

Division H – Rabbits

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Dates

Market Pen Doe Registration	**NEW	by April 14
Market Pen Litter Registration	**NEW	by May 19
Fair Check-in & Market Pen Weigh-in		July 8, 2022 5-8 p.m.
Jr. Fair Rabbit Show		July 12, 2022 9 a.m.
Harry Campbell Trophy & Skillathon Awards		July 12, 2022 During Rabbit Show
Jr. Fair Rabbit Showmanship		July 13, 2022 9 a.m.
Youth Rabbit Judging		July 14, 2022 9 a.m.
Fun Show		July 16, 2022 3 p.m.
Check-out		July 15, 2022 9-11 p.m.

Breed Division

4 class rabbits

Junior (exhibitor age 8-11 as of Jan. 1)

801 Senior Doe
802 Junior Doe

803 Senior Buck
804 Junior Buck

Intermediate (exhibitor age 12-14 as of Jan. 1)

805 Senior Doe
805 Junior Doe

807 Senior Buck
808 Junior Buck

Senior (exhibitor age 15-18 as of Jan. 1)

809 Senior Doe
810 Junior Doe

811 Senior Buck
812 Junior Buck

6 class rabbits

Junior (exhibitor age 8-11 as of Jan. 1)

813 Senior Doe
814 Intermediate Doe
815 junior Doe

816 Senior Buck
817 Intermediate Buck
818 Junior Buck

Intermediate (exhibitor age 12-14 as of Jan. 1)

819 Senior Doe
820 Intermediate Doe
821 Junior Doe

822 Senior Buck
823 Intermediate Buck
824 Junior Buck

Senior (exhibitor age 15-18 as of Jan. 1)

825 Senior Doe
826 Intermediate Doe
827 Junior Doe

828 Senior Buck
829 Intermediate Buck
830 Junior Buck

Market Pen Division

831 Pen of Three Fryers
832 Single Fryer

833 Pen of Two Roasters
934 Single Roaster

Doe & Litter

835 Doe & Litter

Rabbit Showmanship

Classes may be split or combined if necessary. Showmanship is required of all exhibitors.

Senior Division

836 17 years & older

837 16 years

838 15 years

Intermediate Division

839 14 years

840 13 years

841 12 years

Junior Division

842 11 years

843 10 years

842 8 & 9 year olds

Rabbit Showman of Showmen

Jr. Fair Rabbit General Rules

1. Pre-Fair requirements

- 1.1. Exhibitors must be a member in good standing of a county 4H or FFA club according to club rules.
- 1.2. Exhibitors must have possession of their rabbits by May 1.
- 1.3. Meat Pen Registration: Brood doe(s) for meat pens must be in possession of exhibitor by April 14. Picture(s) of exhibitor with rabbit(s) must be submitted by April 14. Picture of exhibitor with litter(s) must be submitted by May 19. Instructions to follow after the March 15 project enrollment. ****NEW****
- 1.4. Rabbits (except kits in a doe and litter) must be tattooed and entered in the fair registration system by June 1.
Rabbit meat pens must be tattooed prior to the fair.
- 1.5. All rabbits must be weaned and at least 8 weeks old (56 days); except kits in a doe & litter pen
- 1.6. All exhibitors must complete a new project book or new sections/supplement pages each year. Project books must be brought to skill-a-thon.
- 1.7. Exhibitors **MUST** go through the rabbit skill-a-thon. Skill-a-thon awards will be presented during the Rabbit Showman of Showman.
- 1.8. All exhibitors **MUST** attend Quality Assurance

2. Project Specifications

- 2.1. First year exhibitors **MUST** show a doe or a buck, but may participate in any/all other classes except Doe & litter.
- 2.2. Second year and up exhibitors **MUST** show a doe AND buck, and may participate in any/all other classes.
- 2.3. An exhibitor may have one entry per eligible class.
- 2.4. An exhibitor may not enter only a market pen.
- 2.5. Rabbits in market meat pens **MUST** be raised from birth by the exhibitor. These rabbits may not be bought!

2.6. The Market meat pens (pen of three fryers, single fryer, single roaster, & pen of two roasters classes) must be a breed from the following list:

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| 1. American | 7. Crème D'Argent |
| 2. American Chinchilla | 8. New Zealand |
| 3. Beveren | 9. Palomino |
| 4. Californian | 10. Rex |
| 5. Champagne | 11. Satin |
| 6. Cinnamon | 12. Silver Fox |

2.6. The exhibitor **must raise animals** in the Pen of Three, Single Fryer, Single Roaster, and Pen of Two Roasters classes **from birth**. These animals **MAY NOT** be bought!

2.7. Market meat pens will be weighed on Check-in day Friday, July 8; from 5pm to 8pm. Judges will have access to this information during the show.

2.8. Market meat pens not making required weight will still go through judging, but will not be eligible to place Grand or Reserve Champion nor sell in the Livestock Premium Sale. These projects may still go on packer truck for market price.

