

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 7, 2018

To: All County Extension Agents and Ag Science Teachers/FFA advisors

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Subject: Broiler orders for 2019 Rodeo Austin Youth Market Livestock Show

This memo is to inform all county agents, ag science teachers, FFA advisors, Rodeo Austin Junior Market Livestock Show exhibitors and parents/guardians of exhibitors that there will be a change for ordering broilers for the 2019 Rodeo Austin Youth Market Livestock Show. Changes to show dates will result in the Austin show being held 2 weeks after the Houston show in March of 2019. Therefore, it is necessary that a separate hatch of chicks be reared for the Austin show. In the past, exhibitors could enter broilers from the same hatch of chicks at both the Houston and Austin shows. In 2019, this will NOT be allowed. Exhibitors who wish to participate in the Rodeo Austin market broiler show will need to purchase a separate set of chicks through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Poultry Science office.

We are providing this information to you now so that exhibitors and their parents and advisors can begin planning their 2019 orders for the three major livestock shows in the spring of 2019. The San Antonio, Houston and Austin youth market poultry shows will each be 2 weeks apart, thus requiring a separate order of chicks for each show. San Antonio will be Form 1, Houston will be Form 2, and Austin will be Form 3. Rules for ordering and order forms will be posted on the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Poultry Science website on Friday, August 31, 2018. All orders must be postmarked by Monday, October 15, 2018.

No other changes to ordering rules or procedures are anticipated. The price of chicks for all three shows will remain \$1.50 per chick with a minimum order of 25 chicks per individual exhibitor or family. The dates for chick pick up in the spring of 2019 will be announced in November, 2018. However, exhibitors can expect to receive chicks approximately 6 weeks before each show date as this will allow the birds to be the proper age at show time.