

# JR. FAIR RABBIT DEPARTMENT 950

Junior Fair Rabbit Show ~ Open Youth-Only Show

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**Please see the Livestock Auction section of the Fairbook for all information regarding the Sale of Champions, Market Animal Livestock Sale, and the Add-On Sale.**

## **Rabbit Check-In: Thursday, August 13, 2026 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

1. Bring only the rabbits with you which you intend to keep at the fair and have on display. Each exhibitor must keep at least one rabbit at the fair for display. You may keep all of your project rabbits at the fair if you choose to, but each exhibitor must display at least one rabbit.
2. Bring a list of the rabbits you intend to show at the fair: Breed, Tattoo Number, Gender, and Age. The rabbits you declare to show must have been listed during entry registration (due June 1, 2026). You do not need to bring the actual rabbit with you, just have the information ready so you can declare which rabbits will be shown. ***If the rabbit was not registered during entries, it cannot show at the fair.*** The rabbits which are not on display at the fair can be brought in on the show day and kept in a rabbit carrier for the day. It will go home with you at the end of the show. These rabbits can be brought back the following day for the Open Show. If your rabbit wins Grand or Reserve Grand Champion in its show (Meat Pen, Single Fryer, Home Grown, or Breeding), it must remain on the grounds for the remainder of the fair. It will need to be kept in the Champion cages set-up in the Rabbit Barn.
3. You do not need to bring any market rabbits during this time (Meat Pens or Single Fryers) unless you have chosen to house your market rabbits at the fair. Market rabbits will be checked-in and weighed-in on the day of the show (Saturday). Market rabbit exhibitors MUST check in on Thursday with what is being shown along with tattoos.

## **Show Schedule:** *All Rabbit Show will be held in the Rabbit Barn (Dog Barn)*

1. **Thursday, August 13, 2026 @ 5:00 PM:** Breeding/Market Check-Ins. Ends at **7:00 PM.**
2. **Saturday, August 15, 2026**
  - ***Weigh-Ins for Market projects is at 8:30 a.m..***
  - **9:00 AM:** Jr. Fair Rabbit Show. Show Order: Market Pens, Market Single Fryers, 6 Class Breeding Rabbits (should start approximately 11:00 AM), 4-Class Breeding Rabbits (should start approximately 12:30 PM).
3. **Sunday, August 16, 2026 @ 9:00 AM:** Open Youth Only Show Sponsored by the Miami County Rabbit Advisors.
4. **Tuesday, August 18, 2026 @ 4:00 PM:** Jr. Fair Rabbit Showmanship.
5. **Wednesday, August 19, 2026 @ 10:00 AM:** Rabbit Costume Contest
6. **Thursday, August 20, 2026 @ 9:00 AM:** Sale of Champions immediately followed by Market Animal Livestock Sale

## **Vouchers**

Jr. Fair participants will be awarded a \$2.00 payment voucher for every rabbit that they show in the Jr. Fair Shows. These vouchers must be redeemed in the Secretary's Office by Friday, August 21, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

## **Exhibitor Rules & Regulations:**

- All online Junior Fair Rabbit entries are due on or before June 1, 2026. Late entries will be accepted from June 2, 2026 through June 10, 2026 but will incur a \$50 late entry fee per exhibitor.
- All rabbits must have a legible tattoo in the left ear. Tattoo numbers are to be listed when registering your rabbits (during the entry process). Any illegible or non-matching tattoo will result in disqualification and the animal will be sent home.
- At check-in, any rabbit with unfit health conditions will be sent home immediately. This is at the discretion of the rabbit committee. All decisions are final.
- At check-in, the sex (buck or doe) may be changed for junior-aged (under 6 months) rabbits only. No other changes can be made to the rabbits registered.
- Each exhibitor may enter up to 8 breeding rabbit entries. Market rabbit entries will NOT count as one of the eight entries. For example, an exhibitor could potentially bring 12 rabbit projects to the fair (8 breeding rabbits, 2 single fryers, and 2 meat pens).
- Family/household animals may only be shown during the fair by one (1) family exhibitor with that entry listed. If checking on the entry form that a project is for family share, only half of the entries can be marked for family share. For example, if an exhibitor has 4 breeding rabbits entered, only 2 of them can be marked for family share.
- This is not an American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) sanctioned show; however, ARBA rules will be followed as closely as possible.
- Cleanliness of your rabbit cages and proper watering is EXPECTED. If you are asked more than 2 times by the rabbit committee to clean your cage or provide sufficient water, you will be asked to remove your animal from the fairgrounds.

