

OPEN AND YOUTH RABBIT SHOWS



Livestock Chairmen: Dr. Howard Acree, Jr. and Mike Sweat

Vice Chairman: Stephanie Toelle, Duval County Extension Director

Fair Livestock Coordinator: Jackie Turner

Barn Superintendents: Shelly Terrell & Joshua Rivers

Superintendent: Wanda Simmons

Secretary: Matthew Simmons

Receiving: Wednesday, November 6th - 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Show: Thursday, November 2nd, 2:00 p.m. (Updated time from 9:00 a.m.)

Location: Livestock Arena

Release: Sunday, November 17th , 8:00 p.m.

Rabbit Feed and Poultry Feed Courtesy of North Florida Feed and Farm Supply

If you have questions, please contact Wanda Simmons at: wsims831880@aol.com

OCTOBER 1ST IS THE DEADLINE FOR LIVESTOCK ENTRIES

ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS: Complete your entry form online and pay online. Be sure to complete all parts of the application.

[Click Here To Register Online](#)

SHOWMANSHIP

Youth who wish to compete for Showmanship must indicate this on their registration form.

AGE DIVISIONS

(Youth's age on the day of the show)

Pee Wee: Ages 5-7

Juniors: Ages 8-10

Intermediates: Ages 11-13

Seniors: Ages 14-18

Premiums and awards will be given in the top three places in each age category.

1st Place.....\$20.00

2nd Place.....\$15.00

3rd Place.....\$10.00

ENTRY FEES

Open Category: \$3.00 per Rabbit

Youth Category: \$1.00 per Rabbit

All Fur Classes-Open & Youth: \$2.00 per Rabbit

ENTRIES

NOTE: Entries will be limited to breeds recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association. Due to limited space the fair reserves the right to limit entries, if all available spaces have been filled. Only entries from counties surrounding Duval County will be accepted. Large entries may be limited at the discretion of the Superintendent. Adults may not show in Youth Category.

YOUTH EXHIBITORS: Must be under 19 years of age. Date of birth must be shown on the entry form. All entries must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor for at least 30 days prior to the show. Youth may show in the Open Show, but not with an animal that has been shown in the Youth Show.

***Completion of the Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care workshop is required for all youth exhibitors. ***

Ethics courses can be found here:

https://floridastatefair.formstack.com/forms/2023_2024_youth_livestock_show_ethics_and_animal_care_workshop

RECEIVING: All approved rabbits, does and bucks, will be accepted on Wednesday, November 6th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Exhibitors wishing to change or cancel a rabbit entry must contact the show secretary at matthewsimmons904@gmail.com. This must be done the Friday before rabbits are received. NO CHANGES WILL BE ALLOWED THE DAY OF RECEIVING.

SPACE LIMITATIONS: There are only 96 allotted cages for the Rabbit Show. If that number is exceeded, the Superintendent will set a limit on the number of rabbits each exhibitor may enter and notify the exhibitor by phone.

ELIGIBILITY: All rabbits must be of purebred stock with a legible, permanent tattooed earmark in the animal's left ear. If your rabbit does not have an ear tattoo, you may call Wanda Simmons, 904-879-2646, for assistance. Rabbits entered in Fur Class must be entered and compete in a regular class. No bred does will be permitted in the show nor will rabbits under 12 weeks of age be allowed to enter.

JUDGING: Takes place before the fair begins on Thursday, November 7th, at approximately 9:00 a.m. The Modified Danish System of Judging will be used. Only rabbits receiving a blue ribbon will qualify for special awards. Judging will be conducted in a designated area. No one will be permitted inside the judging area except officials of the show and their helpers. Mixed breed rabbits will receive a white ribbon. Animals may not be removed from their cages/pens, except for judging or with the permission of the Superintendent. The decision of the judges after being ratified by Fair Management shall be final.

SICK ANIMALS: Sick or diseased rabbits will not be admitted to the show room. Any animal rejected on entry day because of sickness or disease will not be allowed to return to the show room. During the Fair, if any rabbit shows signs of illness or disease, the owner will be notified to come and pick up the rabbit.

BREEDING OF ANIMALS: There will be no breeding of rabbits in the showroom.

CAGES: Hay for bedding will NOT be permitted in ANY rabbit cages.

RELEASE / REMOVAL DATE AND TIMES: All rabbits will be released Sunday, November 17th, from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All exhibitors must sign out with the Show Superintendent or Secretary. Any animal removed prior to this time without the consent of the Show Superintendent and the Fair Officials will forfeit all awards and premiums on all contests. The Jacksonville Fair will not be responsible for any animal not picked up by the above stated deadline.

PASSES: Each exhibitor will be given six (6) one-day admission tickets. If there is more than one exhibitor from the same family, those exhibitors will receive two (2) one-day admission tickets.

AWARDS: Youth Awards will be presented when rabbits are picked up.

A list of winners will be posted on the bulletin board of the Poultry/Rabbit Office by 5:00 p.m. the day after judging. Open Awards may be picked up on Sunday, November 17th, during release time. Awards will not be mailed. Ribbons will be given with all cash awards.

PREMIUMS - YOUTH & OPEN DIVISIONS:

All Breed Entries:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
20 or more:	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$3.00
1 through 19:	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00

AWARDS-YOUTH & OPEN

Best of Breed
Best Opposite of Sex Breed Award
Best in Show Award
1st Runner up Award
2nd Runner up Award

FUR SHOW AWARDS-OPEN & YOUTH

Best Normal Fur
Reserve Normal Fur
Best Wool Fur
Reserve Wool Fur
Best All Other Fur (Rex, Satin, Silver Fox)
Reserve All Other Fur (Rex, Satin, Silver Fox)
Best in Show Fur

The Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair will not be responsible for loss by accident, fire, theft or providential destruction. The fair reserves the right to reject or accept conditionally any entry or application at any time, to revoke premiums earned or terminate any exhibit for just cause, and such decision shall be final. The Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair will not be responsible for damages done by animals or injuries to animals.

Photography Release

Photographs will be taken during these events and the images will be used to help promote the fair and educate the public about our different programs and competitions.

I authorize the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair or their assignees to record and photograph my image and/or voice (or that of my child if under 18) for use in research, educational and promotional programs. I also recognize that these audio, video and image recordings are the property of the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair.

If anyone has an objection to the use of their child's image please send a request to jackie@jacksonvillefair.com.

PARKING: See General Rules.

HAMBURGER BASH: There will be a Hamburger Bash to be held on Saturday, November 9th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Tent on the fairgrounds for all youths entering contests during the Jacksonville Fair. If you are participating in this contest, please email Jackie at jackie@jacksonvillefair.com or call 904-353-0535 and provide us with the information below.

I will be participating in the Youth Rabbit Show and I would like to attend the Hamburger Bash.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
E-mail address: _____ Club/Chapter: _____
How many family members will be attending with you? _____