

Rabbit – Division J

1. All exhibitors are expected to read and follow all livestock general rules, Code of Ethics, health requirements, showmanship, and herdsmanship guidelines in front of the Fair Book. All rabbit exhibitors must be Food Safety & Quality Assurance (FSQA) certified by May 15 of current year.
2. **Entries.** Exhibitors may show a maximum of **three (3)** entries of the same breed and sex in each rabbit class. Rabbits must be selected from exhibitor's project, and senior rabbits must be in possession by May 15. Complete the Livestock/Small Animal Entry Form in the back of the book and turn in with the bedding fee by due date. Substitutions will be allowed only with the Superintendent's permission. Limit 14 rabbit pen entries (not including showmanship, fur, or costume classes). A meat or production pen counts as one pen entry.
3. **Bedding Fee.** A bedding fee of \$1.00 per cage is due to the Extension Office with the Livestock/Small Animal Entry Form by the due date. There will be no refunds.
4. **Check-In.** Enter rabbits at north door of Rabbit and Poultry Barn at designated time. (See schedule in front of this Fair Book.) Parking will be allowed only long enough to unload. All rabbits will be checked for health before being placed in pens. Exhibitors will sign up to help host the Rabbit and Poultry Building. One exhibitor per pen. Complete stall card including breed. Animals with lice or disease will be sent home.
5. **Class Size.** If a class is too large, it may be divided by breed or into commercial/nonstandard/fancy classes. Classes may be combined if there aren't enough entries for separate classes.

6. Examples of fancy rabbit breeds:

American Fuzzy Lop	Havana
American Sable	Himalayan
Angora (English)	Hotot
Angora (French)	Jersey Woolly
Angora (Giant)	Lilac Lop (Mini)
Angora (Satin)	Lop (English)
Belgian Hare	Lop (French)
Brittannia Petite	Lop (Holland)
Chinchilla (American)	Mini Rex
Chinchilla (Giant)	Netherland Dwarf
Chinchilla (Standard)	Polish
Dutch	Rex
Dwarf Hotot	Rhineland
English Spot	Silver
Florida White	Silver Marten
Harlequin	Tan

Examples of commercial rabbit breeds:

American	Creme Dargent
Beveren	Flemish Giant
Californian	New Zealand
Champagne Dargent	Palomino
Checkered Giant (Amer)	Satin
Cinnamon	Silver Fox

Breed rabbits will be evaluated on breed standards established by the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc. Nonstandard rabbits don't have the breed characteristics of a purebred, so they

show in separate classes.

- 7. Tattoos.** All rabbits must be positively identified with a tattoo. Rabbits are to be tattooed before county fair entry due date. Tattoo kit will not be loaned out after that date. The tattoo must be listed on the entry form. No wild rabbits are allowed.
- 8. Water & Feed Containers.** Lick-it bottles are encouraged and may be used inside or outside cages. Feed containers will be provided. You may bring water from home.
- 9. Herdsmanship.** *Rules pertaining only to rabbits:*
- Club identification must be placed above cages.
 - Water must be available at all times.
 - Empty feed pans may be kept in the cage as long as rabbits are being fed at least once daily. Feed in the evening if possible, as rabbits tend to eat better overnight when it is cooler.
 - Ice – When rabbits are stressed, frozen water bottles should be kept in cages. Freeze water bottles at home. Remove from cage when melted. Clean frozen bottles may be kept in the freezer – label with your name.
 - Manure – Keep wire in cages free of manure. During the Fair, leave droppings under cages.
 - Floor – Keep the floor under your pens and the tarpaper in front of your pens and walkway clean. Keep feed beneath cages in a wood or plastic container with a lid. All items under cages *must* be neat and orderly.
 - **Wire cages and carriers may be stored neatly under pens.**
 - Answer questions about rabbits. Encourage public to keep hands out of cages. Let public hold your rabbit if you feel it's ok. Read the safety rules posted outside your building. **See General Herdsmanship Guidelines for other duties.**
- 10. Show Day.** Exhibitors or a substitute 4-H or FFA member (see General Rules) must be present during judging. All exhibitors shall wear an exhibitor number on the front of their white 4-H/FFA shirt while showing rabbits. Only exhibitors are allowed at the show table, and in the show ring.
- 11. Supervising Building.** All rabbit and poultry exhibitors will sign up for a time to host the Rabbit and Poultry areas during fair. Responsibilities include monitoring exhibits, welcoming visitors, and cleaning and maintaining the building.
- 12. Release.** Exhibits must remain in place until release time at 5 pm on Sunday. Animals must be picked up between 5 and 6:00 pm on Sunday. All exhibitors are expected to help with cleanup of the Rabbit Building. Premium money will be withheld if exhibits leave early or are not picked up by 6:00 pm Sunday.
- 13. Ribbons.** Ribbons will be awarded on quality of exhibits at judge's discretion. No class will automatically receive any of the awards offered. Purple, Blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded, if deserving. First-place rabbit in each class of individual rabbits may receive a class winner ribbon, if deserving, and may compete for Champion.
- 14. Sale.** No "For Sale" signs are to be posted until after show. Sale cannot take place until check out.

