

Rabbit Rules

Buchanan County Fair 2020

Superintendent –
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IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 15 All Clover Kids and 4-H members must identify animals on 4hOnline
JUNE 15 Animal entries completed on FairEntry

SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 8th

12:30 PM Check-in and vet check – Black Pavilion
1:30 PM Rabbit Show – Black Pavilion

Saturday, July 11th

8:00 AM Master Showmanship
2:00 PM Parade of Champions

Sunday, July 12th

6 AM – 12 PM Load out of livestock/building projects (Note: Carnival may still be running)

RULES

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. All rabbits will be inspected by a veterinarian at entry. The veterinary inspector in charge shall order an animal to be removed from the fairgrounds at any time during fair if the animal is found to be infected with any contagious disease. For example: ear mites, snuffles, etc. Members or an appointed person must be present at vet check. **For the safety of all animals, no rabbits are allowed in cages without prior veterinarian inspection.**
3. Rabbit cages will be provided to house rabbits during the fair. 4-H/FFA members must provide their own padlocks.
4. Please do not put locks on cages until after vet check.
5. Exhibitors will be responsible for their own wood chips, clean-up equipment, and cleaning up of the area. **Thorough cleaning of the rabbit area is to be done by the exhibitor.**
6. Exhibitors must provide their own cages for transportation to and from the show area.
7. **Exhibitors must show their own animals.** Rabbits will be brought to the judging table by the member as classes are called, where the 4 H/FFA member may be assisted by another 4 H/FFA member or rabbit committee member.
8. **All rabbits must be permanently identified with a tattoo in the left ear prior to check-in. Tattoo in animal must match 4hOnline ID.**
9. Members may exhibit as many breeds as they choose under the Fancy or Commercial Category. Members may **only** exhibit one rabbit or each breed in each age class.
Example: Exhibitor may show a Mini Rex and a Dutch in the Senior Buck category.
10. The Superintendent reserves the right to divide any class he/she deems is too large.
11. All rabbit breed classes with less than three entries will be combined into an all other breeds class.
12. There may be a champion named in each class. At the judges discretion, a champion will or will not be named. Any rabbit with disqualifications as determined by the judge will be moved to the pet class.
13. Rabbits will be judged following the current American Rabbit Breeder's Association (A.R.B.A.) standards and rules.
14. Pet rabbits are those animals whose primary purpose is as a pet. Rabbits entered in the pet category will not be entered in any other class including showmanship. Pet rabbits will be conference judged. The exhibitor must be present and should be able to answer questions about the pet's age, sex, health, care, etc. Pets will be judged on health and conditioning, personality/temper and the owner's knowledge of the pet and its care. **All pet rabbits are to stay on the fairgrounds the entire week of fair, no exceptions.**
15. All other breeds would be considered crossbred. Breed rabbits should be entered as fancy or commercial.
16. Fancy examples are: Dutch, Rex, Dwarf, Angora, Havanas, Harlequins and some Lops. Refer to *Standard of Perfection (American Rabbit Breeders Association)* book, available at the Extension office, for all breeds acceptable in this class. **4-Class Breed, see list on next page.**
17. Commercial examples would be: Californian, Palomino, Satin, French Lop, New Zealand, and Flemish Giant. Refer to *Standard of Perfection (American Rabbit Breeders Association)* book, available at the Extension Office, for all breeds acceptable in this class. **6-Class Breed, see list on next page.** All other breeds are considered crossbred and should be entered into the pet rabbit class or meat class.
18. Each exhibitor is limited to one Single Fryer entry. The fryer **must not be pulled** from meat pen.
19. Rabbits are not qualified for Master Showmanship.
20. No rabbits will be allowed in the livestock auction.

21. If the judge does not deem the first place animal worthy of a blue ribbon, a trophy will not be awarded.
22. A trophy will be awarded to the Best of Class for overall class winners for Fancy and Commercial. The individual breed class winners will receive a dark purple ribbon and reserve will receive a light purple ribbon.
23. All rabbits must be in the show ring at the beginning of the rabbit show.
24. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to know what breed their rabbit is. If there is a question about the breed, the judge will have the final say.
25. **NEW for 2020:** Cage decorations shall not extend farther than 18 inches below the bottom of the cage.
26. **Showmanship:** Showmanship will be open to all 4-H rabbit exhibitors. Exhibitors choosing to participate are not required to be signed up ahead of time. There will be three divisions: Junior - Grades 4-6; Intermediate - Grades 7-8; Senior - Grades 9-12. Exhibitors must show their own animal. The judge will place 5 exhibitors in the showmanship class. Results will be announced at the conclusion of the show and recipients will receive awards at that time. The decision of the showmanship judge is final. There will be no interference, and no one is allowed in the ring. The champion will be asked if they would like to participate in Master Showmanship. If the champion has already participated in Master Showmanship and has won their age division, they must pass on to the next exhibitor after the champion.

Department Classes

- 27200: Junior Buck, Under 6 Months – Fancy
- 27201: Senior Buck, Over 6 Months – Fancy
- 27202: Junior Doe, Under 6 Months – Fancy
- 27203: Senior Doe, Over 6 Months – Fancy

- 27100: Junior Buck, Under 6 Months – Commercial
- 27101: Intermediate Buck, 6-8 Months - Commercial
- 27102: Senior Buck, Over 8 Months – Commercial
- 27103: Junior Doe, Under 6 Months – Commercial
- 27104: Intermediate Doe, 6-8 Months – Commercial
- 27105: Senior Doe, Over 8 Months – Commercial

4-Class Breeds

Sr Buck, Sr Doe, Jr Buck, Jr Doe

6-Class Breeds

Buck, Sr Doe, Int Buck, Int Doe, Jr Buck, Jr Doe

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| American Fuzzy Lop | American Sable | American |
| Belgian Hare | Britannia Petite | American Chinchilla |
| Dutch | Dwarf Hotot | Beveren |
| English Angora | English Spot | Blanc de Hotot |
| Florida White | French Angora | Californian |
| Harlequin | Havana | Champagne d’Argent |
| Himalayan | Holland Lop | Checkered Giant |
| Jersey Woolly | Lilac | Cinnamon |
| Lionhead | Mini Lop | Crème d’Argent |
| Mini Rex | Mini Satin | English Lop |
| Netherland Dwarf | Polish | Flemish Giant |
| Rhineland | Satin Angora | French Lop |
| Silver | Silver Martin | Giant Angora |
| Standard Chinchilla | Standard Rex | Giant Chinchilla |
| Tan | Thrianta | New Zealand |
| | | Satin |
| | | Silver Fox |

Meat Division

- 27300: Pen of Three – Maximum total weights will weigh 16 1/2 lbs., not over 10 weeks of age, same breed and variety, crossbred must be of same variety.
- 27301: Single Fryer – one rabbit, minimum weight of 3 1/2 lbs. and maximum weight is 5 1/2 lbs., and not over 10 weeks of age, one entry per member.

Other Divisions

- 27400: Pet Rabbits
- 27401: Clover Kids (K-3rd grades) See General Rules for Clover Kid Rules.