

# RABBITS

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Project Set Up: Friday @ 5:30 p.m.

Check in Time: Sunday 2 to 5 p.m.

Check Out Time: Sunday at 8 a.m.

Judging Location: Rabbit Barn

Clover Sprout Practice: Monday at 10:00 a.m.

Rabbit Science Judging Time: Monday at 2:30 p.m.

Showmanship Judging Time: Tuesday at 9 a.m.

Breeding Stock/Market Class Judging: Tuesday after Showmanship

Rabbit Peep Eating Contest Wednesday at 3 p.m.

Breed ID/Rabbit Bingo – Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Coloring Contest due Thursday at 11 a.m.

Adult Showmanship: Friday at 11 a.m.

Rabbit Road Rally Friday 1-2:30 p.m.

Premiums: A=\$2.50; B=\$1.50; C=No premiums.

Science & Record Book premiums A=2; B=1.25; C=None

Record Book required of all exhibitors in order to show/sell and must be turned into the Fair Office or 4-H Office by July 1 by 5 p.m. Books available at the Fair Office, Website or 4-H office.

## **Project Requirements:**

1. All rabbits must be owned by the 4-Her exhibiting them by May 1 of the current year. For those rabbits under the age of 69 days the doe/sow kindling the litter must be owned by the 4-Her by May 1 of the current year.
2. Entry fee of \$2 per rabbit will be due at time of check in.
3. Bedding and pellets will be provided for the week of the fair.
4. Exhibitors must fit, show and take care of their own animals at the fair.
5. Those exhibiting will be limited to two entries per class. Superintendent may need to limit total entries per exhibitor based on barn capacity.
6. All rabbits must have a legible and permanent ear marking in their left ear at the time of check in.
7. Rabbits will be judged by A.R.B.A. standards, except the mixed breed class.
8. No breeding of show rabbits at the fair.
9. The superintendent may request that any rabbits showing signs of illness or disease be removed from the fair as soon as it is possible to prevent spread of illness.
10. No locks allowed on cages.
11. Meat pens or rabbits are not to be over 69 days of age, minimum weight of 3.5 lbs. each, maximum weight of 5.5 lbs. each, and cared for by the exhibitor in that time. Does must be bred 100 days or less before judging. Meat pen must be the same breed and variety, and as identical as possible. Grand & Reserve meat pens will be sold at the livestock auction. Pens receiving A ratings are eligible to sell in the small animal silent auction on Thursday. Notation must be made in the record books at check in if a member does not wish their pen sold if it receives an A rating. Those not wishing to sell their pens must tell the clerk at check in.
12. Fryer class rabbits are not to be over 69 days of age, minimum weight of 3.5 lbs. each, maximum weight of 5.5 lbs. each. Fryer rabbits must be cared for by exhibitor. A single fryer rabbit cannot be shown in the meat pen. A fryer rabbit must be a commercial breed, and of any variety. Does must be bred 100 days or less before judging. Grand & Reserve fryers will be sold at the livestock auction. Fryers receiving A ratings are eligible to sell in the silent auction on Thursday. Notation must be made in the record books at check in if a member does not wish their fryer sold if it receives an A rating. Those not wishing to sell their fryer must tell the clerk at check in.
13. Roaster class rabbits entered in this class must be under six months of age. Minimum weight is 5.5 lbs. each, maximum weight at 8 lbs. Grand & Reserve roasters will be sold at the livestock auction. Roasters receiving A ratings are eligible to sell in the silent auction on Thursday. Notation must be made in the record books at check in if a member does not wish their roaster sold if it receives an A rating. Those not wishing to sell their roaster must tell the clerk at check in.
14. Stewer class rabbits entered in this class must be six months of age and over. Minimum weight is 8 lbs. Grand & Reserve stewers will be sold at the livestock auction. Stewers receiving A ratings are eligible to sell in the silent auction on Thursday. Notation must be made in the record books at check in if a member does not wish their stewer sold if it receives an A rating. Those not wishing to sell their stewer must tell the clerk at check in.

