

MARKET RABBIT DIVISION

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Rules and Times are subject to change

1. Market Rabbit Division is subject to the General Rules and Regulations in addition to these Division Rules.
2. All exhibitors must abide by all other rules to be eligible to show.
3. No substitution or refund of entry fees will be allowed of exhibitors because of failing grades making exhibitor ineligible to show their entry. NO refunds for any reason.
4. The exhibitor must be present for judging. Substitution – See General Rule #12. Exhibitor must place rabbits on the table for judging. Adults are not allowed to place rabbits on the table.
5. After Market Rabbits have been placed on table only TVE Officials will handle the rabbits.
6. Rabbit Judge's decision is final.
7. Each exhibitor may show only one Market Pen of Rabbits.
8. Market Rabbits shall consist of three rabbits, either sex, not over 70 days old.
9. Each rabbit should weigh a minimum of three (3) pounds and not to exceed five and half (5 1/2) pounds each.
10. All rabbits in a pen shall be the same color and breed. No crossbreds will be shown.
11. One sifted rabbit will disqualify the entire pen. Substitutions will not be allowed.
12. The top ten (10) pens of rabbits will be sold at the Youth Auction on Friday.
13. Exhibitor will have the option of withdrawing his/her meat pen from the auction. If there is a withdrawal the next pen will be moved up. See General Rules & Regulations for specific deadlines for withdrawing from the auction.
14. Rabbits must **be permanently tattooed** in the left ear with either numbers, letters, or a combination of each. Tattoos MUST be clearly readable by the rabbit committee/judge. Tattoo numbers will be written on entry form at the time of weigh-in.
15. All Market rabbits will have a validation tattoo placed in the right ear at date and time to be announced. Only those rabbits that have been validated will be allowed to show in October. There will be a 1.00 per rabbit validation fee, you may validate as many as you would like. You may show only the rabbits that you validate at validation under your specific number.
16. The top ten (10) pens of rabbits must be delivered to the buyer as per buyer's specifications within 14 days after the Sale. Exhibitor not delivering animals within 14 days will forfeit all proceeds from the Youth Auction or Freezer Sale.
17. No late entries will be accepted in Market Rabbit Division.
18. Exhibitor is responsible for the care and feeding of animals staying on grounds – See General Rule #9G
19. TVE is not responsible for any loss or damages.
- 20. Entry Deadline and Fees**
 - a. Entry deadline – September deadline.
 - b. Market Rabbits - \$25.00 per pen (pen consists of three rabbits) No Late Entries will be accepted.
- 21. Eligibility Market Rabbits**
 - a. See General rule #4 I
 - b. Market rabbits must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor under the supervision of Ag Science Instructor or County Agent. The exhibitor, at the exhibitor's residence, must maintain continuous ownership and care of the animal. See General Rule #11 for exception.
 - c. The exhibitor must own and care for the rabbits by the validation date listed on the website.
- 22. Auction – Youth and Freezer – Thank You Notes**
 - a. Exhibitors who qualify for the Youth Auction must see information board for important information pertaining to the auction and attend auction meeting listed on the website.
 - b. Absolutely no approaching the buyer after the auction to request the animals back. If it is confirmed that an exhibitor has approached the buyer to request their animal back there will be strict penalties and could result in auction proceeds being denied as determined by the livestock superintendent.
 - c. Exhibitors wanting to place their animals in the Freezer Sale must notify the Livestock Office in writing (forms available in Livestock Office) by deadline listed. No late forms will be accepted. There is no withdrawal from the freezer sale after this time.
 - d. NO paint, glitter or permanent decoration allowed on animals participating in premium youth auction or freezer sale.
 - e. Youth Auction and freezer sale participants must complete a Thank You Note. Thank You Notes will be available to pick up after the sale of the animal. These must be written to the buyer (if more than 1 buyer please get more thank you cards at table) and turned back in.

- f. No Auction/Freezer Sale check will be distributed without a Thank You Note.
- g. All thank you cards with the exception of add on's must be turned in to the livestock office by 12:00 p.m. Sat of show week!
- h. Cards must be unsealed and signed by exhibitor. Any cards not turned in by end of show must be self-addressed and stamped- no exceptions.
- i. All add on thank you cards must be turned into the TVE fair office unsealed in a self-addressed stamped envelope addressed to the buyer. READY TO MAIL
- j. Checks will not be ready for pick up before January and will not be mailed. Any checks left over 90 days will be voided and put back into the auction fund. Checks will not be reissued.
- k. All rabbit exhibitors that sale thru either the youth auction or the freezer sale will be required to get a release form signed from the buyer at delivery of rabbits (forms are available at the livestock office) and these must be turned back into the TVE office. This must be done within your 14 days or your proceeds will be forfeited. It is your responsibility to get contact info for the buyer.
- l. Checks will be made out to the exhibitor not the parents. Most banks will require an account in that exhibitors name in order to cash. Please make arrangements with your bank as we will not make checks to anyone other than the exhibitor.