FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
2022 RABBIT SHOW

CHAIRMAN: Sherry Stammann

BREED DATE	**June 10, 2022**	**(for approximate 75-day old bunnies at show time)**
ONLINE ENTRY/PAPERWORK DEADLINE	**August 11, 2022**	**4:00 p.m.**
TATTOO DATE	**August 15, 2022**	**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
RABBIT CHECK-IN & SIFT	**Friday, September 23, 2022**	**7:00 a.m.**
RABBIT SHOW	**Friday, September 23, 2022**	**8:00 a.m.**
CHECK-OUT	**Sunday, October 2, 2022**	**7:30 – 10:00 a.m.**

MEAT PEN OF 3 RABBITS

The top twenty (20) pens will sell in the Jr. Livestock Auction. The next fifteen (15) placing Meat Pen of 3 Rabbits of exhibitors not eligible for the Jr. Livestock Auction may be eligible for the Freezer Sale. (see Freezer Sale Rules for eligibility).

AWARDS

- Grand Champion Meat Pen of 3 Rabbits – Buckle & Banner
- Reserve Champion Meat Pen of 3 Rabbits – Buckle & Banner
- 3rd – 5th Place – Leather Ribbon
- 6th- 10th Place – Numbered Ribbon
- Highest Placing Home Bred Pen – Banner
- Champion Rabbit Showmanship – Buckle

RULES

1. All Meat Pen Rabbits are subject to the Fort Bend County Fair Association General Rules & Regulations and the Livestock General Rules and Regulations.

2. This is a Meat Pen Rabbit Show. Toenails and teeth will be disregarded. Bunnies must meet the weight requirement to show. This is **NOT** an ARBA-sanctioned show.

3. All animals shall remain in Fort Bend County, under the daily care of the exhibitor. Fort Bend County Fair projects are subject to random facility checks by Fort Bend County Fair officials. If an animal is found to be out of the county, during an official check, it will result in the project being disqualified from the Fort Bend County Fair. Animals will be allowed to leave the county overnight for shows, grooming or hoof trimming. Any animal needing to be absent from Fort Bend County for more than 72 hours must notify the Species Chairman and/or Livestock Chairman

4. All meat pen Rabbits may be either kindled & raised by the exhibitor or purchased from a breeder. Exhibitors purchasing Rabbits from a breeder must buy and **take possession** of the Rabbits prior to the Tattoo date. All Meat Pen Rabbits must be the legal property of the exhibitor.

5. The Official start date of the meat pen Rabbit project will be the designated Tattoo date. Exhibitors must own, and be caring for their Rabbits at this time and throughout the feeding period. The feeding period ends upon check-out from the show. Exhibitors are to care for their own Rabbits at the show. **DO NOT** feed and water any other exhibitor's Rabbits. If an exhibitor needs someone other than an immediate family member to feed and water their Rabbits at the show, a written request must be given to the Rabbit Chairman for approval. If approval is granted, **ONLY** Rabbits stated in the request will be allowed to be fed by someone other than the immediate family. If approved, a copy of the approved request will be on file in Livestock Office.

6. *****Prior to tattoo exhibitors are required to submit their entry and $20.00 entry fee online at https://fbcfa.fairwire.com no later than August 11, 2022 by 4:00 p.m. The Fort Bend County Fair Rabbit Committee will tattoo all eligible bunnies on the third Monday in August, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. All paperwork (entry form, W9, and Release of Liability) must be submitted by August 11, 2022. The tattooing will be held at the**

Fairgrounds in Building B. Tattooing establishes animal eligibility for individual and/or family tag-in. Rabbits with incorrect, altered, or no tattoos will be eliminated at the official Fair check-in. If a late entry form is turned in at the tattoo, Fort Bend County Fair will access a $50.00 late fee along with the $20.00 entry fee. *

7. The date of the tattoo, August 15th, is the official starting date of the project. **An exhibitor may tattoo a maximum of 25 bunnies. Family Orders/Tagging will be allowed with each exhibitor being assigned a set of consecutively numbered bunnies. Exhibitors in the family may exchange sets but no intermingling of bunnies within the sets will be allowed.**

8. Family tagging consists of "immediate family living in the same household". (i.e., brothers, sisters, stepbrothers and sisters, half-brothers and sisters.) This does not include cousins, nieces, and nephews.

9. Meat pen will consist of three (3) Rabbits, all of the same breed & variety. Eligible breeds are Californian, Palomino, Rex, Satin, and New Zealand. **NO CROSS BREEDS** are allowed. The **suggested** age limit is approximately 75-days old at showtime. The weight limits are five and one-half (5 ½) pounds maximum and three and one-half (3½) pound minimum for each Rabbit.