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15. Any rabbit that is used as a showmanship rabbit must be owned by the exhibitor and must be shown in their breed class unless okayed by the superintendent.
16. A best of variety and best opposite of variety will be selected in each breed variety. From those variety winners a best and best opposite sex of breed will be chosen. A best of breed and best opposite sex of breed will be selected in each breed. These selections will determine which animal will represent their breed in the championship classes.
17. All rabbit exhibitors are responsible for set up and clean up fair week.
18. Rabbits must be removed from barn between 8-9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. However, any rabbits found leaving the barn before 8 a.m. Sunday will lose their rabbit premiums.
19. Barn duty is required for all rabbit clubs & youth rabbit exhibitors. Each is asked to sign up for a specific time during fair week on the board posted near the judging tables. A listing of what is expected of those on duty will be posted in the same location.
20. Each exhibitor must submit an online registration to register for cage space and sizes by July 1. Members may be restricted to a maximum number of cages, depending upon the number of entries and the number of available cages as determined by superintendents based on cage reservations. Club leaders should contact the superintendent by July 1 to verify club cage counts.
21. Entry help for breed classes: There is no department number, only division. For breed class the division is 2002. The class number is the breed of the rabbit.
22. All rabbits must meet the minimum weight requirements for their breed to be shown.
23. All rabbits must have cage tags stating club and owner.

## **Division 2001 – Rabbit Showmanship**

Showman will be judged by the “4-H Rabbit Fitting & Showing Member Guide” (4H1268)

**Class 01** - Novice, 8-10 yrs. old

**Class 02** - Young, 11-12 yrs. old

**Class 03** - Intermediate, 13 & 14 yrs. old

**Class 04** - Junior, 15 & 16 yrs. old

**Class 05** - Senior, 17 and older

**Class 06** - Clover Sprout, bringing your own rabbit

**Class 07** - Clover Sprout, borrowing a rabbit at fair

## **Division 2001 – Rabbit Showmanship Continued**

Will judge three different classes simultaneously, when either of them has completed their class they will move to the next available age division. Overall Grand & Reserve Champion and 1<sup>st</sup> alternate will be picked. The top two showman will compete in Sweepstakes Showmanship on Saturday.

## **Division 2002 – Clover Sprout Breeding Stock**

All Clover Sprout Rabbit Breeding Stock will be shown in same class regardless of breed/age/sex of rabbit.

**Class 01** - Clover Sprout Breeding Rabbit, with own rabbit

**Class 02** - Clover Sprout Breeding Rabbit, borrowing rabbit

## **Division 2002 – Breeding Stock**

(See listing below for the Class Number for your particular breed.)

Example: Division 2002, Class 1170B (Mini Rex, Black, Sr. Doe)

**Class 3** – Senior Buck, 6 months of age or over

**Class 4** - Senior Doe, 6 months of age or over

**Class 5** - Intermediate Buck, 6-8 months of age  
(Commercial Breeds only)

**Class 6** – Intermediate Doe, 6-8 months of age  
(Commercial Breeds only)

**Class 7** – Junior Buck, under 6 months of age

**Class 8** – Junior Doe, under 6 months of age

### **Rabbit Breed/Variety**

American Fuzzy Lop Broken

American Fuzzy Lop Solid Pattern

American Blue

American Sable Standard

American White

Angora English Colored

Angora English White

Angora French Colored

Angora French White

Angora Giant White

Angora Satin Colored

Argente Brun - Standard

Belgian Hare Rufus

Belgian Hare - Tan

Beveren Black

Beveren Blue

Beveren White

Blue Holicer - Standard

Britannia Petit - Broken

Britannia Petite - Blue Eyed White

Britannia Petite Black

Britannia Petite Black Otter

Britannia Petite Chest Agouti

Britannia Petite - Himalayan

Britannia Petite Ruby Eyed White

Britannia Petite - Tortoise Shell

Californian Standard

Champagne D'Argent Standard

Czech Frosty – Standard

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## Rabbit Breed/Variety

Checkered Giant Black  
 Checkered Giant Blue  
 Chinchilla American Standard  
 Chinchilla Standard  
 Cinnamon Standard  
 Cream D'Argent Standard  
 Dutch – Chinchilla  
 Dutch – Black  
 Dutch – Blue  
 Dutch – Chocolate  
 Dutch - Golden Yellow  
 Dutch – Gray  
 Dutch – Lilac  
 Dutch -Steel  
 Dutch – Tortoise  
 Dwarf Hotot – Lilac  
 Dwarf Hotot Standard  
 Dwarf Papillon – Black  
 Dwarf Papillon – Blue  
 Dwarf Papillon – Chocolate  
 Dwarf Papillon - Tortoise Shell  
 English Spot Black  
 English Spot Blue  
 English Spot Chocolate  
 English Spot Gold  
 English Spot Gray  
 English Spot Lilac  
 English Spot Tortoise  
 Flemish Giant Black  
 Flemish Giant Blue  
 Flemish Giant Fawn  
 Flemish Giant Light Gray  
 Flemish Giant Sandy  
 Flemish Giant Steel Gray  
 Flemish Giant White  
 Florida White Standard  
 Harlequin Japanese  
 Harlequin Magpie  
 Havana Black  
 Havana Broken  
 Havana Chocolate  
 Himalayan Black  
 Himalayan Chocolate  
 Himalayan Blue  
 Himalayan Lilac  
 Hotot Standard  
 Jersey Wooly Agouti  
 Jersey Wooly Other  
 Jersey Wooly Self  
 Jersey Wooly Shaded  
 Jersey Wooly Tan Pattern  
 Lilac Standard  
 Lionhead - Black  
 Lionhead - Chocolate  
 Lionhead - REW  
 Lionhead - Seal  
 Lionhead - Siamese Sable  
 Lionhead - Tort  
 Lionhead - Tortoiseshell  
 Lop (English) Broken  
 Lop (English) Solid  
 Lop (French) Broken  
 Lop (French) Solid  
 Lop (Holland) Broken

