

General Rabbit and Cavy (Guinea Pigs) Rules

4-H/FFA Rabbit and Cavy Show is Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 9:00 AM in the Exhibit Building

General Livestock Rules and General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.

1. Only purebred appearing rabbits and cavies (guinea pigs) may be shown in Commercial or Fancy classes. Purebred rabbits and cavies do not need to have a pedigree. Crossbred rabbits or purebred rabbits may be shown in meat pen classes and single fryer classes. Crossbreds, unrecognized breeds or varieties, and purebred rabbits and cavies with disqualifications should be shown in the crossbred or meat pen/fryer classes. Purebred or mix breed rabbits may be shown in Agility, Hopping, High or Long jump.
2. Purebred rabbits will be divided into two major classes: Commercial Rabbits and Fancy Rabbits. Purebred cavies will have one major 6 class. (Rabbit and cavy classes may be further divided by breed/s if numbers warrant.) Rabbits and cavies may be moved to another age class per American Rabbit Breeder Association Standard of Perfection (ARBA SOP) or moved to a pet/brood class on show day. A description of each class follows:
 - a. **COMMERCIAL RABBITS:** are divided into six classes as follows - Senior Bucks, Senior Does, Intermediate Bucks, Intermediate Does, Junior Bucks and Junior Does.
 - i. SENIORS - A senior rabbit is defined as a rabbit **over the age of 8 months**, or having reached the minimum senior breed weight.
 - ii. INTERMEDIATES - An intermediate rabbit is defined as a rabbit **between the ages of 6 months to 8 months of age**, or over the weight limit for junior rabbits.
 - iii. JUNIORS - A junior rabbit is defined as a rabbit **under six months of age**, or not over the weight limit for the juniors of that breed.
 - iv. **COMMERCIAL BREEDS ARE AS FOLLOWS:** American, American Chinchilla, Beveren, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Checkered Giant, Champagne, Cinnamon, Crème D' Argent, English Argente Bruns Lop, French Lop, Flemish Giant, Giant Angora, Giant Chinchilla, Hotot, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox and other breeds per ARBA SOP
 - b. **FANCY RABBITS:** Are divided into four classes as follows: Senior Bucks, Senior Does, Junior Bucks, Junior Does.
 - i. SENIORS - A senior rabbit is defined as a rabbit **over the age of 6 months** or one that has reached minimum weight for a senior of its breed.
 - ii. JUNIORS - A junior rabbit is defined as a rabbit **under the age of six months** or under the minimum weight limit for a senior of its breed.
 - iii. **FANCY BREEDS ARE AS FOLLOWS:** American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Belgian Hare, English Angora, Britannia Petite, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English Spot, Florida White, French Angora, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Jersey Wooly, Lilac, Lion Head, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Rhinelander, Satin Angora, Silver, Standard Chinchilla, Dutch, Silver Martin, Tan, Thrianta and other breeds per ARBA standard of perfection.
 - c. **CAVIES:** are divided into six classes as follows – Senior Boars, Senior Sows, Intermediate Boars, Intermediate Sows, Junior Boars and Junior Sows.
 - i. SENIORS - A senior cavy is defined as a cavy **over the age of 6 months**, or weight over 32 ounces.
 - ii. INTERMEDIATES - An intermediate cavy is defined as a cavy **between the ages of 4 and 6 months of age**, or a weight greater than 22 ounces and not more than 32 ounces.
 - iii. JUNIORS - A junior cavy is defined as a cavy **up to 4 months of age**, with a minimum weight of 12 ounces and not more than 22 ounces.
3. **Entries:** Rabbit and cavy exhibits must come from a properly enrolled rabbit/cavy project. The exhibit is meant to be sampling of an exhibitor's rabbit or cavy herd. Therefore, exhibitors will be limited to a total of 10 rabbits and 5 cavies to be shown at the fair, with a limit of two entries per class with the exception of 4 and 6 Fancy and Commercial Class Rabbit which are limited to three entries per class and Home Raised Rabbit and Home Raised Cavy Classes which are limited to one entry each. A pen of three is considered as one entry.
4. Rabbit exhibitors must have attended a YQCA training for 2021 or completed online by May 15th, 2021 to be YQCA certified. Exhibitors who did not receive their training or test out through the Marshall County Extension office must bring their YQCA certificate from another county's training when their fair entries are made.
 - a. **RABBIT: EAR TATTOO IS REQUIRED- the tattoo is to be in the rabbit's left ear only.**
 - b. **CAVY: EAR TATTOO or EAR TAG IS REQUIRED** – the tattoo or ear tag is to be in the left ear only.
5. A minimum of 6 Rabbit Training/Workshop days will be offered yearly prior to County Fair. Tattooing and ear tagging will be available at every Rabbit training day held during the month of May. Tattooing for meat pen, fryer and homebred plus touch up will be available at any training day prior to county fair entry deadline but not after. The last training day prior to entry deadline will be designated as a day to fill out entries as a group. Attendance to this is not required but encouraged. Help to fill out the entry form is also available as a one on one at any Training/Workshop prior to this day.
6. Exhibitors must agree in number and sex as well ear tattoo or ear tag with entry made by entry deadline of June 15, 2021, on fairentry.com.
7. Each exhibitor is responsible for properly entering and placing rabbits in pens. Please bring a means to secure cage doors (zip ties, snaps or padlock); also food and dishes for food and water for each pen.
8. Cavy exhibitor/s are responsible to bring their own SOLID bottom cages, means to secure and dishes for food and water.
9. Each animal **MUST** be inspected by one of the species' superintendents before being placed in their pen or presented for exhibit. A species superintendent will be available in the cage area 6 PM to 9 PM Tuesday, July 13 and 7 AM until 8:45 AM in the show area Wednesday, July 14 for inspection.
10. Cages to store supplies will be assigned by the species superintendent/s if room and cages allows. DO NOT include a cage for storage in the number of pens needed. Do note if two cages are desired for a Pen of Three if separation of genders is desired. No more than two cages will be available per Pen of Three.
11. Exhibitors are expected to feed, care for animals and clean under their pens during the fair. Exhibitor's pens and area must pass inspection before checking out or forfeit all premium money "General Livestock Rule #11". Rabbits and cavies will be penned in the Sheep/Swine barn in 2021.
12. Rabbits entered in the meat pen of three class and fryer class should be of the same variety, 10 weeks of age or younger and weigh between 3 and 5 lbs. at the fair. Meat pen rabbit entries are **ineligible** to be entered in individual breeding rabbit classes, but are eligible for single fryer class.
13. **4-Hers and FFA members MUST have rabbits and/or cavies in their possession by May 15th, 2021.**
14. **To exhibit in Agility, Hopping, Long or High Jump the exhibitor AND rabbit must have attended a minimum of three Marshall County training/practices session during current fair year.**
15. All rabbits nominated for Iowa State Fair must be ID'd in 4honline by July 1, 2021 by the 4-H family. The rabbit's tattoo is required in 4honline.
16. The rabbit's/cavy's breed MUST be entered on 4hOnline by May 15th, 2021 and entries need to be made at FairEntry.com by June 15, 2021.
17. Dress: Exhibitors may wear any color county 4-H/FFA shirt in the show. No hats may be worn.

