

LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR
2025-2026 4-H/FFA JUNIOR RABBIT SHOW RULES
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1. Individuals wishing to exhibit rabbits at the Lincoln County Fair must be a member in good standing with a 4-H club or FFA Chapter in Lincoln County. All 4-H and FFA members must attend a minimum of three (3) rabbit barn meetings and mandatory rabbit/poultry meetings to be eligible to show and sell at the fair. This requirement must be met by June 1 and does NOT include the mandatory work days required for fair prep/clean-up.
2. Each exhibitor must meet the Show Me Quality Assurance requirements as ruled by the state, details to be announced when they are available.
3. Each member must have a minimum of two (2) does and one (1) buck by March 1 or earlier. Exception: if more than one member from a family and all own the same breed of rabbit, the members may share one buck, but each member must have their own minimum of two (2) does.
4. At the Lincoln County Fair, each member must show his/her own rabbits. No one is allowed to help in the arena during the show except other rabbit project members. Older members are EXPECTED to assist the new/younger

members as needed. Exception: if a member is sick (under a doctor's care), in the hospital, or has an injury that prevents them from safely carrying their rabbit, another rabbit project member may show their rabbits for them. County rabbit leaders should be notified prior to the show if this is necessary.

5. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Fryer Rabbit will be sold first. All other Market Fryer Rabbits eligible for sale will be randomly ordered. Members must receive a blue or red ribbon to be eligible to sell at auction. No white ribbon Market Fryer rabbit will be sold.

6. Each member selling a Market Fryer rabbit at the auction must handle their own rabbit in the ring. Exception as in #4 above.

7. All rabbit entries must follow the ARBA Standard of Perfection for conformation

- a. Exception weight of market fryer 3 pounds minimum 5.5 pounds maximum.
- b. Exception for color allowed on the market fryer only.
- c. Tattoos or ear marking to identify rabbit required.

8. Entrants will follow the General Junior Livestock Rules and Regulations.

9. Entrants are limited to a maximum of 1 entry per class.

10. Animals are limited to 1 class, except for the market fryer, it MAY come from the pen of 3.

11. Member must complete the 4H/FFA Junior Show entry by required date, NO EXCEPTIONS

12. All breeding stock rabbits must be entered in the name of the bona fide owner and acquired before May 1. If members lose rabbits or have breeding problems, market rabbits may be purchased by June 15. (Receipt of purchase may be required)

13. Only rabbits that have been shown in the Lincoln County Fair Rabbit Show may be housed in the barn. No additional rabbits may be brought in for additional sales.

14. Cages will be assigned, and assignments will be given at check-in. No animals may be caged before the conclusion of the show/cleanup, failure to adhere may result in forfeiting the ability to show in subsequent years. Exhibitors must supply cage signs, not to exceed 8.5 X 11.

15. Show check-in 6:00 am-7:30 am Tuesday July 14.
Judging begins at: 8:00 am on Tuesday. Animals may stay in the barn but must be removed by the close of fair Saturday.

Classes:

Market Class:

4089 Market Fryer Rabbit (1, may come from the pen of 3)

Breeding classes:

Only 1 animal/1 breed per class. Breeding stock fee of \$2.00/entry. Premiums will be paid for breeding stock animals.

Blue ribbon: \$5

Red ribbon: \$3

White ribbon: \$2

4090 Pen of 3 Meat Pen (3 rabbits = 1 entry)

4091 Senior Buck 1 maximum

4092 Senior Doe 1 maximum

4093 6-8 Month Buck 1 maximum

4094 6-8 Month Doe 1 maximum

4095 Junior Buck 1 maximum

4096 Junior Doe 1 maximum

Meeting Dates for Rabbits:

December 3, 2025, 6pm Extension Center

January 19, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Extension Center

January 28, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Lincoln County Exhibit Hall (MANDATORY)

February 16, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Extension Center

March 16, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Extension Center

April 19, 2026 (Sunday) SMQA with poultry at 6:00 pm
Exhibition Hall/Fairgrounds, joint meeting with poultry.
May 18, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Extension Center
June 17, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Fairgrounds for
tattooing/weighing purposes, Rabbit/Poultry Barn
July 11, 2026, 8:30 am barn cleanup and prep, Rabbit/Poultry
Barn (MANDATORY)
July 14, 2026, 6:00-7:30am Rabbit check in at Main Show
Arena
July 14, 2026, 8:00 am Rabbit Show, Main Show Arena
July 16, 2026, AUCTION, Rabbits auction first
July 19, 2026, 9:00 am Barn and Grounds Clean-up
(MANDATORY)

Meetings are held at the Lincoln County Extension Center,
880 West College Street, Troy, unless otherwise noted.

**Exhibitors NOT attending and participating in the
workdays may forfeit the privilege of showing/auctioning
at next year's fair. In the event FFA or 4H event, on
scheduled workday, notification/proof to the barn leader
must be made PRIOR to fair week for excusal/makeup.**