## Rabbit Breed/Variety

Lop (Holland) Solid  
 Lop (Mini) Broken  
 Lop (Mini) Solid  
 Mini Californian  
 Mini Rex - Amber  
 Mini Rex - Sable Point  
 Mini Rex - Silver Marten  
 Mini Rex - Smoke Pearl  
 Mini Rex - Black  
 Mini Rex - Blue  
 Mini Rex - Blue Eyed White  
 Mini Rex - Broken Group  
 Mini Rex - Castor  
 Mini Rex - Chinchilla  
 Mini Rex - Chocolate  
 Mini Rex - Himalayan  
 Mini Rex - Lilac  
 Mini Rex - Lynx  
 Mini Rex - Opal  
 Mini Rex – Red  
 Mini Rex - Sable Point  
 Mini Rex - Sable Marten  
 Mini Rex – Seal  
 Mini Rex - Smoke Pearl Marten  
 Mini Rex – Tortoise  
 Mini Rex – White  
 Mini Satin – Black  
 Mini Satin – Blue  
 Mini Satin - Chocolate  
 Mini Satin - Chocolate Agouti  
 Mini Satin – Chinchilla  
 Mini Satin – Copper  
 Mini Satin – Himalayan  
 Mini Satin – Lilac  
 Mini Satin – Lynx  
 Mini Satin – Opal  
 Mini Satin – Otter  
 Mini Satin – Red  
 Mini Satin – Sable  
 Mini Satin – Siamese  
 Mini Satin - Silver Marten  
 Mini Satin - Smoked Pearl  
 Mini Satin – Squirrel  
 Mini Satin – Tortoise  
 Mini Satin – White  
 Mixed Breed\*  
 Netherland Dwarf - Agouti Lutino  
 Netherland Dwarf - Blue Tort  
 Netherland Dwarf – Broken  
 Netherland Dwarf – Black  
 Netherland Dwarf – Blue  
 Netherland Dwarf – Chestnut  
 Netherland Dwarf – Chinchilla  
 Netherland Dwarf – Chocolate  
 Netherland Dwarf - Chocolate Agouti  
 Netherland Dwarf – Fawn  
 Netherland Dwarf – Fox  
 Netherland Dwarf – Himalayan  
 Netherland Dwarf – Lilac  
 Netherland Dwarf – Lynx  
 Netherland Dwarf – Opal  
 Netherland Dwarf – Orange  
 Netherland Dwarf - Otter

## Rabbit Breed/Variety

Netherland Dwarf - Sable Point  
 Netherland Dwarf - Silver Marten  
 Netherland Dwarf - Siamese Smoke Pearl  
 Netherland Dwarf - Siamese Sable  
 Netherland Dwarf - Smoke Pearl Marten  
 Netherland Dwarf - Tortoise Shell  
 New Zealand - Black  
 New Zealand - Blue  
 New Zealand - Broken  
 New Zealand - Red  
 New Zealand - White  
 Palomino - Golden  
 Palomino - Lynx  
 Polish - Black  
 Polish - Blue  
 Polish - Blue Eyed White  
 Polish - Broken  
 Polish - Chocolate  
 Polish - Ruby Eyed White  
 Rex - Seal  
 Rex - Amber  
 Rex - Black  
 Rex - Black Otter  
 Rex - Blue  
 Rex - Broken Group  
 Rex - Californian  
 Rex - Caster  
 Rex - Chinchilla  
 Rex - Chocolate  
 Rex - Himalayan  
 Rex - Lilac  
 Rex - Lynx  
 Rex - Opal  
 Rex - Red  
 Rex - Sable  
 Rhinelander – Blue Rhinelander – Standard  
 Satin – Otter  
 Satin – Black  
 Satin – Blue  
 Satin - Broken Group  
 Satin – Chinchilla  
 Satin – Chocolate  
 Satin – Copper  
 Satin – Red  
 Satin – Siamese  
 Silver – Black  
 Silver – Brown  
 Silver – Fawn  
 Silver Fox Black  
 Silver Fox – Chocolate  
 Silver Marten – Black  
 Silver Marten – Blue  
 Silver Marten – Sable  
 Silver Marten – Chocolate  
 Tan – Black  
 Tan – Blue  
 Tan – Chocolate  
 Tan – Lilac  
 Thrianta Standard