Division 270 – Rabbit Agility and Hopping

AGILITY and HOPPING CLASSES- Rabbits will be run through an agility or hopping course and scored on their ability to complete the course. Any rabbit four months of age or older may be shown in agility or hopping **but not both**. These classes are still in development and current year rules will be updated and available by the entry deadline. Those who purple in their previous years must advance to the next level. Ribbons will be awarded. A Champion and Reserve Champion in both Agility and Hopping classes will be named. . Clover Kid Agility and Hopping will run simultaneously with other 4H/FFA classes. **There is no Clover Kid entry fee nor premiums received.

Seconds Penalty:

1 Second Penalty: Excessive Touching

3 Second Penalty: Knock Down

5 Second Penalty: Off Course

HIGH and LONG JUMPING CLASSES- Rabbits will be sent over a high or long jump and scored on their ability to clear the added height or length. Any rabbit four months of age or older may be shown in High or Long jump but not both. These classes are still in development and current year rules will be updated and available by the entry deadline. Ribbons will be awarded. A Champion and Reserve Champion in both High and Long Jump classes will be named. Clover Kid High and Long Jump will run simultaneously with other 4H/FFA classes. **There is no Clover Kid entry fee nor premiums received.

CLASS

27601 Rabbit Agility

27602 Rabbit Hopping

27603 Rabbit Long Jump

27604 Rabbit High Jump

Division 271 – Fancy Rabbits

CLASS27201 Senior Buck
27202 Senior Doe27203 Junior Buck
27204 Junior Doe**Division 272 – Commercial Rabbits****CLASS**27101 Senior Buck
27102 Senior Doe
27103 Intermediate Buck
27104 Intermediate Doe27105 Junior Buck
27106 Junior Doe**Division 273 – Crossbred Rabbits****CLASS**

27001 Crossbred Buck

27002 Crossbred Doe

Division 274 – Market Rabbits

Purebred and crossbreds show together. Class will be divided by Commercial or Fancy plus breed if numbers warrant. Rabbits entered in the pen of three and fryer classes will ideally weigh between 3 and 5 pounds at the fair. Pen of three rabbits are ineligible to be entered in breeding classes. A pen of three rabbit may be also shown as a single fryer.

CLASS27300 Fryers
27301 Roasters

27302 Meat Pens

Division 275 – Homebred Rabbit or Cavy

A purebred appearing rabbit or cavy of any class or gender. Must be bred and raised by the showing exhibitor and born no later than current year possession deadline. Rabbit may not be entered in any classes except Agility, Hopping, High or Long jump. Limited to one entry per class per exhibitor.

CLASS

27401 Homebred Rabbit

27402 Homebred Cavy

Division 276 – Cavy**CLASS**27501 Senior Boar Cavy
27502 Senior Sow Cavy
27503 Intermediate Boar Cavy27504 Intermediate Sow Cavy
27505 Junior Boar Cavy
27506 Junior Sow Cavy