

4-H RABBITS

4-H Rabbit Superintendent: Brittany Dykeman

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

July 1, 9, 18, 31 Livestock Interview – Powerhouse, 39 S. Grove St., East Aurora

Tuesday, August 6

6:00 – 8:00 PM 4-H Rabbit exhibits brought to the Fair – Barn #2
4-H Rabbit Poster due



NEW BARN

Thursday, August 8

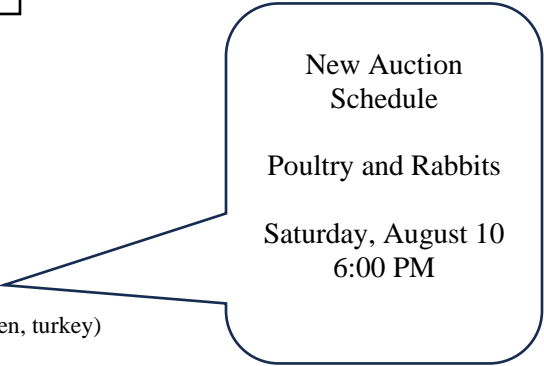
1:30 PM 4-H Rabbit Dressing Contest – Livestock Arena (Poultry followed by Rabbit)

Friday, August 9

1:00 PM 4-H Market Rabbit Show – Barn #2 (Sale Rabbits followed by nonsale rabbits)
2:00 PM 4-H Rabbit Show

Saturday, August 10

3:00 PM 4-H Rabbit and Poultry Exhibitor Meeting – Livestock Arena
5:30 PM Auction Announcements
6:00 PM 4-H Rabbit, Poultry and Turkey Auction – Showplex (sale order – rabbit, chicken, turkey)
9:00 PM 4-H Sale Rabbits released, all members must clean out cages



New Auction
Schedule

Poultry and Rabbits

Saturday, August 10
6:00 PM

Monday, August 12

6:00 PM All 4-H Rabbits Released, all rabbit exhibitors are responsible for cleaning cages.

RABBIT RULES

- All exhibitors must be 5 years old by January 1 of the current year with exception to sale meat rabbits.
- All rabbits must be owned by the exhibitor and be born by May 1 of the current year (except for meat Rabbits do not need to have registration or health papers. All rabbits must have permanent ear marks (a tattoo) in the left ear.
- PLEASE IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC BREED, VARIETY (COLOR) AND TATTOO NUMBER ON YOUR ENTRY.
- Committee in charge reserves the right to refuse to accept for exhibit any rabbit which shows evidence of parasites, or diseases including, but not limited to, snuffles, tumor, hernia, rupture, blindness in one or both eyes, ear canker, slobbers, sore hocks, vent disease, abscesses, runny eyes and/or nose, mange colds or excessively dirty will not be accepted. Health check will be conducted upon arrival.
- Exhibitor's passes may be picked up after animals are checked in Tuesday, August 6th from the superintendent.
- The Fair will not be responsible for loss, damage, mistake or accident.
- Feed will be supplied by **Clyde's Feed Store, Hamburg, NY**. Rabbits are fed once a day in the evening. **Owner is responsible for the care of their rabbit if they wish to have special provisions.**
- All rabbits not picked up on Monday, August 12th by 9:00 PM will be sold.
- Absolutely no late entries, no changes will be accepted after animal have been checked in.
- All entries judged on the Danish system, following ARBA standards for all purebred rabbits.
- You are expected to be present at judging to present your animal to the judge. You are expected to bring your animal to and from the Judging table. You will be released from this requirement ONLY if you are showing another animal during this period.**
- All exhibitors are required to help a minimum of two (2) two-hour shifts at the 4-H Rabbit Exhibit during the Fair. Exhibitors will sign up for shifts when you check in your rabbits.**
- Exhibitors may not put for sale signs on pens until the last day of exhibition. (Monday, August 12th) Rabbits are not released until 8:00 p.m.
- All rabbit exhibitors must clean manure from under all cages your animals occupied on Monday, August 12 from 8-10pm. Failure to do so will prohibit you from participation in the rabbit program in 2025.**
- All rabbit exhibitors are required to give a Public Presentation prior to May of the current year.