**ENTRY DEADLINE**  
**JULY 1**

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\*1<sup>ST</sup> year rabbit exhibitors only. Mixed breeds show as a fancy (4 class) breed. They are not eligible for Fancy Grand or Reserve Champion.

## **Division 2003 - Progeny**

A doe and one of her 3-6 months of age offspring show together on the table for this class. Additionally, each must be exhibited in their respective breeding stock classes the day of the show. Both the doe and the offspring must be owned by the exhibitor. All breeds will show together.

**Class 01** - Rabbit Commercial Breeds (6 classes)

**Class 02** - Rabbit Fancy Breeds (4 classes)

## **Division 2004 - Meat**

Must be bred and cared for by exhibitor. Meat pens, fryers and roasters cannot be bought from separate breeders. Official weights will be taken at check in and overweight and/or underweight animals will not be exhibited in market classes. All exhibitors participating in the market project must have their picture taken when checking in rabbits on Sunday.

**Class 01** - Rabbit Meat Pens, consisting of 3 rabbits

**Class 02** - Rabbit Fryer Class, consisting of 1 rabbit

**Class 03** - Rabbit Roaster Class, consisting of 1 rabbit

**Class 04** - Rabbit Stewer Class, consisting of 1 rabbit

## **Division 2005 – Rabbit Science**

Exhibits must be in place at the judging tables in the Rabbit Barn on Monday of the fair by 2 p.m. They will be judged Monday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Exhibitor must be interviewed as part of the exhibit. Interviews will be limited to a maximum of 10 minutes. Clubs wishing to incorporate their members' rabbit science projects as part of their club decorations and display may do so after the projects are judged on Monday; however, club science displays will only be considered as the educational display for a club when judged for the barn decoration contest and are not eligible to be shown in this division.

Rabbit Poster size is 14"x22" or 28"x22"

Rabbit Display (tabletop) no larger than 3'x3'

Resources MUST be listed on project.

**Class 20** - Rabbit Poster, Senior 13 yrs. & older

**Class 21** - Rabbit Poster, Junior 8-12 yrs. old

**Class 22** - Rabbit Notebook, Senior 13 yrs. & older

**Class 23** - Rabbit Notebook, Junior 8-12 yrs. old

**Class 25** - Rabbit Display, Senior 13 yrs. & older

**Class 26** - Rabbit Display, Junior 8-12 yrs. old

## **Division 2005 – Rabbit Record Book**

The Rabbit Project Record Book is required of all exhibitors in order to show/sell and must be turned into the Fair or 4-H office by July 1 by 5 p.m. Record books are available after February 15<sup>th</sup> at the 4-H Extension Office. Project record books are to be housed in an up to 2" ring, presentation binder with clear front overlay. The first page of the record book should be inserted into the presentation portion of front cover of the binder. Record book pages should remain in order when placed in the binder and should not be placed in page protectors.

**Class 35** - Novice, 8-10 yrs. old

**Class 36** - Young, 11 & 12 yrs. old

**Class 37** - Intermediate, 13 & 14 yrs. old

**Class 38** - Junior, 15 & 16 yrs. old

**Class 39** - Senior, 17 yrs. & older

**Class 40** - Clover Sprout Record Book, ages 5-7 yrs. old

## **Division 2006 - Rabbit Fun Classes**

No premiums. Sign up week of fair in the rabbit barn.

·Costumed rabbit and owner. Judged on costume & appearance.

·Rabbit Road Rally

·Adult Showmanship

·Rabbit Peep Eating Contest

·Breed ID/Rabbit Bingo

·Coloring Contest

## **Decorations**

Decorations for club displays should not inhibit air flow through the cages. The superintendent will remove items which inhibit air flow. Clubs are required to use skirting at the bottom of the cages.

Clubs are evaluated throughout the week with results announced on Friday. All education wall décor will be limited to 3'6" wide x 5' tall.

Best Decorated Club Display. Clubs are judged on educational display, decorations and cleanliness of area. All clubs entered automatically.

Displays must be in place by Tuesday of the fair.

**Class 01** - Best Decorated Large Club Display Award \$25

**Class 02** - Best Decorated Small Club Display Award \$25