damaged/missing wing bands or injuries** will be replaced **at pickup.**
- Once chicks leave the building, **NYF is not liable** for them.

6. **Wing Band Policy**

- Birds with **missing or illegible wing bands** will not be allowed to show.
- Any evidence of **tampering** with wing bands will result in disqualification.
- **Bruising due to wing bands will be disregarded.**
- Final decisions rest with the **Chairman and Co-Chairman.**

7. **Entry Details**

- Each exhibitor may **enter one (1) roaster.**
- One (1) **alternate** is permitted and must be in line with the exhibitor at check-in.
- Exhibitor must be **present during judging** to hold their bird.

8. **Auction Policy**

Buyers shall not be approached to buy back or donate animals back to the exhibitor. This is strictly prohibited.

9. **Sale Eligibility**

- The **top 18 roasters** will qualify for the sale.
- Non-placing birds may be released at the **Chairman's discretion** based on space and barn conditions.

10. **Pen Setup & Responsibilities**

- Exhibitors must provide **two (2) one-pound coffee cans** with holes drilled for wiring to pen corners.
- Wire/twist ties must be brought by the exhibitor.

- Cans must be installed **within 30 minutes of check-in closing**, or the exhibitor will be disqualified.
- Exhibitors must **provide their own feed**.
- **Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their birds for the duration of the fair.**

11. Containment Policy

Once checked in, **animals may not leave the fenced area** for any reason.

12. Cage Removal

Carrying cages/boxes must be removed immediately after check-in for the bird to be eligible to show.