REMINDER

All rabbit exhibitors are required to bring a 2x2 rug to the fair, labeled with exhibitor's name with duct tape on the back.

Age Clarification

4-Class Breeds

Senior– 6 months or older as of show day
Junior – 6 months or less as of the show day

6-Class Breeds

Senior – 8 months or older as of show day
Intermediate – 6 to 8 months as of show day
Junior – 6 months or less as of show day

Classes DA-DCM Awards:**Blue \$3.00 Red \$2.00 White \$1.00**

Trophies will be awarded to Best in Show and Reserve in Show.

Rosettes for Best of Breed and Best Opposite of Breed recipients, in breeds having five or more rabbits entered.

PUREBRED DIVISION – Sections DA to DBU The purebred classes will be judged similar to those conducted at American Rabbit Breeder Assoc. Shows and at the New York State Fair 4-H Rabbit Show. Purebred rabbits will be judged separately by breeds and will be divided into different age, color and sex classes. The winner from each of the classes will then compete for Best of Breed in the particular breed. The rabbits chosen as Best of Breed in the Purebred Division will compete near the conclusion of the show for Best Purebred in Show and Reserve Best Purebred Rabbit in Show.**PET RABBIT PROJECT –Section DBV.** This class is for 4-H project rabbits (Buck or Doe of any age) that are unknown or mixed breed origin OR are purebred but exhibit a disqualification by A.R.B.A. Standards. Disqualifications are absence of the nail or nails, bucks not showing both testicles broken or missing teeth, damaged ears or nails, off-colored eyes, wry tails, or foreign colored spots, in solid or self-varieties or in marked varieties when specifically noted in breed standard. Judging to be based on: fur (as for appropriate fur type), freedom from the general faults, condition and thriftiness, cleanliness and health, and temperament.**PURE BREED CAVIE CLASSES- Sections DC to DCM. PET CAVIE CLASSES – Section DCM**

FOUR-CLASS BREEDS				
	Sr. Buck	Sr. Doe	Jr. Buck	Jr. Doe
<u>Section DA – American Fuzzy Lop</u>				
Solid	1	2	3	4
Broken	5	6	7	8
<u>Section DAA – American Sable</u>				
American Sable	1	2	3	4
<u>Section DAB – Belgian Hare</u>				
Belgian Hare	1	2	3	4
<u>Section DAC – Britannia Petite</u>				
Black	1	2	3	4
Black Otter	5	6	7	8
Broken	9	10	11	12
Chestnut Agouti	13	14	15	16
Red Eyed White	17	18	19	20
Sable Marten	21	22	23	24
Blue Eyed White	25	26	27	28
<u>Section DAD - Dutch</u>				
Black	1	2	3	4
Blue	5	6	7	8
Chocolate	9	10	11	12
Gray	13	14	15	16
Steel	17	18	19	20
Tortoise	21	22	23	24
<u>Section DAE – Dwarf Hotot</u>				
Dwarf Hotot	1	2	3	4
<u>Section DAF – English Spot</u>				
Black	1	2	3	4
Blue	5	6	7	8
Chocolate	9	10	11	12
Gold	13	14	15	16
Gray	17	18	19	20
Lilac	21	22	23	24
Tortoise	25	26	27	28
<u>Section DAG – English Angora</u>				
White	1	2	3	4
Colored	5	6	7	8
<u>Section DAH – Florida White</u>				
Florida White	1	2	3	4
<u>Section DAI – French Angora</u>				
White	1	2	3	4
Colored	5	6	7	8
<u>Section DAJ - Harlequin</u>				

Japanese	1	2	3	4
Magpie	5	6	7	8

Section DAK - Havana

Black	1	2	3	4
Blue	5	6	7	8
Broken	9	10	11	12
Chocolate	13	14	15	16
Lilac	17	18	19	20

Section DAL – Himalayan

	Sr. Buck	Sr. Doe	Jr. Buck	Jr. Doe
Black	1	2	3	4
Blue	5	6	7	8
Chocolate	9	10	11	12
Lilac	13	14	15	16

Section DAM – Holland Lop

Solid	1	2	3	4
Broken	5	6	7	8

Section DAN – Jersey Wooly

Agouti	1	2	3	4
Any Other Variety	5	6	7	8
Broken	9	10	11	12
Self	13	14	15	16
Shaded	17	18	19	20
Tan Pattern	21	22	23	24

