

DEPT. 108 - JR. RABBITS
Superintendents – Jill Schmitt

JUDGING: Divisions A-F on Wednesday starting at 9am, Showmanship on Friday starting at 9:00am
Open Division to follow Junior Division judging on Wednesday
Rabbits are to be checked in on Mon. 5:00 – 8:00pm or Tues. 8:00am – Noon

- All rabbits must be permanently tattooed in the left ear prior to check in. Contact a project leader before the fair if you need assistance tattooing.
- Rabbits will be judged using the ARBA Standard of Perfection book for all classes.
- Rabbits and other fur bearing animals showing evidence of specific disease may not be exhibited at the Fair. If at any time any an animal shows signs of disease it shall be removed immediately from the exhibit and returned to the owner.
- An exhibitor may show no more than 12 animals and the same animal may not be shown in both junior and open divisions. An exhibitor may only make one entry per class number within each division.
- All rabbits must be at least 8 weeks old on check-in day, and meet their minimum junior weight to be exhibited at the Fair. Exhibitors with rabbits that can escape from cages must secure the cage(s) with smaller wire upon check-in.
- Rabbits must be owned and cared for prior to May 1st of exhibit year, or bred by the exhibitor. Superintendents may ask for documentation if there is a question of ownership.
- All rabbits at the fair must be weaned.
- Exhibitors are allowed to place '*for sale*' signs on cages following the conclusion of the small animal auction on Friday. No additional rabbits that are not entered in the show, are allowed in the barn during the Fair.
- The superintendent will decide what size cage each rabbit will be given. The only breeds that will get double cages are French Lops, Flemish Giants, Checkered Giants, Giant Chinchillas, Giant Angoras, Americans, Beverens, English Lops and Meat Pens. All cage sizes are based on barn capacity as well.
- Please notify the superintendent prior to set-up if you require a double cage for a breeder's class litter so they can plan accordingly. The superintendent has the right to further divide litters if they appear uncomfortable or fighting occurs.
- No exhibitor may touch/handle/ or remove a rabbit that is not theirs. The superintendent does have the right to handle an animal if they feel that it requires attention
- All junior exhibitors are required to do at least 2 shifts of barn sitting.
- Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering on a daily basis as well as cleaning under cages as needed. Feed, water and shavings may be provided. Limited food dishes are available for junior class exhibitors. Exhibitors should plan on bringing their own dishes/water bottles.
- Failure to follow the above rules may result in disqualification and/or loss of premiums.

No changes will be made to entries after July 1st! Double check your entries and bring our printed receipt with you to the Fair if there are computer errors. Any rabbits entered incorrectly must be shown in the class they are entered in and will be placed accordingly.

DIVISION A - 4 Class Breed

Purebred rabbits only in this division. Rabbits will be judged by the ARBA Standard of Perfection book only one entry per class number per exhibitor. Exhibitors may not show multiple rabbits in the same class under two different organizations. A Grad and Reserve Champion 4-Class breed will be selected.

Senior - Over 6 Months Jr. - Under 6 months

Class No. Premiums: \$2.00, \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25

	Sr. Buck	Sr. Doe	Jr. Buck	Jr. Doe
American Fuzzy Lop	1	2	3	4
American Sable	5	6	7	8
Belgian Hare	9	10	11	12
Britannia Petite	13	14	15	16
Dutch	17	18	19	20
Dwarf Hotot	21	22	23	24
English Angora	25	26	27	28
English Spot	29	30	31	32
Florida White	33	34	35	36
French Angora	37	38	39	40
Harlequin	41	42	43	44
Havana	45	46	47	48
Himalayan	49	50	51	52
Holland Lop (Solid)	53	54	55	56
Holland Lop (Broken)	57	58	59	60
Jersey Wooly	61	62	63	64
Lilac	65	66	67	68
Lionhead	69	70	71	72
Mini Lop (Solid)	73	74	75	76
Mini Lop (Broken)	77	78	79	80
Mini Rex (Solid)	81	82	83	84
Mini Rex (Broken)	85	86	87	88
Mini Satin	89	90	91	92
Netherland Dwarf	93	94	95	96
Polish (Solid)	97	98	99	100
Polish (Broken)	101	102	103	104
Rex (Solid)	105	106	107	108
Rex (Broken)	109	110	111	112
Rhineland	113	114	115	116
Satin Angora	117	118	119	120
Silver	121	122	123	124
Silver Martin	125	126	127	128
Standard Chinchilla	129	130	131	132
Tan	133	134	135	136
Thrianta	137	138	139	140
Any Unrecognized Breed or Variety (currently under ARBA development)	141	142	143	144

DIVISION B—6 Class Breed

Purebred rabbits only in this division. Rabbits will be judged by the ARBA Standard of Perfection book only one entry per class number per exhibitor. Exhibitors may not show multiple rabbits in the same class under two different organizations. A Grad and Reserve Champion 6-Class breed will be selected.

