

2009 Linn County Fair



Rabbit Department

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We believe that participating youth should have a positive 4-H experience through a quality structured rabbit/cavy program.

Show/Judging—Saturday July 11, 2009

6:30-8:30am – Rabbits/cavies arrive and check-in

8:30am – Poster Entries due. **Showmanship test to have been completed prior to fair.**

9:00am – Judging begins

******2009 RABBIT/CAVY SHOW WILL BE A 'CARRIER' SHOW INSTEAD OF A 'COOPED' SHOW******

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY FOR CHANGES IN TIMES AND PROCEDURES

Rules (Note: All General Rules and rules for Animal Division apply)

- Youth must meet 4-H or FFA membership guidelines.
- All animals must be identified to an individual 4-H or FFA member using a 4-H animal identification form. This report form must be turned on file at the Linn County Extension Office by May 15.
- Attendance requirements to show a rabbit at the fair:
 - First and second year exhibitors must attend 2 Linn County Rabbit Workshops.
 - Third year and above exhibitors must participate in one of the following:
 - Attend 1 Linn County Rabbit Workshop
 - Participate in an approved area wide rabbit (ARBA sanctioned rabbit show or regional rabbit clinic) from a list provided to members. Exhibitor is responsible for turning in a signed Non Linn County 4-H Rabbit Training form to a committee member by July 1, 2009.
 - Serve as an approved mentor for younger 4-H rabbit youth in lieu of the attendance requirement. Written report will be required.
 - Serve on the 4-H Rabbit Committee.
- All rabbits must be permanently earmarked by a tattoo in the left ear prior to the show (including Meat Pen, Single Fryer and Rabbit Fur Classes). Cavies should have a legible earband attached to their left ear. This must be done prior to arriving on the grounds for the fair show. **Rabbits not tattooed will be sent home.** A project workshop will be held prior to the fair at which time rabbits may be tattooed and cavies banded.
- Maximum entries per exhibitor are 12 rabbits, which may include up to 2 meat pens (3 rabbits each which count as 1 entry) and maximum 6 cavies. Exhibitors will receive premiums for their top TEN placings regardless of rabbits or cavies.
- An animal may only be entered as commercial, fancy, single fryer, meat pen, cavy or pet.
- A member may have any number of entries in a class except for fur and wool classes. (See those classes for limitations).
- Rabbit/cavy registration will be held Saturday morning between 6:30 and 8:30 A.M. prior to the show. The following will be required:
 - Each exhibitor must turn in the completed Linn County Entry Form for Rabbit Department itemizing classes entered, breed, ear tattoo/tag number, and birth date information for the rabbits/cavies entered.
 - Exhibitors must turn in completed Remark Cards, one set PER rabbit/cavy PER class entered. Note that separate Remark Card will be required for Fur and/or Home Raised classes.
 - Each rabbit/cavy must pass a health check. Sick animals will not be permitted to compete, and will need to be removed immediately. Illnesses include but are not limited to: Snuffles (thick white or yellow discharge from the nose), runny eyes, ear mites, diarrhea, abscesses, wry neck, etc.
 - All animals shown must be weaned.
- NO COOPS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR BEDDING OF ANIMALS**
 - Each exhibitor is responsible for bringing animals in their own carriers with appropriate bedding, feed and water, and tending them through the day.
 - There are no requirements on types of transporting carrier except that it has a solid-bottom for waste control.
 - Each exhibitor will be responsible for climate control for their animals. Choose a carrier that allows adequate room and ventilation to keep rabbit/cavy comfortable during the show. Fans, frozen water bottles, etc. are encouraged.
 - Limited number of carriers will be available for a refundable rental fee through some of the members of the 4-H Rabbit Committee. Please contact any adult committee member for details.
 - Carrier building clinics will be an option at selected workshops during the year
- Youth must own and care for their own rabbits/cavies and cannot show animals belonging to other individuals. All animals must be groomed, handled and shown by the owner except in cases of sickness, military service, other 4-H commitments or when a member has more than one animal in a class. The exhibitor may then select another *Linn County 4-H or FFA member* to show his/her exhibit.
- A copy of the American Rabbit Breeders Association (A.R.B.A) STANDARD OF PERFECTION is available at the Linn County Extension Office for reference to disqualification, and breed standards which will be used to judge rabbits and cavies at this show.
- Rabbits/cavies will be released on Saturday 1 hour after the Rabbit/Cavy Show and Awards Ceremony. Rabbits/Cavies must be taken at that time. Request for early release must be in writing and submitted to the committee prior to the fair. Early release is given only by approval of the committee.
- Selling of rabbits at the fair is permitted, but price must be displayed on cage. Only rabbits that have been shown may be displayed for sale at the fair.
- Dress Code: Blue or black jeans plus 4-H or FFA related shirt (See General Rules) required of all exhibitors during judging unless posted by Rabbit Committee on the day of the show.