Section DAO – Lilac

Lilac	1	2	3	4
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Section DAP – Lionhead

Tortoise	1	2	3	4
Ruby Eyed White	5	6	7	8
Chocolate	9	10	11	12
Seal	13	14	15	16
Any Other Variety (AOV)	17	18	19	20
Siamese	21	22	23	24

Section DAQ – Mini Lop

Solid	1	2	3	4
Broken	5	6	7	8

Section DAR – Mini Rex

Black	1	2	3	4
Blue	5	6	7	8
Blue Eyed White	9	10	11	12
Broken	13	14	15	16
Castor	17	18	19	20
Chinchilla	21	22	23	24
Chocolate	25	26	27	28
Himalayan	29	30	31	32
Lilac	33	34	35	36
Lynx	37	38	39	40
Opal	41	42	43	44
Otter	45	46	47	48
Red	49	50	51	52
Sable	53	54	55	56
Seal	57	58	59	60
Silver Martin	61	62	63	64
Smoke Pearl	65	66	67	68
Tortoise	69	70	71	72
White	73	74	75	76
Ruby Eyed White	77	78	79	80
Smoked Pearl Martin	81	82	83	84

Section DAS – Mini Satin

	Sr. Buck	Sr. Doe	Jr. Buck	Jr. Doe
Black Chocolate	1	2	3	4
Chinchilla	5	6	7	8
Opal	9	10	11	12
Otter	13	14	15	16
Red	17	18	19	20
Siamese (Blue, Choc., Lilac)	21	22	23	24
White	25	26	27	28
Blue	29	30	31	32
Silver Marten	33	34	35	36
Tortoise	37	38	39	40
Broken Chocolate Agouti	41	42	43	44
Copper	45	46	47	48
Himalayan	49	50	51	52
Squirrel	53	54	55	56
Chocolate	57	58	59	60

Section DAT – Netherland Dwarf

Black	1	2	3	4
Blue	5	6	7	8
Blue Eyed White	9	10	11	12
Chocolate	13	14	15	16
Lilac	17	18	19	20
Ruby Eyed White	21	22	23	24
Chestnut	25	26	27	28
Chinchilla	29	30	31	32
Lynx	33	34	35	36
Opal	37	38	39	40
Squirrel	41	42	43	44
Sablepoint	45	46	47	48
Siamese Sable	49	50	51	52
Siamese Smoke Pearl	53	54	55	56
Otter	57	58	59	60
Sable Marten	61	62	63	64
Smoked Pearl Marten	65	66	67	68
Tan	69	70	71	72
Broken	73	74	75	76
Fawn	77	78	79	80
Himalayan	81	82	83	84
Orange	85	86	87	88
Steel	89	90	91	92

Section DAU – Polish

Black	1	2	3	4
Blue	5	6	7	8
Broken	9	10	11	12
Chocolate	13	14	15	16
Blue Eyed White	17	18	19	20
Red Eyed White	21	22	23	24

Section DAV – Rex

Amber	1	2	3	4
Black	5	6	7	8
Otter	9	10	11	12
Blue	13	14	15	16
Broken	17	18	19	20
Californian	21	22	23	24
Castor	25	26	27	28
Chinchilla	29	30	31	32
Chocolate	33	34	35	36
Lilac	37	38	39	40
Lynx	41	42	43	44
Opal	45	46	47	48
Red	49	50	51	52
Sable	53	54	55	56
Seal	57	58	59	60
White	61	62	63	64

	Sr. Buck	Sr. Doe	Jr. Buck	Jr. Doe
<u>Section DAW - Rhinelander</u>				
Blue Rhinelander	1	2	3	4
Rhinelander	5	6	7	8
<u>Section DAX – Satin Angora</u>				
White	1	2	3	4
Colored	5	6	7	8
<u>Section DAY – Standard Chinchilla</u>				
Standard Chinchilla	1	2	3	4
<u>Section DAZ – Silver</u>				
Black	1	2	3	4
Brown	5	6	7	8
Fawn	9	10	11	12
<u>Section DB – Silver Marten</u>				
Black	1	2	3	4
Blue	5	6	7	8
Chocolate	9	10	11	12
Sable	13	14	15	16
<u>Section DBA – Tan</u>				
Black	1	2	3	4
Blue	5	6	7	8
Chocolate	9	10	11	12
Lilac	13	14	15	16
<u>Section DBB - Thrianta</u>				
Thrianta	1	2	3	4