- Cages must be cleaned daily. The walkways need to be kept clean and free of debris (show carriers, show bins, etc.) especially during show times.
- On show days, exhibitors are encouraged to bring their rabbits in rabbit carriers. All travel carriers must have adequate ventilation. Carriers and show supplies must be kept along the sides of the building out of the aisles.

### **Dress Attire:**

Rabbit showmen will follow the showman attire guidelines in the Junior Fair rules with the following exceptions: If wearing a short sleeve shirt, you must wear a lab coat. If you wear a long sleeve collared shirt you do not need a lab coat. Show aprons may be worn over a long sleeve shirt if you choose. Aprons and lab coats cannot have a name or rabbitry name on them; however, a club name is acceptable. Hard-soled shoes are not mandatory but no open toed or open heeled shoes are permitted.

### **Jr. Fair Rabbit Show Order.**

- Market Rabbit Meat Pen
- Market Rabbit Single Fryer
- Breeding 6-Class
- Breeding 4-Class
- Homegrown Market Rabbit Meat Pen
- Homegrown Market Rabbit Single Fryer

### **MARKET RABBITS (Single Fryer and Meat Pen)**

1. Each exhibitor can show 2 Single Fryer projects and 2 Meat Pen projects regardless of whether it is a homegrown project or a purchased project.
2. Market rabbits exhibited at the fair can be raised or purchased. If you are raising your market rabbits your brood doe(s) must be in your possession by June 1, 2026. If you are purchasing your market rabbits, they must be in your possession by July 12, 2026.
3. All single fryers and meat pen rabbits must be between 50 and 70 days old on the day of the show.
4. No exhibitor is to replace the single fryer or meat pen if it should die.
5. Market project weigh-ins (Meat Pen & Single Fryer) is at 8:30 am., Saturday August 9th.
6. Single Fryers and Meat Pen rabbits must each weigh between 3 ½ to 5 ½ pounds per rabbit (3# 8 oz - 5# 8 oz.) at weigh-ins; re-weighs are not allowed.
7. All meat pens/single fryers will show together. Individual classes will not be made. If your meat pen/single fryer is underweight/overweight it will be placed at the end of the class.
8. There will be a Homegrown class for Market rabbits. This class is for any exhibitor who had their litter born and raised on their own homestead. All exhibitors who raised their own market rabbits will be eligible to show in both the Junior Fair show as well as the Homegrown class. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion rabbits from the Junior Fair Rabbit Show *cannot* compete in the Homegrown Class.
9. A Single Fryer rabbit may be shown as part of a Meat Pen, but may not show in the breeding classes. Example: You can show a Meat Pen with rabbits A, B, & C. Rabbits A and B can also be shown as a Single Fryers, however, none of these rabbits can also be shown in the Breeding classes.
10. All Market Rabbit Exhibitors must complete the Miami County Quality Assurance Certification and record books must be completed. Each animal must also have a DUNF form completed.
11. Prizes will be awarded for Grand/Reserve Champion Single Fryer and Grand/Reserve Champion Meat Pen.

### **BREEDING RABBITS**

1. Rabbit must be in the exhibitor's possession by June 1st.
2. Any breed that has 5 or more entries will have its own class.
3. Any breed with less than 5 entries will be shown in a class consisting of the breeds with less than 5 entries. 6-class breeds and 4-class breeds will not be shown together.
4. Exhibitors can show more than 1 rabbit per class.
5. All breeding rabbit exhibitors must complete the Miami County Quality Assurance Certification and must complete record books.
6. Pure bred rabbits will be judged by suggestions in ARBA Standards of Perfection; however, this is NOT an ARBA show.
7. Each breed class has a Champion & Reserve Buck & Doe. Ribbons will be awarded to the top 5 places in each class. Vouchers will be given to all exhibitors each time they show. (Example: If you show a total of 3 rabbits, you would get 3 vouchers.)
8. Prizes will be awarded to the Grand & Reserve Buck & Doe in each class (4-Class and 6-Class).

**4 Class Rabbit Breeds** - American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Argenta Brun, Belgian Hare, Blue Holicer, Britannia Petite, Czech Frosty, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English Angora, English Spot, Florida White, French Angora, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Jersey Wooly, Lilac, Lionhead, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Palomino, Polish, Rex, Rhinelander, Satin Angora, Silver, Silver Martin, Standard Chinchilla, Tan, Thrianta

#### **4-Class Rabbit Classes:**

1. Sr. Buck: 6 months and older at the time of the show.
2. Sr. Doe: 6 months and older at the time of the show.
3. Junior Buck: under 6 months at the time of the show.
4. Junior Doe: under 6 months at the time of the show.

