

DEPARTMENT 900 - JUNIOR RABBITS

We will be having a ONE DAY SHOW in 2024

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Show Information

Barn A Indoors

Check-In & Animal Health Inspection:	Sunday, August 4, 10:00AM- 10:45AM
Market Weigh In:	Sunday, August 4, 10:30AM
Mandatory family/member meeting:	Sunday, August 4, 11:00 AM
Showmanship:	Sunday, August 4, 3:00 PM
Market Judging:	Sunday, August 4, Following Showmanship
Breeding Judging:	Sunday, August 4, Following Market Judging
Rabbit Fun Classes-Dress-A-Bunny:	Sunday, August 4, 2:30 PM
Awards:	Sunday, August 4, Following show Tabulation
Release/Barn Clean Breeding & Companion Rabbits:	Following awards, August 4 (out by 7PM)
Market Rabbit Release:	Sunday, August 11 th 4:00 PM

This department is subject to all BCF General Rules, General Exhibitor Rules and all Junior Exhibitor Livestock and Animal Division Rules in addition to those listed for the department.

GENERAL:

We will be having a ONE DAY SHOW in 2024.

1. **No dogs are allowed in the rabbit area.**
2. Rabbit record books will be checked by Superintendents during check in time. Record Books must be up to date for an Exhibitor to participate in all shows. **No animal will be allowed on the Fairgrounds if not listed in the exhibitor's record book.**
3. All rabbits are subject to be vet **inspected** before being allowed in rabbit area and cages. There is no charge for health inspection.
4. Exhibitors must provide all supplies for their rabbit(s) *including shavings*. Exhibitors are responsible for caring for their own rabbit(s) and/or equipment, and cleaning of their cages and surrounding areas daily. Exhibitors will be fined \$5.00 per cage for unclean areas upon conclusion of the fair.
5. No rabbits less than 8 weeks of age are allowed at fair. Do not bring newborn rabbits to the fair just to be with their doe.
6. *Maximum number of Rabbits per large cage: 3 and Regular Cage: 1*
7. *Barn Watch is a requirement for all families to help prevent injuries and to reduce the potential theft of rabbits.*

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Only exhibitors enrolled in a 4-H or FFA Rabbit project (Market/Breeding Rabbit and **Companion Rabbit**) are eligible to enter Junior Rabbit classes (Department 900).

2. All breeding rabbits, companion rabbits and **market roaster/stewer rabbits** must be owned by the exhibitor and listed, along with photos on the Rabbit ID report and up-loaded on or before the last Thursday in April of the current project year. All rabbits being shown must be also included in the record book. In the case of any Breeding Rabbit born after the last Thursday in April, the kindling doe must have been owned by the exhibitor **on or before** the last Thursday in April of the current year, and all the doe's records must appear in the exhibitor's record book. The member must have provided and turned in a hard copy of the up-dated Rabbit ID form to the Extension office and FFA advisor prior to July 6th, of the current year.
3. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Meat Pen of rabbits: Exhibitors must own the kindling doe. All does used to kindle litters of meat pens rabbits must be owned by the exhibitor and identified in 4HOnline by the last Thursday in April of current year. All rabbits shown in the meat pen class must be identified and tattooed at the Meat Pen Rabbit ID Day in July each year.
4. **All rabbits must have tattoo identification in left ear. (In some cases a marker tattoo may be accepted.) When doing animal ID in 4HOnline and you do not know your tattoo, please put "Pending" and then update the 4-H Office when you have your rabbit tattooed.**
5. Market rabbits may also be entered in the breeding show if the exhibitor is dual enrolled in both market and breeding rabbit projects and the rabbit should be listed in both record books.