SIX-CLASS BREEDS

	Sr. Buck	Sr. Doe	Inter. Buck	Inter. Doe	Jr. Buck	Jr. Doe
<u>Section DBC – American</u>						
Blue	1	2	3	4	5	6
White	7	8	9	10	11	12
<u>Section DBD – American Chinchilla</u>						
American Chinchilla	1	2	3	4	5	6
<u>Section DBE – Argente Brun</u>						
Any Variety	1	2	3	4	5	6
<u>Section DBF – Beveren</u>						
Black	1	2	3	4	5	6
Blue	7	8	9	10	11	12
White	13	14	15	16	17	18
<u>Section DBG – Blanc de Hotot</u>						
Blanc de Hotot	1	2	3	4	5	6
<u>Section DBH – Californian</u>						
Californian	1	2	3	4	5	6
<u>Section DBI – Champagne D’Argent</u>						
Champagne D’Argent	1	2	3	4	5	6
<u>Section DBJ – Checkered Giant</u>						
Black	1	2	3	4	5	6
Blue	7	8	9	10	11	12
<u>Section DBK – Cinnamon</u>						
Cinnamon	1	2	3	4	5	6

Section DBL – Crème D’Argent

Crème D’Argent	1	2	3	4	5	6
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	Sr. Buck	Sr. Doe	Inter. Buck	Inter. Doe	Jr. Buck	Jr. Doe
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Section DBM – English Lop

Solid	1	2	3	4	5	6
Broken	7	8	9	10	11	12

Section DBN – French Lop

Solid	1	2	3	4	5	6
Broken	7	8	9	10	11	12

Section DBO – Giant Angora

White	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Section DBP – Giant Chinchilla

Giant Chinchilla	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Section DBQ – Flemish Giant

Black	1	2	3	4	5	6
Blue	7	8	9	10	11	12
Fawn	13	14	15	16	17	18
Light Gray	19	20	21	22	23	24
Sandy	25	26	27	28	29	30
Steel Gray	31	32	33	34	35	36
White	37	38	39	40	41	42

Section DBR – New Zealand

Black	1	2	3	4	5	6
Broken	7	8	9	10	11	12
Red	13	14	15	16	17	18
White	19	20	21	22	23	24
Blue	25	26	27	28	29	30

Section DBS – Palomino

Golden	1	2	3	4	5	6
Lynx	7	8	9	10	11	12

Section DBT – Satin

Black	1	2	3	4	5	6
Blue	7	8	9	10	11	12
Broken	13	14	15	16	17	18
Californian	19	20	21	22	23	24
Chinchilla	25	26	27	28	29	30
Chocolate	31	32	33	34	35	36
Copper	37	38	39	40	41	42
Otter	43	44	45	46	47	48
Red	49	50	51	52	53	54
Siamese	55	56	57	58	59	60
White	61	62	63	64	65	66