Class No. Premiums: \$2.00, \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25

	Sr. Buck	Sr. Doe	Inter. Buck	Inter. Doe	Jr. Buck	Jr. Doe
American	1	2	3	4	5	6
American Chinchilla	7	8	9	10	11	12
Argente Brun	13	14	15	16	17	18
Beveren	19	20	21	22	23	24
Blanc De Hotot	25	26	27	28	29	30
Californian	31	32	33	34	35	36
Champagne d Argent	37	38	39	40	41	42
Checkered Giant	43	44	45	46	47	48
Cinnamon	49	50	51	52	53	54
Crème d Argent	55	56	57	58	59	60
English Lop	61	62	63	64	65	66
Flemish Giant	67	68	69	70	71	72
French Lop (Solid)	73	74	75	76	77	78
French Lop (Broken)	79	80	81	82	83	84
Giant Angora	85	86	87	88	89	90
Giant Chinchilla	91	92	93	94	95	96
New Zealand	97	98	99	100	101	102
Palomino	103	104	105	106	107	108
Satin	109	110	111	112	113	114
Silver Fox	115	116	117	118	119	120
Any Unrecognized Breed or Variety (currently under ARBA Development)	121	122	123	124	125	126

DIVISION C – CROSSBRED

Crossbreds are eligible to compete in fur classes and commercial classes. Neutered and spayed rabbits must be entered under the altered male and altered female classes. Crossbreds are not eligible to compete for best in show, and no champion crossbred will be selected.

Senior - 6 months of age and over Junior - under 6 months of age

Class No. Premiums: \$2.00, \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25

1. Senior Buck
2. Senior Doe
3. Junior Buck
4. Junior Doe
5. Altered Male
6. Altered Female

DIVISION D - Fur Class

Rabbits entered in fur class must also be entered in their perspective breed classes. Only one entry per fur type by each exhibitor is allowed. Crossbreds are eligible to compete in their respective fur class. Lionheads entering the wool class must have at least 50% of their body containing wool. An overall Grand and Reserve Champion will be selected from the fur division.

Class No. Premiums: \$0.00, \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.75

1. Normal fur (Rollback)
2. Normal fur (Flyback)
3. Rex fur
4. Satin fur
5. Wool
6. Standing fur

Division E - Commercial Class

Rabbits entered in roaster and stewer classes must also be entered in their respective breed divisions. Single fryers and meat pens do not necessarily have to be exhibited in the breed class also, but may be if the exhibitor chooses. Crossbreds are eligible to compete in commercial classes. Classes are judged according to the commercial judging guidelines in the ARBA Standard of Perfection book. It is encouraged that only breeds with a commercial body type and without wool are entered in Classes 1-4. Refer to the Standard of Perfection for guidelines on which breeds are eligible to compete in the commercial fur class. Rabbits entered in commercial fur must also be entered in their respective breed class, but **MAY NOT** also be entered in a fur class in Division D. An overall Grand and Reserve Champion will be selected from Division E. **Entries in this division that receive a blue ribbon or are given discretion of the judge may be eligible for auction providing that the exhibitor has met all prior participation requirements.**

Class No. Premiums: \$2.00, \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25

1. Single Fryer (not over 10 weeks and 3-5 pounds)
2. Roaster (under 6 months and 5-8 pounds)
3. Stewer (over 6 months and over 8 pounds)
4. Meat Pen (3 rabbits of the same breed, that are under 10 weeks and 3-5 pounds)
5. Commercial Fur- Colored
6. Commercial Fur- White

DIVISION F - Breeder's Class

Exhibitor must breed and raise their own litter(s) between last year's Fair and this year's fair. Exhibitors must own the dam of the litter, but not necessarily own the sire. Entries will be brought to the judging table in carriers. At least one parent (preferably 2) and at least 1 offspring (preferably 2-3) must be present at judging. Offspring may be from multiple litters as long as they are not over 1 year old and share the same set of parents. The exhibitor will be judged on their knowledge of their breeding program as well as the quality of the offspring produced. Exhibitor should be prepared to answer questions about the litter, as well as explain their reasoning for selecting each parent to breed and if they believe their litter was a success or not and why. Classes should be entered based on how many years the exhibitor has been breeding rabbits in general, not a specific breed. Rabbits entered in breeder's class will not be counted as one of your 12 entries unless a rabbit is entered in another class as well. Partnership entry is for 2 rabbit project members who worked together to breed a single litter (one owns the doe and one owns the buck). The same offspring and pair of adults entered in partnership may not be entered in classes 1-3. An exhibitor may enter both in the individual and partnership classes, but only one of the same adult rabbits may be entered twice. An overall Grand and Reserve Champion will be selected within Division F.

