

DEPARTMENT 800 — RABBITS

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**All exhibitors will enter fair classes including Showmanship using Fair Entry –
Entry Deadline is June 1.**

Schedule of Events:

- Wednesday, June 29, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Market and Breeding Rabbit ID Day- Rabbit Barn
Bring all rabbits (including alternates) to ID day or they will not be eligible for show. Alternates MUST be tattooed to the same exhibitor.
A clinic on how to show rabbits for the fair for beginners every ½ hour during ID as needed.
- Monday, August 1, 7:45 a.m. (time change) - Mandatory Barn Meeting
- Monday, August 1, 8:00 a.m. - Pen of 3 and Single Fryer Weigh-in
- Monday, August 1, 10:00 a.m. - Rabbit Showmanship
- Tuesday, August 2, 8:30 a.m. (time change) - Rabbit Judging:
- Sunday August 7 - Rabbit Meat buyer will be at barn prior to Showmanship Sweepstakes if available.

NO SUNDAY SMALL ANIMAL SALE

Health requirements for the Rabbit Dept. are found at the front of the fair book. No health certificate is required, but animals must be free of disease and parasites. Show officials reserve the right to ask for removal of animals deemed a health threat to other show animals.

General Rules:

1. Judging will be based on ARBA standards.
2. Exhibitors must follow project requirements and may only enter 2 animals per class (except for market classes and then an exhibitor may only enter 1 meat pen and/or 1 single fryer). These entries count as one each toward the total number of entries allowable (6 maximum). **New for 2022: First year exhibitors may exhibit a maximum of 2 Rabbit Entries, any combination, including market. After the first year, exhibitors may show up to 6 entries including market.**
3. Crossbreed rabbits or does with litters may not be shown. Rabbits with obvious deformities or diseases should not be brought to the fair.
4. Exhibitors must be in possession, have ownership, and complete showing rights to rabbits on June 1.
5. All rabbits must attend ID Day on June 29, at the Fairgrounds Rabbit Barn from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Those rabbits not identified are not eligible to show. Meat Pens and Single Fryers must be tattooed on or before June 29 but should still be brought to ID day.
6. After identification day, any animal having been substituted for any reason is ineligible for show. Exhibitors may identify 1 extra rabbit per breeding entry and 1 extra rabbit per market show entry in case of calamity. Both must be present at ID day and registered to that exhibitor.
7. Locks on cage doors will be prohibited. In addition, pens may not be fastened to floors. **Zip ties on cages ONLY WITH SIGNED APPROVAL by Sr. fair director AND Jr. fair superintendent. ALL UNAPPROVED ZIP TIES WILL BE REMOVED! Spring clips are OK.**
8. If an exhibitor is unable to show his/her own rabbit, a family member of Junior Fair age or Wood County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter member of Junior Fair age may show in his/her place.
9. Check Livestock Sale Rules for information on the sale of your rabbits. **All market projects must participate in the Quality Assurance training program no less than 45 days prior to show. (no later than June 17, 2022**

10. Grand and Reserve Champion Pen of 3 Meat Rabbits and Single Fryers must sell in the Junior Fair Sale.
11. All exhibitors must participate in the interview judging activity in July to receive their Grade to be eligible for Championship Competition. **Please do not take your rabbit to interview judging.**
12. Tattoos will be checked by Jr. Fair Officials on the first day of the fair and prior to placing rabbits on the table. Rabbits with no tattoo or improper tattoos will be ineligible for placing. **All rabbits must have a tattoo in the left ear and must be tattooed prior to the fair.**
13. Care of Rabbits: All members are responsible for the feeding, watering (water bottles only, no bowls) and bedding of their rabbits. Failure to do so will result in the following:
 - A) First Warning
 - B) Second Warning - Loss of Premium
 - C) Third Warning -Removal from the grounds, forfeiture of awards & loss of show privileges for following year.
14. Barn map will be enforced. No cages are moved unless approved by the superintendent.
 *If you wish to build wire cage floors for pens at the fair, the cage dimensions are:
 Medium cage – 21” x 21” Large cage – 22” x 25”. Make floor 1” smaller than cage.
Check the cage size 1 week before the fair! Cage dimensions change from year to year!
15. All exhibitors taking meat rabbits (either pen of 3 or single fryers) must have attended a quality assurance meeting and turned in a DUNF form. These rabbits may be subject to drug testing. Grand & Reserve Champions may be terminal following the sale.
16. All exhibitors must follow the Wood County Junior Fair Dress Code during all judging events and shows.
17. Refer to the Grand Champion Project section of the fair book on how the Grand Champion Project Rabbit will be selected.
18. Pens **MUST** be cleaned out when rabbits are removed from the grounds at end of the week—Monday August 8th by 5:00 pm

