

DIVISION 10-09- 4-H & FFA MEAT RABBITS
2026 YORK STATE FAIR 4-H & FFA MEAT RABBITS
 4-H & FFA Rabbit Meat Pen Competition and Compliance Statement

This year the York State Fair will be holding a rabbit meat pen competition as part of its fair scheduling. All rabbit meat pen entries will be included in the 4-H & FFA livestock sale to be held Friday, July 31, 2026.

Rules for competing are as follows.

1. Exhibitors must be an enrolled York County 4-H Rabbit and Small Animal club member and/or FFA member in good standing to participate in this show and sale. Barn checks may be conducted for every member participating in this project as deemed necessary by 4-H leaders and 4-H Educator or FFA Advisor to ensure members are making progress with their projects.
2. Exhibitors must notify their 4-H Educator or FFA advisor by **APRIL 1st** of their intent to show a Meat Pen at the York State Fair. Exhibitors must enter their Meat Pen through the York State Fair online entry system or by mail. Pay close attention to the entry due date as this is a closed entry show.
 - a. Each entry should be entered under **Division 10-09-4-H & FFA Meat Rabbits**.
3. An entry form must be sent to the York State Fair or submitted online by **June 30th, 2026**.
4. You must own the doe(s) by April 1st and kit's must be kindled in the owner's rabbitry. Plan to breed your does 100 days or less from the day of the show but not before **APRIL 14TH, 2026** (100 days before the start of the York State Fair)
5. All rabbits must be tattooed prior to the check-in date of fair (which is 7/23/26) and in the presence of the 4-H Educator or FFA advisor. Exhibitors may tattoo up to ten rabbits but may only show their top three rabbits at the Fair. The tattoo date for 2026 is to be determined by the York Co. 4-H Educator or FFA Advisor, accordingly.
6. Members may only show and sell rabbits younger than 69 days old as of the check in at the York State Fair.
7. All rabbits must be accepted ARBA breeds and EACH rabbit in the Meat Pen (consisting of three rabbits) MUST weigh between at least 3 ½ pounds and no more than 5 ½ pounds at York State Fair check in. Ideal average weight is 5 pounds.
8. Premiums will be awarded as such:

1 st - \$5.00	2 nd - \$4.00	3 rd - \$3.00	4 th – 10 th - \$2.00
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9. The 2026 York State Fair Rabbit Show is the first Monday of the fair (Monday, July 27, 2026). Members do not need to be present at the show but are encouraged to be there to hear the judges' comments on their Meat Pen as a learning experience.
10. Exhibitors may enter one Meat Pen (consisting of three rabbits) per exhibitor. The Champion and Reserve Champion Meat Pens MUST be sold at the Livestock Sale on the second Friday of the York State Fair, July 31. All other Meat Pens will also be sold in the Livestock Sale. All exhibitors selling must be present at the sale and bring the rabbits into the sale ring. Appropriate dress is expected.
11. A completed and signed compliance statement must be brought with the rabbits submitted to check-in. All entries must be within the guidelines as presented above or the exhibitor is disqualified from participation in the Meat Pen competition.

By signing below, you are stating that your entries are all in compliance with all rules as listed above and will fill out the additional compliance statement.

Signature of Exhibitor

Date

Print Name of Exhibitor

Signature of 4-H Educator or FFA Advisor

Date

2026 YORK STATE FAIR

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT – 4-H & FFA RABBIT MEAT PEN

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Exhibitor Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Breed(s) of rabbits: _____

Variety(color): _____

1: I certify that the above exhibitor notified me (or other FFA- 4-H representative) of the intent to show a meat pen at the York State Fair before the does were bred.

Signed: _____

Title: _____

2: I certify that the above exhibitor notified by _____ (date or dates) that the does have kindled in his/her rabbitry. (Exhibitors may do this through email to the 4-H Educator or FFA Advisor and then have form signed at the next meeting.)

Signed: _____

Title: _____

3: I certify that the tattoo numbers listed below were tattooed in the left ear of each rabbit:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____

Signed: _____

Title: _____

THIS COMPLETED STATEMENT MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE YORK STATE FAIR WITH THE RABBITS.