Classes

- Judging order of the day will be: Posters, Home Raised, Meat, Purebred Rabbit, Fur and Wool, Purebred Cavy, Pet, Showmanship, Best in Show Cavy, Best in Show Rabbit, Awards
- Please refer to ARBA STANDARD OF PERFECTION for specific weight and age requirements for each purebred or meat class

A HOME RAISED CLASS

151AA—Home Raised Rabbits or Cavies

Exhibitors may show one rabbit or cavy that they have bred and raised themselves. Separate remark card is required. Preference will be given to purebred over crossbred animals. Trophy only, no premium.

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B MEAT RABBIT CLASSES

151BA—Meat Pen

Meat pens are judged on a) meat type, b) condition, c) uniformity, and d) fur. Examples of meat pens include most Commercial Breeds and Fancy Breeds that reach an adult weight of 8 lbs. or more. They may include but are not limited to: Californians, New Zealands, Champagne d'Argent, Florida White, Crème d'Argent, Satin, French Lop.

Requirements:

1. Pen consists of three rabbits of the same breed, less than 10 weeks of age, weighing over three (3) and less than five (5) pounds each.
2. Entries can be bucks, does or a combination of bucks and does.
3. Entries do not have to be of the same litter or the same variety (color), but do have to come from the same 4-H project.
4. Entries in this sub-division may be purebred or crossbred.
5. Meat pen rabbits cannot also be entered in the commercial, fancy, single fryer or crossbred classes.
6. Youth may enter a maximum of two (2) meat pens, which counts as 1 entry.
7. Remark cards must show ear numbers of all 3 rabbits on 1 form.
8. The Best Meat Pen will receive a Rosette Ribbon.

151BB—Single Fryer

This class is for rabbits not over 10 weeks of age and weighing over three (3) but under five (5) pounds. Only 6 class rabbits and 4 class rabbits that reach an adult weight of 8 lbs. or more may be in the single fryer class. No single fryer can be part of a meat pen, nor may they be entered in the commercial, fancy or crossbred classes. The Best Single Fryer rabbit will receive a Rosette Ribbon.

C PUREBRED RABBIT CLASSES (Commercial and Fancy)

Requirements:

1. Entries are limited to purebred rabbits of recognized breeds by the A.R.B.A. and will be judged accordingly.
2. All rabbits must be identified on the Fair Entry Form by Breed Class # and Name; Variety (Color per ARBA standards); Age (see below for Commercial vs. Fancy); and Sex (Buck or Doe). There are no Intermediate Classes in Fancy Rabbits.
3. Show order of breed classes will be determined after check in.
4. Breed Best of Breed & Best Opposite Sex will be selected from each breed and will receive a Rosette ribbon.
5. Best Commercial & Reserve Commercial will be selected from the champions of each Commercial Breed and receive a trophy.
6. Best Fancy & Reserve Fancy will be selected from the champions of each Fancy Breed and receive a trophy.
7. Best of Show will be selected between the champion Commercial and the champion Fancy & receive a trophy.

151 C_ Commercial Rabbits (6 Class)

Ages: Senior=8 months & over, Intermediate = 6 to 8 months, Junior 3 to 6 months and of appropriate weights for each breed. Classes: Senior Buck, Senior Doe, Intermediate Buck, Intermediate Doe, Junior Buck, Junior Doe.

Entry Example: 151 C15 New Zealand, Red, Intermediate Buck

Classes:

151 C01	American	151 C08	American Chinchilla	151 C15	New Zealand
151 C02	Angora, Giant	151 C09	Giant Chinchilla	151 C16	Palomino
151 C03	Beveren	151 C10	Cinnamon	151 C17	Rex
151 C04	Blanc de Hotot	151 C11	Crème D'Argent	151 C18	Satin
151 C05	Californian	151 C12	Flemish Giant	151 C19	Silver Fox
151 C06	Champagne d'Argent	151 C13	English Lop		
151 C07	Checked Giant	151 C14	French Lop		

151 C_ Fancy Rabbits (4 Class)

Ages: Senior=6 months & over, Junior 3 to 6 months and of appropriate weights for each breed. Classes: Senior Buck, Senior Doe, Junior Buck, Junior Doe. Entry Example: 151 C41 Netherland Dwarf, Opal, Junior Doe

Classes:

151 C20	American Fuzzy Lop	151 C30	English Spot	151 C40	Mini Satin
151 C21	American Sable	151 C31	Florida White	151 C41	Netherland Dwarf
151 C22	Angora, English	151 C32	Harlequin	151 C42	Polish
151 C23	Angora, French	151 C33	Havana	151 C43	Rhineland
151 C24	Angora, Satin	151 C34	Himalayan	151 C44	Silver
151 C25	Belgian Hare	151 C35	Holland Lop	151 C45	Silver Marten
151 C26	Britannia Petite	151 C36	Jersey Wooly	151 C46	Tan
151 C27	Standard Chinchilla	151 C37	Lilac	151 C47	Thrianta
151 C28	Dutch	151 C38	Mini Lop		
151 C29	Dwarf Hotot	151 C39	Mini Rex		

D FUR AND WOOL CLASSES

Requirements:

1. Includes Rex and Mini Rex, Satin and Mini Satin, plus all wool breeds (Jersey Wooley, American Fuzzy Lop, Angora breeds, etc.) though any rabbit or cavy may be shown in fur or wool competition.
2. This class is to demonstrate breeds specifically raised for their fur and wool characteristics, and will be judged live. Common fur breeds This class is limited to rabbits shown in other classes with a limit of two per exhibitor. Exception: Rabbits shown as single fryers or in meat pens may not be included in fur classes.
3. Fur Classes will be shown at the end of its appropriate breed. (For example, White Mini Rex Fur Class will show after selection of best of breed for Mini Rex Class.)
4. Separate Remark Cards are required.
5. No premiums are given, only a ribbon.

