

DIVISION 14

YOUTH RABBITS AND CAVIES

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Rabbit Show Time: Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.

Rabbit Pen Fee: \$3.00 per head, Pen of 3 \$6.00

Dress Code: All exhibitors must wear black pants, a white shirt, white lab coat and closed-toe shoes/boots.

Age: Exhibitors must be 5 years old as of January 1st in the current year.

Rabbit Rules:

1. An exhibitor cannot show in both the protégé and youth division unless the exhibitor is a protégé or clover-bud teacher.
2. Maximum of 15 breeding rabbits, 6 meat rabbits (in any of the following combinations meat pen (see Rule 1 Section 23) single fryer, single roaster) and 10 cavies.
3. Rabbits must be a minimum of 9 weeks old and cavies must be a minimum of 12 ounces and owned by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must have owned the animal being exhibited for at least 45 days before exhibiting at fair to ensure the health of the animal.
4. **All rabbits must be identified by a permanent legible ear mark. Cavy identification is optional. Mandatory tattooing is required for Meat Rabbits. Meat rabbits must be tattooed by the Barn Superintendents OR if tattooed elsewhere exhibitors must provide tattoo information to superintendents by tattoo date. All meat rabbits must be owned and shown by the registered exhibitor and tattoo numbers will be assigned to those exhibitor entries. Copy of tattoo numbers will be submitted to the fair entry office for record. Breed rabbits must have tattoo identification at time of check on Saturday of Fair.**
5. Entry deadline is **JULY 15th, 2025. ALL CLASS ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 15TH. Absolutely NO ENTRIES will be accepted after JULY 15, 2025.**
6. Due at the Fair on Saturday August 2, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
7. Pens will be assigned as rabbits and cavies are checked in by the Barn Superintendents. Rabbits, cavies, are not allowed in barn until health inspection is completed. Any animal showing signs of diseases or other abnormalities will be sent home.
8. Exhibitors are to provide their own shavings, feed, and dishes (dishes need to be of suitable size and spillproof).
9. Exhibitors are responsible for doing Barn Duty.
10. **Exhibitors are required to show their own animals. Exhibitors must accompany their rabbits/cavies to the show, care for, and exhibit it. An exhibitor that has any Emergency, Sickness, or Conflicting Show must notify the Superintendent or Co-Superintendent.** In case of sickness or other emergency an animal may be shown by an appointed substitute, if a Rabbit/Cavy Team Member has granted permission and the Barn Superintendent or Co-Superintendent has been notified of the conflict. Exhibitors are encouraged to provide assistance and support for younger junior youth. If assistance is needed for reasons of safety, then another exhibitor, 4-H leader, or parent can provide assistance.
11. Rabbits and cavies will be judged according to breeds. All varieties will be grouped together by class.
12. In addition to the confirmation classes, exhibitors must participate in showmanship classes. An exhibitor's animals must be entered in a breed or meat class in addition to showmanship.
13. All pens must be cleaned by 10:00 a.m. every day except Wednesday. Wednesday is show day and all pens must be cleaned by 8:00 a.m.
14. Unkempt animals, cages, feed and water dishes, and no Barn Duty CAN RESULT IN forfeiture of premiums.
15. Animals will not be released from their pens until August 9, 2025, at 11:00 p.m. Early removal will result in the loss of all premiums. Market animals may leave with the processor after 11:00 p.m. on Saturday of Fair week. Auction animals may be taken to a livestock sale barn after 11:00 p.m. on Saturday of Fair week.
16. All barn decorations must remain up until after 11:00 p.m. on August 9, 2025. Early removal will result in the loss of premiums.
17. Rabbits should be placed in Section 22 – Other, if their breed is not listed.
18. All youth exhibiting rabbits must use water bottles or a spill proof water pan to water their rabbits.
19. **ALL EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO HELP ON SUNDAY WITH BARN BREAK DOWN. RELEASE ON SATURDAY EVENING DOES NOT RELEASE YOU FROM HELPING TEAR DOWN ON SUNDAY!!**

RABBIT AWARDS

1. Rosettes will be given to Best of Breed and Best Reserve for the Top 10 Breeds showing with at least 5 animals in the section.
2. The Board of Directors shall have the power to make prorated deductions from premiums offered if, in their opinion, the financial conditions of the Association render it necessary.