Class No. Premiums: \$2.00, \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25

1. First year breeder
2. Second year breeder
3. Third or more year breeder
4. Partnership (both exhibitors must enter and are judged together)

DIVISION G – Showmanship

***Judged on Friday in the Small Animal Barn**

Beginners – Check in at 9am Intermediates – Check in at 10am Seniors- Check in at 11am

All exhibitors are encouraged to participate in showmanship. Judging will be based upon the exhibitor's handling and knowledge of rabbits. All rabbits used for showmanship must be entered in at least one other division also. Rabbits are not allowed at the Fair only to be used for showmanship! Age as of January 1st of the current year will be used.

Class No. Premiums: \$2.00, \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25

1. Beginner Showmanship (8-11 years old)
2. Intermediate Showmanship (12-14 years old)
3. Senior Showmanship (15 years and over)

DIVISION H - Non-Animal Educational Exhibits

Judged on Monday from 1:00pm-7:00pm in the Ziegler Building

Class No. Premiums: \$2.00, \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25

1. Educational poster
2. Educational display board (tri-fold, not poster)
3. Any rabbit cage or carrier made by the exhibitor
4. Any item of equipment other than a cage or carrier made by the exhibitor
5. Any forage/grain/feed for rabbits grown or processed by the exhibitor
6. Any item made by the exhibitor using rabbit products) meat, fur, etc.)
7. Any other educational exhibit not listed

DIVISION I - Herdsmanship

Division I is a CLUB or CHAPTER ENTRY ONLY! Individuals who enter will not receive ribbons or premiums. All entries must be made through an FFA advisor or 4-H club general leader. Check with your club leader before June 30th to make sure your club is entered. Premiums will be awarded for keeping the animals on exhibit in neat appearance, properly cared for, equipment in the proper place, and the walkways in the barn in good order and appearance. Any decorations displayed will be considered in the judging. All decorations must be removed before any premiums will be paid.

Class No. Premiums: \$5.00, \$4.00, \$3.00, \$2.00

1. Rabbit Herdsmanship

Division J - Rabbit Hopping

Contest will take place Sunday at 11:00am (warm-up at 10:30am) in the Small Animal Barn

Each exhibitor may only enter one rabbit per class but there is no limit on the number of rabbits that may be entered. Each rabbit can only be entered once and by one exhibitor and must be worked with prior to the Fair in order to compete. Each exhibitor is required to provide their own H-style harness and 6 foot leash to participate. All breeds are eligible to enter, but it is strongly advised to us a 4 class breed to protect the health of the rabbit. Rabbits must navigate a course of jumps in the fastest time and make the least number of mistakes. If a rabbit wins first place in one level, it should progress to the next level of difficulty the following year.

EASY= 1-3 bars MEDIUM= 2-4 bars DIFFICULT=3-5 bars

Class No. Ribbon only - No Premiums

1. Exhibitor age 9-11 Straight line course-easy
2. Exhibitor age 9-11 Straight line course-medium
3. Exhibitor age 9-11 Straight line course-difficult
4. Exhibitor age 12-19 Straight line course-easy
5. Exhibitor age 12-19 Straight line course-medium
6. Exhibitor age 12-19 Straight line course-difficult

Division K - Fairest of the Hares (Costume Contest)

Judging will take place on Friday, following Showmanship judging in the Small Animal Barn

Exhibitors are to dress their rabbits in costume. Costumes may be purchased or homemade. Judges will award points for originality and creativity. Exhibitors are not required to dress up with their rabbits but they may wear a matching costume as well. Only one entry per exhibitor is allowed

Class No. Ribbon only - No Premiums

1. Exhibitor age 9-11
2. Exhibitor age 12 & older

Division L - Rabbit Skill-A-Thon

Contest will take place on Friday from 9am – 11am in the Small Animal Building

Exhibitors will participate in a knowledge competition. The contest may include breed identification, written test, judging contest and/or equipment skills. Exhibitors can prepare by studying the ARBA Standard of Perfection book and other related resources in preparation. Age as of January 1st of current year will be used.

Class No. Ribbon only - No Premiums

1. Junior Exhibitor (age 8- 11)
2. Intermediate Exhibitor (age 12-14)
3. Senior Exhibitor (age 15 & older)