Classes:

151DA—White Fur

151DB—Color Fur

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E PUREBRED CAVY (GUINEA PIG) CLASSES

Cavy Breeds (6 Class)

Requirements:

1. All cavies must be identified on the Fair Entry Form by Breed Class # and Name; Variety (Color per ARBA/ACBA standards); Age; and Sex (Boar or Sow). Senior Boars and Sows—Over 6 months of age, or weight over 32 ounces; Intermediate Boars & Sows—Up to 6 months of age, or weight over 22 ounces up to maximum 32 ounces; Junior Boars & Sows—Up to 4 months of age, minimum weight 12 ounces up to maximum 22 ounces.
2. It is recommended that cavies are ear tagged, but not required to exhibit at fair.
3. Cavies will be shown under American Cavy Breeders Association Standards as published in the A.R.B.A. STANDARDS OF PERFECTION.
4. Breed Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex will be selected from each breed.
5. Best of Show will be selected from the champions of each Breed.

Classes:

151 E01	Abyssinian	151 E06	Peruvian	151 E11	Teddy Satin
151 E02	Abyssinian Satin	151 E07	Peruvian Satin	151 E12	Texel
151 E03	American	151 E08	Silkie	151 E13	White Crested
151 E04	American Satin	151 E09	Silkie Satin		
151 E05	Coronet	151 E10	Teddy		

F PET CLASSES (FORMERLY MARKET CLASS)

Requirements:

1. ENTRIES are limited to rabbits and cavies that **do not quality** to show in the Purebred Rabbit or Purebred Cavy Classes. Refer to the A.R.B.A. STANDARD OF PERFECTION at the Extension Office, or with any breeder that shows rabbits /cavies, for the information that would place your animal in any PET classes (I.E. white toenails on a colored rabbit; variety or color not recognized by the ARBA, etc.)
2. This class will be judged on the health of the animal and knowledge of the exhibitor.
3. The animal will be entered by sex and by the age as follows: Buck/Doe or Boar/Sow, Juniors, Intermediate and Seniors.
4. Pet animals are eligible for premiums, and will be awarded ribbons.

Classes:

151 FA-Pet Rabbit

151 FB-Pet Cavy

G SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Requirements:

1. No Advance entry required for participation.
2. **Showmanship written test** must be taken **prior to fair**. Testing will be given at the last two Linn County workshops or will be available at the Linn County Extension Office between June 1st – July 1st.
3. Oral Showmanship Classes will be judged immediately following Breed Competition.
4. A copy of the 4-H Showmanship Score Sheet is available at the Extension Office. This form will be used to judge showmanship classes. Showmanship consists of rabbit/cavy handling procedure, exhibitor appearance, exhibitor knowledge, and rabbit/cavy appearance.
5. To be eligible for any Showmanship awards, exhibitor must show at least 1 rabbit or cavy in the Linn County show.
6. An exhibitor may win a showmanship trophy only once in each age group. Previous Showmanship trophy winners compete in the Advanced Class until they advance to the next grade level.
7. Trophies will be given for Juniors, Intermediates, Seniors, and Advanced.

Classes:

151GA— Juniors—Grades 4-6

151GB— Intermediates—Grades 7-8

151GC— Seniors—Grades 9-12

151GD— Advanced – previous Showmanship Winners

H RABBIT/CAVY EDUCATIONAL POSTER CLASS

Requirements:

1. No advance entry is required. All Rabbit/Cavy Educational Posters must be checked in during Saturday morning registration no later than 8:30 A.M. Judging on posters will be done before the breed competition.
2. Poster should be 22 inches by 28 inches in size.
3. Each exhibitor may enter one poster in each class of animal science or ARBA recognized rabbit breed(s).
4. Label the back of the poster with exhibitor's name, grade and club.
5. Ribbons will be awarded for all posters. The top poster in each class will receive a gift certificate from a rabbit equipment supplier or a trophy.
6. Posters are to be taken home or to the 4-H club booth at animal release time.

Classes:

A.R.B.A. (Rabbit) or A.C.B.A. (Cavy) Breed Posters

151 HA- Breed Poster - Juniors-Grades 4-6

151 HB- Breed Poster - Intermediates-Grades 7-8

151 HC- Breed Poster - Seniors-Grades 9-12

Animal Science Posters

151 HD- Animal Science Poster - Juniors-Grades 4-6

141 HE- Animal Science Poster - Intermediates-Grades 7-8

151 HF- Animal Science Poster - Seniors-Grades 9-12