**6 Class Rabbit Breeds** - American, American Chinchilla, Beveren, Blanc de Hotot, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Checkered Giant, Cinnamon, Creme D'Argent, English Lop, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Giant Angora, Giant Chinchilla, New Zealand, Satin, Silver Fox

#### **6-Class Rabbit Classes:**

1. Sr. Buck: 9 months and older at the time of the show.
2. Sr. Doe: 9 months and older at the time of the show.
3. 6/8 Buck: 6 to 8 months of age at the time of the show.
4. 6/8 Doe: 6 to 8 months of age at the time of the show.
5. Junior Buck: under 6 months at the time; of the show.
6. Junior Doe: under 6 months at the time; of the show.

**All Cross Breeds**—All 4-Class and 6-Class Crossbred rabbits will be shown according to the 4-Class division of classes. They will not earn grand and reserve champion awards and are not eligible to show for Best 4 class awards.

**Please see the Release of Animal section of the Fairbook for information on the animal release process this year.**

#### **Showmanship - Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 4:00 PM**

- All Junior Fair exhibitors are eligible to show in a showmanship contest with their animal only.
- Classes are as follows: (All ages are based on the Exhibitors age as of January 1 of the current year.)
  - Junior: ages 9-11
  - Intermediate: ages 12-14
  - Senior: 15 years and older
  - **Showman of Showmen** includes showmanship winners for this year and previous years and previous Showman of Showmen
  - A pee-wee class will be held. This is for the kids not eligible for 4-H and are between the ages of 3 and 8.
- To enter the Showmanship Competition, a sign-up sheet will be posted in the Rabbit Barn and will be available after the barn meeting on Friday and until the time of the show.
- Awards will be given for Showmanship class winners as well as Showman of Showmen.

#### **Rabbit Royalty**

The Miami County Rabbit Advisors sponsor the Miami County Rabbit Royalty Contest. This competition is open to any Junior Fair Exhibitor with a rabbit project. The competition will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 14, 2026 in the Rabbit Barn. The results will be announced on Saturday, August 15, 2026 during a break in the Jr. Fair Rabbit Show.

**Categories:** Prince & Princess: ages 9-11 ~ Duke & Duchess: ages 12-14 ~ King & Queen: ages 15-18

#### **Rabbit Costume Contest**

The rabbit costume contest will take place on Wednesday, August 19 at 10:00 in the rabbit barn. There will be 2 classes (ages 5-11 and ages 12-18). The contest is for you to dress yourself and your rabbit up in costume.

#### **Buddy Ganger Outstanding Rabbit Exhibitor Award**

The Buddy Ganger Outstanding Rabbit Exhibitor Award recognizes the exhibitor who excels in rabbit knowledge, Showmanship, and class placings. The winner of the award will have their name added to a plaque on a rotating trophy. Any exhibitor wanting to compete for this award must have at least one rabbit project entered at the fair, take a written test based on rabbit knowledge, and participate in Rabbit Showmanship. The written test will be given in the Rabbit Barn at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 17, 2026. If you are not able to attend at this time, see Jane Jess prior to the original testing time to arrange a time to take the test.

Since you are allowed to bring 12 projects to the fair, only your top 9 placings worth the most points will be counted towards the Buddy Ganger award.

**Buddy Ganger Outstanding Rabbit Exhibitor Award Point System**

**Rabbit Class Placings During Jr. Fair Rabbit Show:**

**If there are 6 or more rabbits in the class:**

1st Place = 6 Points  
2nd Place = 5 Points  
3rd Place = 4 Points  
4th Place = 3 Points  
5th Place = 2 Points

**If there are 5 or less rabbits in the class:**

1st Place = 3 Points  
2nd Place = 2 Points  
3rd Place = 1 Point

**Showmanship Points:**

1st Place = 12 Points  
2nd Place = 10 Points  
3rd Place = 8 Points  
4th Place = 6 Points  
5th Place = 4 Points

**Written Test Points:**

Highest Score = 12 Points  
2nd Highest Score = 10 Points  
3rd Highest Score = 8 Points  
4th Highest Score = 6 Points  
5th Highest Score = 4 Points

2nd - 2 Points

**Tie Breaker Rules (In the event there is a tie with scoring, the following rules will apply in this order):**

1. The Exhibitor with the highest score on the written test.
2. The Exhibitor with the best Showmanship score.
3. The Exhibitor with the most points from their class placings during the Jr. Fair Rabbit Show.

**Miami County Rabbit Advisors Open Youth-Only Rabbit Show**

The Miami County Rabbit Advisors will be sponsoring a youth only ARBA rabbit show on Sunday, August 16, 2026 starting at 9:00 AM. Pre-entry of rabbits is encouraged. Information will be available at the barn meeting. For more information contact show secretary Becky Crow at Bcrow1330@gmail.com