Section DBU – Silver Fox

Black	1	2	3	4	5	6
Blue	7	8	9	10	11	12

Section DBV - Pet

Pet Breed Rabbit Project	Buck	Doe
	1	2

CAVIES				
<u>Section DC-Abyssinian</u>	Sr. Boar	Sr. Sow	Jr. Boar	Jr. Sow
Self	1	2	3	4
Solid	5	6	7	8
Agouti	9	10	11	12
Marked	13	14	15	16
<u>Section DCA – Abyssinian Satin</u>				
Self	1	2	3	4
Solid	5	6	7	8
Agouti	9	10	11	12
Marked	13	14	15	16
<u>Section DCB – American</u>				
Self	1	2	3	4
Solid	5	6	7	8
Agouti	9	10	11	12
Marked	13	14	15	16
Gold	17	18	19	20
Marten	21	22	23	24
Tan Pattern	25	26	27	28
<u>Section DCC – American Satin</u>				
Self	1	2	3	4
Solid	5	6	7	8
Agouti	9	10	11	12
Marked	13	14	15	16
<u>Section DCD – Coronet</u>				
Self	1	2	3	4
Solid	5	6	7	8
Agouti	9	10	11	12
Marked	13	14	15	16
<u>Section DCE - Peruvian</u>				
Self	1	2	3	4
Solid	5	6	7	8
Agouti	9	10	11	12
Marked	13	14	15	16
<u>Section DCF – Peruvian Satin</u>				
Self	1	2	3	4
Solid	5	6	7	8
Agouti	9	10	11	12
Marked	13	14	15	16
<u>Section DCG – Silkie</u>				
Self	1	2	3	4
Solid	5	6	7	8
Agouti	9	10	11	12
Marked	13	14	15	16
<u>Section DCH – Silkie Satin</u>				
Self	1	2	3	4
Solid	5	6	7	8
Agouti	9	10	11	12
Marked	13	14	15	16
<u>Section DCI – Teddy</u>				
Self	1	2	3	4
Solid	5	6	7	8
Agouti	9	10	11	12
Marked	13	14	15	16
Tan	17	18	19	20

Section DCJ – Teddy Satin

Self	1	2	3	4
Solid	5	6	7	8
Agouti	9	10	11	12
Marked	13	14	15	16

Section DCK – Texel

Self	1	2	3	4
Solid	5	6	7	8
Agouti	9	10	11	12
Marked	13	14	15	16

Section DCL – White Crested

	Sr. Boar	Sr. Sow	Jr. Boar	Jr. Sow
Self	1	2	3	4
Solid	5	6	7	8
Agouti	9	10	11	12
Marked	13	14	15	16

Section DCM – Pet Cavies Project

	Boar	Sow
Pet Cavy	1	2

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP (REGULAR RABBITS)

Rabbit Showmanship Contest- Participation will be judged on the members knowledge of rabbit breeds/variety, anatomy, defects/disqualifications and handling of the live animal.

Awards:

Blue \$3.00 Red \$2.00 White \$1.00

Class #

- 1. Advanced-** Six (6) or more years of rabbit exhibiting experience.
- 2. Intermediate-** Three (3) – Five (5) years of rabbit exhibiting experience.
- 3. Novice-** Two (2) years of less of rabbit exhibiting experience.
- 4. Cloverbud Showmanship-** for members age 5-7 as of January 1, 2024

OTHER RABBIT COMPETITIONS (REGULAR RABBITS)

17. Rabbit Knowledge Contest. Participants will be evaluated on their knowledge of rabbits. Contest will consist of a written test and feeds. Advanced entry is required on the entry form. Any Erie County 4-H member may enter this contest. This is a mandatory competition for any exhibitor in the rabbit barn and it will be administered at the time of your livestock interview in July.

18. Rabbit Information Poster. A 22" x 28" poster illustrating any phase of the 4-H Rabbit Project, (i.e.: Breeds, Health, Diseases, Nutrition, Parts of the Body, Housing, Fur Types, etc). Posters will be entered on Tuesday, August 16th in the Poultry/Rabbit Barn. Advanced entry is required on the entry form.

Market Classes- Exhibitors 9 years of age & older**Pen of Meat Rabbits**

- a. Limit of 1 market class per member either fryer or roaster.
- b. An entry consists of: Roaster - 2 rabbits, Fryer - 3 rabbits of the same variety and breed. Broken meat rabbit pens must be of the same variety (color). Rabbits will each have an individual coop. There is no restriction on the sex of the rabbits. Rabbits weight will determine the category.
- c. All entries in the market class will be sold as either a pen of 3 fryers or 2 roasters.
- d. Market Meat rabbits that are carrying a litter at the time of show will be disqualified. Meat Rabbits that are found to be carrying a litter at the time of harvest must be replaced by the exhibitor. All rabbits will be palpated at check-in.
- e. Check in weight on Tuesday will be the show weight.
- f. Rabbits will be judged on meat type, condition, uniformity and fur.
- g. All members entering market classes must participate in a livestock interview.
- h. All market meat rabbit exhibitors must participate in the rabbit knowledge contest. Failure to take the tests will result in animals not being eligible for sale. Test will be administered at the same appointment of your livestock interview in July.
- i. All meat rabbits must have a tattoo number in their left ear and submit a Meat Rabbit Registration form to the 4-H office no later than July 1, 2024.
- j. Feed and medication guidelines must be strictly followed for antibiotic withholding periods.
- k. For complete rules of the Market Rabbit Program and auction please see the Erie County 4-H Livestock Handbook available online at www.cce.cornell.edu/erie
- l. Market classes are open to participants that are 9 years of age as of January 1, 2024.

