

JUNIOR RABBIT SHOW

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1. MANDATORY On-line Registration/Entry Deadline is **May 15, 2026**. Late entries will be accepted until August 6, 2026, but will be charged a \$100 late fee.
2. Rabbit entries are subject to the General Rules and Regulations and the Junior Livestock Division rules, except where they conflict with the rules of this show, in which case, the show rules prevail.
3. Exhibitors must attend **at least one (1)** of the three educational program meetings to be eligible to show.

March 22, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m. – Educational Meeting in the Entertainment Pavilion

May 3, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m. – Educational Meeting in the Entertainment Pavilion

August 9 @ 2:30 p.m. – Educational Meeting in the Sales Facility (not recommended for new exhibitors)

It is mandatory that each exhibitor attend one (1) of the three (3) educational meetings. They will need to make sure they sign in to receive credit. All three meetings will cover project rules & other pertinent information on raising and showing rabbits.

August 9, 2026 - Tag-in at the Sales Facility
BRING YOUR OWN TOWEL OR CARPET
3:30 - 5:30 pm

At the August 9, 2026 tag-in, it is mandatory that all meat pen stock must be validated during the designated times. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Sift – Tuesday, September 15, 2026 (5 – 7 p.m.) (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, 2026 - Breeding Stock ownership deadline if showing in Bred & Owned

June 3, 2026 - Breed Date for 2026 Washington County Fair

August 9, 2026 - 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 (3) rabbits. (All the same breed and variety).
 - c. Pens will be eliminated if more than one (1) breed or variety is in the same pen. It is not necessary that rabbits be from the same litter, with age limit not over seventy-five (75) days.
7. Breeding stock is limited to the following meat pen breeds:
 - a. Californian
 - b. New Zealand
 - c. Satin
 - d. Palomino
 - e. Champagne D’Argent
8. Weight limits:
 - a. Tag in: Rabbits cannot weigh more than 2.75 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 3.50 lbs. / 3.80 oz. and no more than 5.55 lbs. / 5.80 oz. 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 **fifteen (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 **5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on sift day**.
 - a. Exhibitor is limited to one (1) pen of three (3) rabbits, either sex. Exhibitor may bring **three (3) extra rabbits** at time of sifting and may substitute for any disqualified rabbit or use these to substitute for the entire pen of three (3). 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. Rabbits exhibited in the meat pen show and placing to sell in the JLA Sale will not leave the fairgrounds. One (1) 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. The zip ties will only be cut by an authorized committee member(s).
 - c. All JLA Sale rabbits will be sent to the processor. No carcasses will be returned to the exhibitor. JLA Sale rabbits are the property of the buyer, and the most current resale value 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 a separate check (non-sale exhibitors) or included with the JLA Sale check. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to have any extra rabbits they want to send for resale in their pen by midnight on Saturday, September 19, 2026. Exhibitors should contact a committee member to have the zip tie cut to put the extra rabbits in the pen.

- d. Rabbits exhibited in the meat pen show and not placing to sell in the JLA Sale, including single fryers, will be able to leave the fairgrounds. Any rabbit being removed from the fairgrounds must be removed in the presence of a committee member from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2026. The committee member and the exhibitor and/or parent will verify the ear number. The committee member and the exhibitor and/or parent will sign a release verifying the ear tag matches the exhibitor.
 - e. In the event that the processor cancels or is unavailable, exhibitors will keep possession of their rabbits, and there will be no resale value for the rabbits.
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 (2) 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 sixty-five (65) % of the eligible sale lots
 - b. Purchased Class will receive thirty-five (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.