Maximum Number of Rabbits You are Eligible to Show

* **1st year in rabbit project- 2 entries, any combination (single fryer and breeding rabbit or 2 breeding rabbits, or meat pen and single fryer) (may be in the same class except market pens.)**

* **2nd year and beyond- 6 total entries.**

- 6 breeding rabbits and no market rabbits
- 4 breeding rabbits and 1 meat pen or 1 single fryer
- 4 breeding rabbits and 1 meat pen and 1 single fryer

Pen of Three Meat Rabbits:

- a.) Must not be over 11 weeks of age.
- b.) Must weigh 3.25 to 5.5 lbs. each
- c.) 3 animals identical in size, appearance, age and breed
- d.) Counts as one of your entries toward overall number

Single Fryer Class:

- a.) 3.25 to 5.5 lbs. Not over 11 weeks
- b.) May not be part of an eligible pen of 3 project.
- c.) May not be one of your breeding project rabbits.
- d.) Counts as one of your entries toward overall number

Showmanship: All showmanship signup will be done in Fair Entry, June 1 deadline!

- a.) 1st Year Showmanship — 8 years old and in 3rd grade through 10 years old as of January 1 of the current year. (if enough exhibitors to make a class of 6)
- b.) Junior Showmanship — 9-13 as of January 1 of current year
- c.) Senior Showmanship — 14-18 as of January 1 of current year
- d.) All Showmanship participants must show their identified rabbit for their project
- e.) Appropriate clothing, white long sleeve shirt or coat, must be worn.

SECTION A - MARKET RABBITS

Class 1 - Pen of 3 Meat Rabbits

Class 2 - Single Fryer

SECTION B - 4 BREEDS

American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Dutch, Dwarf Hoot, English Angora, English Spot, Florida White, French Angora, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Jersey Wooly, Lilac, Lionhead, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rhinelander, Satin Angora, Silver, Silver Marten, Standard Chinchilla, Standard Rex, Tan, Thrianta

4 Breed Classes:

(Classes for all breeds under (9) pounds senior ideal weight:)

1. Senior Buck — 6 months of age or older (as of show day)
2. Senior Doe — 6 months of age or older (as of show day)
3. Junior Buck — Under 6 months of age (as of show day)
4. Junior Doe — Under 6 months of age (as of show day)

SECTION C - 6 BREEDS

American, American Chinchilla, Beveran, Blanc de Hotot, Californian, Champagne d'Argent, Checkered Giant, Cinnamon, Crème d'Argent, English Lop, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Giant Angora, Giant Chinchilla, New Zealand, Satin, Silver Fox

6 Breed Classes:

(Classes for all breeds having (9) pounds or over minimum senior ideal weight:)

1. Senior Buck — 8 months of age or older (as of show day)
2. Senior Doe — 8 months of age or older (as of show day)
3. 6-8 Buck — 6 months of age and under 8 months of age (as of show day)
4. 6-8 Doe — 6 months of age and under 8 months of age (as of show day)
5. Junior Buck — under 6 months of age (as of show day)
6. Junior Doe — Under 6 months of age (as of show day)