10. **At Check-in & sift time at the Fair, Rabbits will have one (1) weigh per Rabbit, with a one (1) ounce variance given. The scales will be certified at Fair time.**

11. All Rabbits must be weighed by a member of the FBCFA Livestock Weight Committee in the presence of the Judge. If any, one (1) rabbit in the pen weighs more than the maximum allowable weight or less than the minimum allowable weight, the entire pen is disqualified. If any, one rabbit is deemed "unhealthy" or is disqualified by the Judge, the entire pen is disqualified.

12. The Rabbits presented to the FBCFA Livestock Weight Committee member and the Judge will be the exhibitor's "Official Entry". **NO ALTERNATES** ARE **ALLOWED AT OFFICIAL CHECK-IN TIME.**

13. Showmanship will be announced after the conclusion of the rabbit show by the rabbit judge. Only exhibitors showing their own projects are eligible for showmanship. One showmanship award will be given to the exhibitor who has the best presentation of their project, proper handling of their one rabbit, following dress code, and answers the judge's questions.

14. **The Judge's decision is final.**

15. Only the top twenty (20) pens of Rabbits will be required to remain in coops throughout the duration of the Fair for display. All others are required to check out immediately following the Rabbit show.

16. Exhibitor is to furnish his/her own water & feed "crock-type" containers and is responsible for providing feed and water for their Rabbits throughout the duration of the Fair. No outside hanging containers are allowed.

17. If your animals make the sale, you will be given a disposition sheet at the time of check-out. This will advise you to whom and where to deliver your processed or live animals. Exhibitor is responsible for processing his/her own Rabbits.

18. Check-out for all livestock and poultry making the Junior Livestock Auction or the Freezer Sale will be on **Sunday, October 2, 2022, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m**. as outlined in the Fort Bend County Fair Livestock Schedule. Exhibitors must attend to clean up their pen/stall/area and receive their disposition papers.

19. All decisions are subject to change by decision of the Fort Bend County Fair Board of Directors without prior notice.

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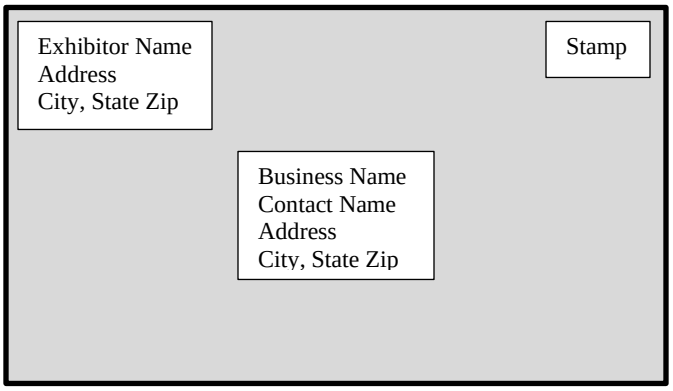
All exhibits must be owned by the exhibitor. All exhibits must be an actual part of the exhibitor's current project under his or her individual management and/or regular daily care. Net profits must terminate with the exhibitor. Exhibitors must present evidence of ownership from the date of validation of the project initiation as required by the various departments.

All exhibitors must comply with the general rules of the Livestock Department and the Fort Bend County Fair. All exhibitors must have a Release of Liability on file in the Fair office in order to participate in an activity on the Fairgrounds, only one release per exhibitor per year is required.

All sellers MUST submit a thank-you letter to his/her buyer and add-on contributors which must be received at the Fair Office, unsealed on or before November 1, 2022. The Fair office will forward thank-you letters to the buyer(s) and add-on contributors. Thank-you letters MUST be addressed to the buyer/add-on contributors, have the exhibitor's return address and stamp (see below for reference).



- **Auction payments will not be released until Buyer Thank You Letters, Add-On Contributor Thank You Letters, and required paperwork are received by Fair Office.**

- **Auction checks will be available for pick up in the Fair Office on Wednesday, November 30th from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. All thank you letters and required paperwork must have been received by November 1st to pick up your check on November 30th. Checks that are not picked up on November 30th will be mailed out Thursday, December 1st. **There will be a two-week processing period for letters and required paperwork turned in after the November 1st deadline. The check will be mailed out. ****
  - **a) If Parent/Guardian is picking up the check, they must present a valid driver's license that matches the address listed on ShoWorks.**
  - **b) If the Exhibitor is picking up the check, they must present a student photo ID.**

- **Exhibitors who sell poultry or rabbits, MUST make arrangements with the buyer within two weeks of the last day of the Fair to determine delivery.**