

DEPARTMENT 16 - RABBITS

Events/times are subject to change.

Senior Fair Board: Wayne Arnold



Junior Fair Board: Caleb Bennett, Abi Mick, Tannon Huff, Kennidi Burkhardt, Jake Manbevers

General Department Rules

- All Jr. Fair rabbits must be in place by Sunday, July 18 from 8 AM- 12 PM, and meat pens will be weighed in the rabbit barn at check-in from 8 AM to 12 PM. All tattoos will be verified at this time.
- No Rabbits may be moved into fairgrounds before 8 AM or after 12 PM Sunday, July 18.
- The Small Animals Barn will be closed and locked every night at 11 PM and opened at 6 AM every morning.
- All 4-Hers taking a rabbit project must attend the Rabbit Department barn meeting on Monday, July 19.
- Rabbit Showmanship will be held on Monday, July 19 beginning promptly at 8:00 AM in the Small Animals Barn. Exhibitors planning to participate in Rabbit Showmanship must register on FairEntry when making entries. Changes can be made during weigh-ins on Sunday, July 18.
- Judging for meat pen of 2 and breeding rabbits will be held on **Tuesday, July 20, at 8:00 a.m.** in the Small Animals Barn.
- Rabbits must have visible ear tattoos.
- Pen assignments will be made by Junior Fair Board. All pen assignments are final.
- No individual exhibits will be sold in the Jr. Fair Sale.

Division A – Market Rabbits

July 20 @ Small Animals Barn

- Exhibitors have the option to purchase their meat pen or purchase/breed a doe and produce their own meat pen. The recommended market project breeding date is March 24, 2021.
- Skillathon is July 7, from 5-7 PM at the Extension Office. Exhibitors must attend and complete in order to show.
- All meat pen rabbits must be permanently identified and weighed on **Friday, June 4 from 5:30 PM to 8 PM in the Sales Arena.** Tattoo numbers will be checked prior to show day. Exhibitors may tag 4 individual rabbits and show 1 meat pen of 2 rabbits at fair. If rabbits are not identified at the Sales Arena on June 4, **they will not be allowed to be exhibited.** Date of birth must be listed. Breed rabbit projects that need a tattoo may also come to the Sales Arena on Friday, June 4 from 5:30 PM to 8 PM for tattooing. Breed rabbits are not required to weigh-in.
- To be eligible for exhibition, each meat pen (market) rabbit must weigh 4-6 pounds, and be 95 days of age, or less on Sunday, July 18, 8 AM to 12 PM. Any rabbit under 4 lbs. or over 6 lbs. will not be in the

sale. A limit of one meat pen of two rabbits per exhibitor can be shown at the fair. Failure to meet weight requirements disqualifies selling or competing for Champion or Reserve Champion.

- All meat pens will be classified as commercial & the following breeds will be considered: American, American Chinchilla, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Cinnamon, Creme D'Argent, Giant Chinchilla, Hotot, New Zealand, Palomino and Satin.
- Purchased and Home Grown meat pens will show together.

Classes:

313: Meat Pen of 2 (must weigh 4-6 pounds and be 95 days of age or less to sell)

Division B – Breeding Rabbits

July 20 @ Small Animals Barn

ARBA Standard Show Rules will be followed with following exceptions:

- Breeding animals will be shown by age only.
- Rabbits showing any sign of disease, faults, or disqualifications will be placed at the bottom of the class and the judge will explain these placements to the exhibitor.
- A mixed breed class will be offered if needed.
- Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex of Breed will be awarded for each breed. All Best of Breed 6 Class rabbits will compete for Best 6 Class rabbit. All Best of Breed 4 Class rabbits will compete for Best 4 Class rabbit. Best of Show Rabbit will be selected from the Best 6 Class rabbit and the Best 4 Class rabbit.
- All rabbit entry forms must have each rabbit identified by breed, age, color, sex and tattoo number, and Class 4 or 6 to be eligible to show. No exception.
- Exhibitors may show any breed and variety in a defined class. The only limitation to the number of entries is determined by the project level requirements in Rule 6 below.
- Animals that are breeds which are not listed below and that are 6 months or over must show as seniors. Due to size difference in breeds, all breeds are not able to compete in the 6-8 month classes. The following are the breeds capable of showing in the 6-8 month classes: American, Beveren, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Checkered Giant, American Chinchilla, Giant Chinchilla, Cinnamon, Creme D'Argent, Flemish Giant, Hotot, French and English Lops, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox.
- All breeding rabbits are recommended to be purebred.
- Breed rabbit exhibitors may exhibit the following number of rabbits:
 - 1st year members: 1 to 2 rabbits with option of a Doe & Litter, and market pen of 2
 - 2nd year members: up to 4 rabbits with option of Doe & Litter, and market pen of 2
 - 3rd year members: up to 6 rabbits with option of Doe & Litter, and market pen of 2
 - 4th year & up members: up to 8 rabbits with option of Doe & Litter, and market pen of 2
- Doe & Litter
 - Class 4 and Class 6 rabbits will show in separate classes
 - Class 4 Doe & Litter must have a minimum of 3 kits to exhibit

- Class 6 Doe & Litter must have a minimum of 4 kits to exhibit
- Recommended breeding date Doe & Litter is May 10, 2021 for 6 weeks of age at fair and May 25, 2021 for 4 weeks of age at fair. Litter cannot be older than 6 weeks by July 18, 2021.
- All breeding rabbits will be released Friday evening at 10 PM.

Classes:

- 314. Jr. Buck - under 6 months old
- 315. Jr. Doe - under 6 months old
- 316. Int. Buck – 6 – 8 months old (see Division B- Breeding Rabbits Rule #4)
- 317. Int. Doe – 6 – 8 months old (see Division B- Breeding Rabbits Rule #4)
- 318. Sr. Buck - 8 months & over
- 319. Sr. Doe - 8 months & over
- 320. Doe and litter with kits between 4-6 weeks old

Division C -- Rabbit Showmanship

July 19 @ Small Animals Barn

- Rabbit showmanship will begin on **Monday, July 19 at 8:00 AM** in the Small Animals Barn.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to participate in Rabbit Showmanship.
- You may show one of the rabbits in your pen of 2 in showmanship or 1 of your breed rabbits.
- Exhibitors must use their own rabbit for the showmanship contest.
- Sign up for showmanship online at Fair Entry. The **deadline for entering showmanship is Sunday, July 18 at 12 PM.** Exhibitors will print their name along with the tattoo number of the rabbit that they are using for showmanship on the class sheet.
- The Sales Committee reserves the right to break the showmanship classes or combine small age group classes.

Classes (*grades just completed):

- 321. Sr. Showmanship - grades 12 & above (may be combined with grade 11)
- 322. Sr. Showmanship - grades 11 (may be combined with grade 12)
- 323. Sr. Showmanship - grades 10 (may be combined with grade 11)
- 324. Intermediate Showmanship - grade 9
- 325. Intermediate Showmanship - grade 8
- 326. Intermediate Showmanship - grade 7
- 327. Jr. Showmanship - grade 6
- 328. Jr. Showmanship - grade 5
- 329. Beginner Showmanship - grade 4
- 330. Beginner Showmanship - grade 3