3. Premiums will be paid for each exhibitor, according to the judges placing as indicated by the division and class entered. No exhibitor shall be paid more than one premium per class.
4. No premium shall be awarded when an animal is deemed not worthy by the judge, or animals not properly cared for. No premiums shall be paid on exhibits removed from the fairgrounds in violation of the rules of the association.
5. Breeding or Production Classes: Classes numbered one through six in each section will consist of one buck or one doe. Rabbits will be judged on breeding or production quality only as set up by ARBA standards. The classes are determined by age and sex.

SECTION - 1 : American
SECTION - 2 : American Checkered Giant

SECTION - 3 : American Chinchilla
SECTION - 4: American Fuzzy Lop
SECTION - 5: Britannian Petite
SECTION - 6: California
SECTION - 7: Champagne
SECTION - 8: Crème D'Argent
SECTION - 9: Dutch
SECTION - 10: Dwarf Hotot
SECTION - 11: English Angora
SECTION - 12: English Lop
SECTION - 13: Flemish Giant
SECTION - 14: Florida White
SECTION - 15: French Angora
SECTION - 16 : French Lop
SECTION - 17: Giant Chinchilla
SECTION - 18: Harlequin

SECTION - 19 : Havana
SECTION - 20 : Holland Lop
SECTION - 21 : Jersey Wooly
SECTION - 22: Lion Head
SECTION - 23: Mini Lop
SECTION - 24: Mini Rex
SECTION - 25: Mini Satin
SECTION - 26: Netherland Dwarf
SECTION - 27: New Zealand
SECTION - 28: Polish
SECTION - 29: Rex
SECTION - 30: Sable
SECTION - 31: Satin
SECTION - 32: Silver
SECTION - 33: Standard Chinchilla
SECTION - 34 : Other

1 st thru 5 th - Ribbon	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
	\$7.00	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00

Class:

857. Senior Buck
 858. Senior Doe
 861. Junior Buck
 862. Junior Doe

Best of Show - Award
Reserve Best of Show - Award
Best of Breed - Rosettes

SECTION - 35: Meat Pen - Auction

Rules:

1. Meat Pen Class will consist of three (3) rabbits all the same breed and variety.
2. Rabbits should not be more than sixty-nine (69) days old and weigh between a minimum of 3 lb. 8 oz. and a maximum of 5 lbs. 8oz.
3. Meat Pens will be judged according to the ARBA standards on meat type.
4. The meat pen is to be raised by the exhibitor.
5. Grand & Reserve Champion meat pens must be sold at the Livestock auction. All other animals with meat of passing quality will be sold next.

1 st thru 5 th - Ribbon	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
	\$7.00	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00

Class:

863. Meat Pen Rabbits

**Grand Champion Meat Pen – Award
Reserve Champion Meat Pen - Award**

SECTION - 36: Single Fryer - Auction

Rules:

1. Not over 10 weeks of age.
2. Minimum weight 3 lbs-8 oz.
3. Maximum weight 5 lbs-8 oz.

1 st thru 5 th - Ribbon	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
	\$7.00	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00

Class:

864. Single Fryer

**Grand Champion Single Fryer– Award
Reserve Champion Single Fryer- Award**

SECTION - 37: Single Roaster - Auction

Rules:

1. All rabbits must be under 6 months of age.
2. Minimum weight 5 lbs-8 oz.
3. Maximum weight 9 lbs.

1 st thru 5 th - Ribbon	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
	\$7.00	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00

Class:

865. Roaster

**Grand Champion Single Roaster – Award
Reserve Champion Single Roaster - Award**

SECTION - 38: Showmanship Rabbits

Rule: To be judged on the ability to handle rabbit and knowledge of the rabbit.