Show classes include:

- J 1 Commercial (Purebred) Rabbit - Junior Buck
(6 weeks – 6 months)
- J 2 Commercial (Purebred) Rabbit - Intermediate
Buck (6 – 8 months)
- J 3 Commercial (Purebred) Rabbit - Senior Buck
(Over 8 months)
- J 4 Commercial (Purebred) Rabbit - Junior Doe
(6 weeks – 6 months)
- J 5 Commercial (Purebred) Rabbit - Intermediate

- Doe (6 – 8 months)
- J 6 Commercial (Purebred) Rabbit - Senior Doe
(Over 8 months)
Champion Commercial Rabbit – Trophy
Reserve Champion Commercial Rabbit – Trophy
- J 8 Fancy (Purebred) Rabbit – Junior Buck
(8 weeks – 6 months)
- J 9 Fancy (Purebred) Rabbit – Senior Buck
(Over 6 months)
- J 10 Fancy (Purebred) Rabbit – Junior Doe
(8 weeks – 6 months)
- J 11 Fancy (Purebred) Rabbit – Senior Doe
(Over 6 months)
Champion Fancy Rabbit – Trophy
Reserve Champion Fancy Rabbit – Trophy
- J 13 Non-standard Fancy Rabbit – Junior Buck
(8 weeks – 6 months)
- J 14 Non-standard Fancy Rabbit – Senior Buck
(Over 6 months)
- J 15 Non-standard Fancy Rabbit – Junior Doe
(8 weeks – 6 months)
- J 16 Non-standard Fancy Rabbit – Senior Doe
(Over 6 months)
Champion Non-standard Fancy Rabbit – Trophy
Reserve Champion Non-standard Fancy Rabbit – Trophy
- J 18 Non-standard Commercial Rabbit – Junior Buck
(6 weeks – 6 months)
- J 19 Non-standard Commercial Rabbit – Intermediate Buck
(6 – 8 months)
- J 20 Non-standard Commercial Rabbit – Senior Buck
(Over 8 months)
- J 21 Non-standard Commercial Rabbit – Junior Doe
(6 weeks – 6 months)
- J22 Non-standard Commercial Rabbit – Intermediate Doe
(6 – 8 months)
- J23 Non-standard Commercial Rabbit – Senior Doe
(Over 6 months)
Champion Non-standard Commercial Rabbit – Trophy
Reserve Champion Non-standard Commercial Rabbit – Trophy
- J 25 Pen of 3 Market – Three (3) rabbits for meat animals, 3-5 pounds, not over 10 weeks of age on day of show. These rabbits cannot show in any other class. Rabbits will be weighed at check-in and those not meeting weight will be sent home.
First Place Rabbit Pen of 3 Market – Trophy
- J 26 Production Pen – Doe and young rabbits (15-24 days old) on the day of the show. Doe and kits cannot be shown in any other classes. Secure cages to protect babies.
First Place Rabbit Production Pen – Trophy
- J 27 Fur Class – Each exhibitor may select one rabbit from entries in previous classes to show for best fur.

First Place Rabbit Fur Class – Trophy

J 28 Costume Class – Rabbit dressed in a costume. One entry per exhibitor. Animal must already be entered in another class.

First Place Rabbit Costume Class – Trophy

J 29 Educational Rabbit Poster - one 22" X 28" poster/member (open to any member enrolled in rabbit project). Poster should illustrate one or more facts on raising rabbits or an ARBA breed of rabbits. On back of poster attach a 3" X 5" card with name, club, grade just completed and sources of information. Bring poster to rabbit check-in from 4 pm - 6 pm on Wednesday of fair. Each poster will be displayed in the rabbit barn will receive a ribbon which will be announced during rabbit show on Saturday.

Judging Criteria: appearance (neat & correct spelling) **10**, correct size **10**, appeal (theme, creativity, attracts attention) **10**, layout (balanced, not crowded, use of color, shape, size) **20** and accuracy **50**.

J 31 Senior Rabbit Showmanship – **Plaque**

J 32 Intermediate Rabbit Showmanship – **Plaque**

J 33 Junior Rabbit Showmanship – **Plaque**

Showmanship Points:

Showmanship scores will be determined by **state fair criteria:**

15	Exhibitor's appearance and attitude
15	Grooming and condition of animal
55	Examination of rabbit – carrying & holding, rear hocks, front & rear legs & nails, abdominal & neck check, sexing, head, ears, and fur
10	Exhibitor speaks clearly
<u>5</u>	Knowledge
100	Points Possible

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