- m. There must be a minimum of 5 market rabbit entries to be included in the auction.
- n. Members are responsible for replacement of meat rabbits if they perish prior to slaughter.
- o. All exhibitors are required to sell their meat rabbits in the 4-H Meat Rabbit Auction.
- p. **All rabbit exhibitors must clean manure from under all cages your animals occupied on Sunday, August 10 at 10:00 PM. Failure to do so will prohibit you from participation in the rabbit program in 2024. Each member must check out with the superintendent.**
- q. All exhibitors are responsible for handling market rabbits from the cage to the scale, on show and sale day.
- r. Pens of rabbits not meeting the weight requirement will be eligible to stay and participate in the non-sale show, but are not eligible to participate in the market sale.
- s. All meat rabbit exhibitors must participate in a livestock interview, complete a public presentation and knowledge test.
- t. All exhibitors selling a market animal in the auction are required to attend at least 2 Marketing Workshops (held January-March) and at least 2 Erie County 4-H meetings, one being species specific, to be eligible to sell.

Awards:

- Grand Champion Pen of Meat Rabbits
- Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Meat Rabbits
- Commended Pen of Meat Rabbits
- Highly Commended Pen of Meat Rabbits

Don't forget to sign up
for the Meat Rabbit
Knowledge contest. Class
#12

Class # 22. Pen of Fryer Meat Rabbits – 3 rabbits each with a minimum weight of 3.5 lbs. and a maximum weight of 5.5 lbs. all less than 10 weeks of age.

23. Pen of Roaster Meat Rabbits – 2 rabbits each with a minimum weight of 5.5 lbs. and a maximum weight of 9 lbs. all under 6 months of age.

Non-sale Market Classes- Exhibitors 5 years of age & older

Non Sale Market Rabbit Class

- a. Entry to consist of 1 meat rabbit
- b. Entries will not be sold
- c. Rabbits will be judged on meat type, condition and fur,
- d. This division is open to members that are 5 years old as of January 1, 2024.
- e. Participants must meet all the requirements as listed under the Meat Rabbit pen regulations except for exhibitor age (cloverbuds are eligible for this class)
- f. Non-sale market rabbits are not released from the fair until Monday, August 12 at 8 p.m.

Class #

- 10. Single entry fryer meat rabbit**
- 11. Single entry roaster meat rabbit**

MEAT RABBIT KNOWLEDGE- MANDATORY

12. Meat Rabbit Knowledge Contest. Participants will be evaluated on their knowledge of rabbits. Contest will be held at the livestock interview in July and consist of a written test and feeds and proper handling. Advanced entry is required on the entry form. Any Erie County 4-H member may enter this contest. This is a mandatory competition for any meat rabbit exhibitor

MEAT RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Awards:

Blue \$3.00 Red \$2.00 White \$1.00
Classes 13 – 16

Meat Rabbit Showmanship

Class #

- 13. Senior-**six (6) years or more of exhibiting meat rabbits
- 14. Junior-**Three (3) to five (5) years of exhibiting meat rabbits
- 15. Novice-** Two (2) years or less of exhibiting meat rabbits
- 16. Cloverbud-** For youth who are 5 years old as of January 1, 2024

CLASS # 21
The Erie County Fair Rabbit Dressing Contest
Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 1:30 PM
Judging to take place in the Livestock Arena
Contestants should dress their rabbit in a costume that is non-harmful to the rabbit.
Contestants are encouraged to dress in accordance with the rabbit's costume.
Fair Theme: Carnival Fun

Exhibitors 13 years old & under	Exhibitors 14 years old and up
1 st place \$10.00	1 st place \$10.00
2 nd place \$8.00	2 nd place \$8.00
3 rd place \$5.00	3 rd place \$5.00
4 th place \$5.00	4 th place \$5.00

Cloverbud Exhibitors
Rosette Only