1 st thru 5 th - Ribbon	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
	\$7.00/Trophy	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$1.00

Class:

866. Beginner Showmanship: 5 - 7 years

867. Junior Showmanship: 8 - 11 years

868. Intermediate Showmanship: 12 – 15 years

869. Senior Showmanship: 16 – 20 years

SECTION - 39: Mixed

Rules:

1. Mixed rabbits are not eligible for Best in Show or Reserve in Show.
2. Limit of two rabbits per exhibitor.

1 st thru 5 th - Ribbon	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
	\$7.00	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00

Class:

870. Senior Buck

871. Senior Doe

872. Junior Buck

873. Junior Doe

SECTION – 40: Rabbit Agility (Exhibition Only Non-Premium)

Show Time: TBD

Rule: Superintendent will provide rules.

1st thru 5th- Ribbon (Non-Premium)

Award

Class:

874. Rabbit Agility

CAVIES

Show Time: Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.

Exhibit Fee: \$3.00

Dress Code: All exhibitors must wear black pants, white shirt, white lab coat and closed-toe shoes/boots.

Rules:

1. The exhibitor furnishes feed and dishes.
2. Exhibitors must clean and maintain the pens throughout Fair. Cages must be cleaned by 10:00 a.m. except for show day by 8:00 a.m.
3. **ALL CLASS ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 15th, 2025, AND PAYMENT ENCLOSED. Absolutely NO ENTRIES will be accepted after JULY 15th, 2025!**
4. Cavies showing symptoms of disease or other abnormalities will be sent home.
5. Maximum of 10 cavies per exhibitor.
6. Exhibitor must be 5 years old as of January 1 of current year.
7. Cavy identification is optional.
8. Rosettes will be given for Best of Breed when 5 or more animals are in the section.
9. Cavies should be placed in Section 44 – Other if their breed is not listed.
10. EXHIBITORS MUST DO BARN DUTY.
11. Exhibitors ARE REQUIRED TO HELP WITH BARN BREAK DOWN. SATURDAY EVENING DOES NOT RELEASE YOU FROM TEAR DOWN SUNDAY!!

SECTION - 41: American
SECTION - 42: Abyssinian

1st thru 5th - Ribbon

1st
\$7.00

2nd
\$5.00

SECTION - 43: Crested
SECTION - 44: Other

3rd
\$3.00

4th
\$2.00

5th
\$1.00

Class:

875. Junior Boar - up to 22 oz. Not over 6 months old.

876. Junior Sow - up to 22 oz. Not over 6 months old.

879. Senior Boar - over 30 oz.

880. Senior Sow - over 30 oz.

Best of Breed - Rosettes

Grand Champion Cavy – Award / Reserve Champion Cavy - Award

SECTION - 45: Rabbit and Cavy Costume (Class Non-Premium)

Show Time: TBD

Rules:

1. Entries will be judged on originality and creativity.
2. Only one (1) animal per exhibitor for Costume Class.
3. Exhibitors do not have to dress up with their animal.
4. Exhibitors must show their animal in a breeding or meat class.
5. Exhibitors must use their own rabbit or cavy.

1st thru 5th - Ribbon

Class:

881. Costume Class – Rabbit

882. Costume Class – Cavy

Best Costume Rabbit – Award / Best Costume Cavy – Award

SECTION - 46: Showmanship Cavy

Rule: To be judged on the ability to handle cavy and knowledge of the cavy.

1st thru 5th - Ribbon

1st
\$7.00/Trophy

2nd
\$5.00

3rd
\$4.00

4th
\$3.00

5th
\$1.00

Class:

883. Beginner Showmanship: 5 - 7 years

884. Junior Showmanship: 8 - 11 years

885. Intermediate Showmanship: 12 – 15 years

886. Senior Showmanship: 16 – 20 years

SECTION - 47: Educational Exhibits

Entries are due at the time of animal check-in.

Rules:

1. Standard poster size is required.
2. Poster contents: Any information regarding rabbits/cavies that would be educational to the viewer of the poster. The purpose is to provide learning experience.
3. Entries must be labeled with the exhibitor's name and age, on the **back** bottom right corner of poster. No personal information is to be on the front of the poster.
4. Limit 1 poster per class.
5. Exhibitors must have entered the rabbit or cavy division to exhibit in class 887 or 888.

Award: 2nd thru 5th – Ribbon

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

5th

\$7.00/Award

\$5.00

\$4.00

\$3.00

\$1.00

Class:

887. Educational Display – Rabbit

888. Educational Display – Cavy