2.9. Each rabbit in the Pen of Three and Single Fryer classes must weigh between 3½ and 5½ pounds and not be older than 70 days old. Each rabbit in a Pen of Three must be of the same breed.

2.10. Each rabbit in the Pen of Two and Single Roaster classes must be under 6 months of age and be over 5½ pounds to a maximum of 9 pounds at check-in. Exhibitors must know the date of birth at check-in. Each rabbit in the Pen of Two Roasters must be of the same breed.

3. Doe & litter

3.1. All second year and up exhibitors may show a doe and litter pen.

3.2. Does from doe and litter class may not show in a doe class.

3.3. There can be any number in the litter. They must be 21 to 52 days old, of the same breed, and from the same litter.

4. Barn Information

4.1. All rabbits will go through a visual inspection at check-in before entering the barn.

4.2. Barn will be closed and locked every night when the fair closes.

4.3. Cages **MUST** be cleaned by 8am Monday-Thursday. Cages **MUST** be cleaned by 9am all other days. Daily inspections will take place. Pens must be cleaned by the exhibitor at the end of the fair.

4.4. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their rabbits during the fair and up until check out time or loaded on packer truck.

4.5. Cages will be inspected daily by Rabbit Committee to ensure rabbits are properly cared for by the exhibitor (i.e.-fed, watered, clean rabbit and cage etc.). Exhibitor's whose pen and/or rabbit are found to not be appropriately cared for will be issued a warning. Exhibitors that accrue 3 warnings will forfeit premiums, the right to participate in Premium Sale, and the right to exhibit the following year.

4.6. Receptacles for feed and water (crocks/bottles) must be properly secured. Paper, Styrofoam, or glass drinking cups are not permitted as feed/water containers.

4.7. Supplies/boxes/tubs must fit under cages. Remember you are sharing this space with others! Aisles must be kept clear.

4.8. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing all barn rules posted.

5. Shows

5.1. Dress code is required for the Rabbit Show and Showmanship.

5.2. All rabbit project exhibitors **MUST** show in rabbit showmanship: if not the exhibitor cannot sell or get a premium. If an exhibitor advances, he/she must continue to exhibit the animal with which they have won.

5.3. All rabbit exhibitors are highly encouraged to participate in the youth rabbit judging contest. To be considered for Premiere Rabbit Exhibitor one **MUST** participate.

5.4. Exhibitors must be present at time of judging. If an exhibitor has a conflict with another show, they must indicate

this by check-in time for the show.

5.5. Judging will be based on ARBA standards.

6. Dress Code

6.1. This is a project with a specific dress code. All exhibitors must wear black or blue cotton or corduroy dress pants, jeans, or ankle length skirt as well as a collared, button down shirt or polo shirt that must be tucked in.

6.2. Any length sleeve is acceptable but long sleeves are recommended.

6.3. No shorts!

6.4. No shirts or lab coats identifying family, farm, or club names shall be worn during the shows.

6.5. Closed-toe and heel shoes are to be worn.

6.6. Plain lab coats are permitted but dress code **MUST** be worn under the coat.

6.7. No discrimination will be made for religious beliefs.

6.8. Persons not abiding by this dress code will not be allowed to place in their class

7. Sale

7.1. All Grand & Reserve Champions will sell in the Livestock Sale

7.2. Rabbit exhibitors will go through the sale ring once with the rabbit project.

8. Check-out

8.1 Release time is Saturday July 16, 2022 from 9 - 11 p.m.

8.2. Market Rabbit exhibitors are responsible for the watering and feeding of animals until packer pickup and/or check-out time.

8.3. Exhibitors must remove any remaining tack and supplies by Sunday July 17, 2022 between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. or may forfeit the right to exhibit next year.

8.4. If a rabbit and/or equipment is removed prior to the stated release time or without permission, that exhibitor may be banned from showing rabbits the next year.

PREMIER RABBIT EXHIBITOR

1. A Premier Rabbit Exhibitor will be named based on points earned by the youth in the following areas: Skillathon (20%), Animal placement during Show (30%), Showmanship (30%), and Youth Rabbit Judging (20%)
2. Participation in all four areas is required.
3. Purpose:
 - To increase the knowledge of animal selection and exhibition
 - To recognize excellence in all areas of competition
 - To improve overall quality of the Junior Fair program
4. Presentation will be during the Grand Showman of Showman on Friday.

OUTSTANDING RABBIT EXHIBITOR - Harry Campbell Memorial Rotating Trophy

1. Any current Madison County 4-H or FFA member is eligible to apply after completing **three years** in the rabbit project area. Applicants must write a 500-word essay on experience as a rabbit exhibitor, awards received, extracurricular activities (i.e.: school, church, community), and worthiness of the award. Essay must be turned into the Madison County OSU Extension Office by June 15.
2. Based on: general 4-H activities, leadership, citizenship and various rabbit project participation. Applicants should show evidence of project development and educational growth.
3. Members will be eligible to win once every two years and only one award will be presented per year.
4. Presentation will be during the Rabbit Showman of Showman on Wednesday.