CLASSIFICATION:

1. **This is not an ARBA sanctioned show but will be judged to ARBA standards at judges' discretion.**
- ~~2. Order of judging class will be determined by judge and posted near the judging table.~~
3. **At the decision of the Superintendents, like classes (breeds) will be combined for judging, making comparable size classes. Order of the judging will be posted near the judging tables.**

REGULATIONS:

1. Each exhibitor is allowed a maximum of 25 breeding rabbits. If the exhibitor is showing in the Market classes, that exhibitor is allowed an additional 8 market rabbits.
2. **Each Exhibitor is allowed 3 Breeding entries per class and 2 Market entries per class.**
3. **Exhibitors are allowed 2 entries per class in the fur class.**
4. Exhibitors will not be allowed to leave the rabbit area with rabbits before the checkout time. All cages and area must be clean before obtaining an initialized release slip from the Superintendents before they can leave the building. Exhibitors found leaving early with their rabbits will have all premiums withheld and run the risk of not being allowed to show the following year. We will not be held responsible for any rabbits left after **7:00 PM** on check-out day. (In the event an exhibitor sells a rabbit, the same rules apply to the new owner, and the exhibitor will be held responsible).

PREMIUMS:

Premiums will be paid by check ~~and/or cash and distribution is TBD~~ at the end of the entire fair completion.

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$3.00	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$1.00

ENTRY:

Enter by Department and Class Number. Match up Breed Type and Age/Gender to determine class number. For example, an exhibitor wanting to show a 5-month-old California Doe would enter Department 900, Class 11.

Include the tattoo in the correct column.

All rabbits must be pre-entered on the 4hOnline Fair Entry.

All Market Rabbits: Superintendent will send 4-H/FFA Members information about Tattoo and Animal ID.

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP: Open to all rabbit breeds and projects.

- Appearance is important: Long sleeved white shirt or white judging coat, blue jeans, close-toed shoes, and no hats.
- Overall knowledge of rabbits, especially the exhibitor's own, is important.
- Proper rabbit handling is also important.
- The resources used for rabbit showmanship are The Ohio State University Rabbit Resource Handbook and the ARBA 2023 Rabbit Showmanship form.
- All 1st and 2nd place winners from each age division will have the option to compete in the Small Animal Round Robin Showmanship Contest on **Saturday Aug 10th**. See Dept. 999 for complete Round Robin Rules.

CLASS #: TO ENTER GO TO DEPARTMENT 1000, SHOWMANSHIP DEPARTMENT

SHOW29. Junior Rabbit Showmanship Exhibitor (youth ages 8 – 10 yrs.)

SHOW30. Intermediate Rabbit Showmanship Exhibitor (youth 11 – 13 yrs.)

SHOW31. Senior Rabbit Showmanship Exhibitor (youth ages 14 – 18 yrs.)

MARKET RABBIT CLASSES: Only exhibitors enrolled the Market Rabbit Project, and rabbits that attended the (tag-in) tattooing/Animal identification process are eligible to enter classes 4, 5R and 5S..

ALL MARKET RABBITS WILL STAY ON FAIR PREMISES UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF FAIR, SUNDAY AUGUST 11, 2024 AT 5:00 PM.

CLASS #:

4. MARKET PEN

Market pens shall consist of three rabbits all the same breed and variety. Rabbits cannot be over 69 days old (**Must be born on or AFTER May 27 of current year**) - minimum weight is 3.5 pounds each. Maximum weight is 5.5 pounds each.

5R. MARKET ROASTER

A Roaster rabbit must be under 6 months of age (**Must be born on or AFTER February 4 of current year**). Minimum weight is 5.5 pounds. Maximum weight is 9 pounds.

5S. MARKET STEWER

A steWER rabbit must be over 6 months of age and under 1 year of age. (**Must be born after August show date of previous year fair and before February 4 of current year**) and weigh over 8 lbs.

BREEDING RABBIT CLASSES:

Only exhibitors enrolled in the 4-H or FFA Breeding Rabbit project are eligible to enter classes 6 – 235.

<u>LARGE PUREBREDS</u>												
CLASS #	Californian								New Zealand	Palomino	Satin	Any Other Large Purebred
Senior Buck (Over 8 months)	6								69	78	87	96
Senior Doe (Over 8 months)	7								70	79	88	97
Intermediate Buck (6 to 8 months)	8								71	80	89	98
Intermediate Doe (6 to 8 months)	9								72	81	90	99
Junior Buck (3 to 6 months)	10								73	82	91	100
Junior Doe (3 to 6 months)	11								74	83	92	101
Pre-Junior Buck (Under 3 months)	12								75	84	93	102
Pre-Junior Doe (Under 3 months)	13								76	85	94	103
Fur	14								77	86	95	104

