



**Sift** – Tuesday, September 13, **5-7 PM.** (Committee member's children will be sifted first so they are available to work the sift without interruption.)

4. Meat pen rabbits must be raised from purebred stock of the same breed.

5. Breeding and ownership dates for meat pens are as follows:

**June 1, 2022** - Breeding Stock ownership deadline if showing in Bred & Owned

**June 2, 2022** - Breed Date for 2021 Washington County Fair

**August 7** Ownership deadline for rabbits shown in Purchased Class.

6. **MEAT CLASSES:** This show is governed by the ARBA Standard & Guide for Judging Meat classes.

a. All ARBA disqualifications and eliminations and those printed herein apply to each meat pen. Exceptions: Body smut of Californian (Himalayan marked) animals, non-descended testicle(s) on bucks.

b. All ARBA general faults printed herein apply to each pen. Meat pens will consist of three rabbits. (All the same breed and variety).

c. Pens will be eliminated if more than one breed or variety is in the same pen. It is not necessary that rabbits be from the same litter, with age limit not over 75 days.

7. Breeding stock is limited to the following meat pen breeds:

a. Californian

d. Palomino

b. New Zealand

f. Champagne D'Argent

c. Satin

8. Weight limits:

a. Tag in: Rabbits cannot weigh more than 2  $\frac{3}{4}$  pounds at the time of tag-in. Weights will be checked at the discretion of the rabbit committee.

b. Sift: Per ARBA rules; rabbits cannot weigh less than 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  pounds and no more than 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  pounds at the time of sift. Rabbits must be weighed in the presence of the judge/committee.

**Exhibitors with a weight protest must notify a fair official immediately of any discrepancy.**

9. Exhibitor cannot validate more than **15 rabbits**. **THERE WILL BE NO FAMILY TAG IN.** Each exhibitor will be assigned their own ear tag #.

10. Rabbits will be sifted by ARBA show judge, registrar or committee designee. Rabbit entries must be signed in between **5:00p.m.-7:00p.m. on sift day.**
  - a. Exhibitor is limited to one pen of three rabbits, either sex. Exhibitor may bring **three extra rabbits** at time of sifting and may substitute for any disqualified rabbit or use these to substitute for the entire pen of three. No exhibitor will be allowed to leave and return to sift more rabbits. Any substitutions must be made immediately.
  - b. Any rabbit disqualified at time of sift, will not be allowed to be taken off the table and then brought back later to be re-sifted by the judge. An alternate will have to be used.
  - c. Exhibitors with a weight protest must notify a fair official IMMEDIATELY after rabbit is weighed. The rabbit will be reweighed immediately.
  
11. In the event a rabbit dies following the sift and before the show on Wednesday, then that pen will be disqualified and not be shown.
  - a. Following the sift, the cages will be sealed by the Rabbit Committee and are only to be unsealed by a member of the Rabbit Committee. Failure to comply will result in exhibitor being disqualified to show his/her project.
  - b. All rabbits exhibited in the meat pen show will not leave the fairgrounds. One hour after the conclusion of the rabbit judging, all cages will be zip tied and will remain zip tied for the duration of their stay at the fair. They will only be cut by authorized committee member(s). All rabbits in those pens will be sent to the possessor. No carcasses will be returned to exhibitors. JLA sale rabbits are property of the buyer, and their resale value (currently \$5 each) will be credited to the buyer of the pen. The value of any other rabbits in the pens will be paid directly to the exhibitor, either by separate check (non-sale exhibitors) or included with the JLA check for sale exhibitors. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to have any bunnies they want to send for resale in their pen by the one-hour deadline. **Alternates will need to be removed from the meat pen cage upon completion of the show. Once the pens are zip tied, the extras still in cage will be processed.**
  
12. Rabbit entries will be brought to and from the show table by the exhibitor or any youth in good standing with 4-H/FFA.

13. Rabbits will be judged in two (2) classes. Grand and Reserve Champion Pens will be selected from the top two pens in each class.
- a. Class 1: Bred & Owned – In this class, you must own your breeding does year around and take care of them year around. You are allowed to have your does bred by another person's buck. Any new breeding stock must be owned by the deadline for this Class. You may also keep your breeding stock at another location if approved by the Committee or Committee designee, provided they are under the exhibitor's care.
  - b. Class 2: Purchased – In this division, you must purchase and take possession of any stock you plan to show in this division and must be done by the deadline for this Class as printed in the fair catalog annually. You are not required to keep this stock year around.
14. Allocation of sale lots for Junior Livestock Sale:
- a. Bred & Owned Class will receive 65% of the eligible sale lots
  - b. Purchased Class will receive 35% of the eligible sale lots.
  - c. If all sale lots allotted to a class are not used by that class, the remaining sale lots will be added to the other class.
15. Exhibitor is responsible for feeding and watering their rabbit project for the duration of the Fair. It is suggested to check your rabbits upon arrival to the fairgrounds and upon departure. Each evening your assigned committee member will check feeders and water bottles at 9:00 p.m. If you are unable to take care of your rabbits while they are on fairgrounds, let a committee member know or a friend and it will be taken care of. If a pen is found to be without feed and water, the assigned committee member will take a picture of the empty feed and or water bottle to possibly be used in a later slide presentation at an education meeting.
16. Exhibitor must furnish their own feed. **There will be no containers of feed in or on top of cages.** (Waterers/feeders will be furnished by the Fair Association). Each exhibitor is responsible for the cleaning of their cage area.