Other Large Purebreds include American, Giant Angora, Beveren, Champagne D'Argent, Crème D'Argent, English Lop, Silver Fox, Checkered **Giant**, American Chinchilla, Cinnamon, Flemish **Giant**, Hotot, French Lop

<u>SMALL PUREBREDS</u>												
CLASS #	Any Other Small Purebred Wool Class	English Angora	French Angora	Satin Angora		Dutch	Dwarf Hotot	English Spot	Florida White	Harlequin	Havana	Himalayan
Senior Buck (Over 6 months)	105	115	120	125		135	140	145	150	155	160	165
Senior Doe (Over 6 months)	106	116	121	126		136	141	146	151	156	161	166
Junior Buck (Under 6 months)	107	117	122	127		137	142	147	152	157	162	167
Junior Doe (Under 6 months)	108	118	123	128		138	143	148	153	158	163	168

Fur	109		119	124	129		139	144	149	154	159	164	169
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<u>SMALL PUREBREDS</u> CLASS #	Holland Lop (Broken)	Holland Lop (Solid)	Jersey Woolly	Lion Head	Lop, Mini (Broken)	Lop, Mini (Solid)	Mini Rex	Netherland Dwarf	Polish	Rex	Silver Marten	Any Other Small Purebred
Senior Buck (Over 6 months)	170	175	180	185	190	195	200	205	210	215	220	225
Senior Doe (Over 6 months)	171	176	181	186	191	196	201	206	211	216	221	226
Junior Buck (Under 6 months)	172	177	182	187	192	197	202	207	212	217	222	227
Junior Doe (Under 6 months)	173	178	183	188	193	198	203	208	213	218	223	228
Fur	174	179	184	189	194	199	204	209	214	219	224	229

*Any Other Small Purebred Wool Class includes American **Fuzzy** Lop, English Angora, French Angora, Satin Angora: *Any Other Small Purebred* includes American Sable, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Lilac, Rhinelander, Silver, Tan, **Standard Chinchilla**

ANY CROSSBRED: Only exhibitors enrolled in the 4-H or FFA Breeding & Market projects are eligible to enter into classes 230 – 235. (Crossbred rabbits will be judged on meat quality or judge's discretion)

CLASS #:

- 230. Senior Buck (Over 6 months)
- 231. Senior Doe (Over 6 months)
- 234. Junior Buck (Under 6 months)
- 235. Junior Doe (Under 6 months)

COMPANION CLASS: Only exhibitors enrolled in the Companion Project. Only rabbits that have been spayed or neutered, are eligible to enter into classes 238 - 241.

CLASS #:

- 238. *Companion* Senior Buck (Over 6 months)
- 239. *Companion* Senior Doe (Over 6 months)
- 240. *Companion* Junior Buck (Under 6 months)
- 241. *Companion* Junior Doe (Under 6 months)

EDUCATIONAL & FUN CLASSES: Only entries through Fair Entry are eligible for classes 500-520.

4-H/FFA Rabbit Education Poster Contest:

Rules:

- Poster suggested size is 22" x 28"
- The contents may include any information regarding rabbits that would be educational to the viewer of the poster; such as diseases, how to care for a rabbit, how to judge a rabbit, how to show a rabbit, etc. The purpose is to provide a learning experience.
- Entries must be labeled ON THE BACK with:
 - Exhibitor's name
 - Age (as of December 31st of current year)
 - 4-H/FFA club

CLASS #:

- 500. SENIOR RABBIT POSTER
- 501. INTERMEDIATE RABBIT POSTER
- 502. JUNIOR RABBIT POSTER

4-H/FFA Rabbit Photo Contest:

Rules:

- Photo may be any size, preferably matted with no glass.
- Photo must be of at least one rabbit, in any setting.
- Photo must have been taken by the youth exhibiting the photo.
- Photo must have been taken within the last year (including last year's fair).

CLASS #:

- 510. SENIOR RABBIT Photo
- 511. INTERMEDIATE RABBIT Photo
- 512. JUNIOR RABBIT Photo

Dress-A-Bunny Contest: The costumes can be funny, serious, educational, etc. Rabbits must be entered in the fair to be in the contest. Bring your costume with you the day of the show and share with others.

CLASS #:

520. -Dress-a bunny Contest