

## DEPARTMENT 800 — RABBITS

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### Schedule Of Events :

- Market and Breeding Rabbit ID Day- Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 2025, 5:30-7:30 p.m. At the 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.**
  - Pen of 3 and Single Fryer Weigh-in: Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-11:00am
  - Mandatory Barn Meeting: Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am
  - Breed/Market judging: Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 12:00pm will be shown in the sheep show arena.
  - Rabbit Showmanship: Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> following the breed market show.
  - Rabbit Meat buyer will be at the Poultry Barn Saturday Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> Prior to showmanship sweepstakes if available.

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. Participation is limited to 4-H and FFA members enrolled in rabbit projects in 2025.

2. **Entries must be made in Fair entry by June 1<sup>st</sup> @ 11:59pm.** Showmanship will also need to be signed up in Fair entry at the time of entries, any entries after this date will be subjected to a late fee of \$50.00 The fee will be increased to \$100 after July 15<sup>th</sup> any entries after this date will not be eligible for grand or reserve champion.

**New for 2025** all animals including breeding and market are eligible for the add on sale, you must be registered in fair entry with a photo and bio to be included in the add on sale. Deadline is also June 1<sup>st</sup>.

3. Judging will be based on ARBA standards.

4. Exhibitors must follow project requirements and may enter any combination up to 6 entries(cages). Market classes will count as 1 entry. If you show Meat Pen and Single Fryer that is 2 entries. Doe and Litter will be counted as 1 entry.

5. Crossbreed rabbits may not be shown. Rabbits with obvious deformities or diseases should not be brought to the fair.

6. Breeding Exhibitors must be in possession, have ownership, and complete showing rights to rabbits on June 1.

7. Market Exhibitors must be in possession, have ownership, and complete showing rights to rabbits by Id Day June 25<sup>th</sup>.

8. All rabbits, including Market, must attend ID Day on June 25<sup>th</sup>, at the Fairgrounds Rabbit Barn from 5:30-7:30pm. Those rabbits not identified are not eligible to show. All rabbits must have a tattoo on ID Day. Doe and litter are not required on ID Day, but the doe must have a tattoo.

09. 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 entry in case of calamity. Those substitutions must be within the same breed, variety, and class as original entry. Both must be present at ID Day and registered to that exhibitor.

10. 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. Exception is Doe and Litter.

11. 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.

12. 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 1st, 2025)

13. Grand and Reserve Champion Pen of 3 Meat Rabbits and Single Fryers must sell in the Junior Fair Sale.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. No rabbits in the barn prior to move in day on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>.

17. 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.

18. 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!

19. 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.

20. All exhibitors must follow the Wood County Junior Fair Dress Code during all judging events and shows. Which is, any collared polo shirt/ dress shirt any color and pants. Long sleeve is recommended but not required and closed toe shoes.

21. Refer to the Grand Champion Project section of the fair book on how the Grand Champion Project Rabbit will be selected.

22. Pens MUST be cleaned out when rabbits are removed from the grounds at end of the week.

23. Rabbits must remain on display through the duration of the week. If rabbits are removed from the fairgrounds early, without prior permission of the director in charge of rabbits, the exhibitor will forfeit all awards, including premiums and will not be allowed to compete the following year.

24. Only battery- operated fans allowed no electric fans on or over cages.

25. You will need to be released and signed out by the Director in charge of Rabbits, A Rabbit Assistant or Jr fair Superintendent/Assistant of the rabbit department before rabbits can be removed from the barn on the last day of the fair. If you leave without being signed out, you could possibly forfeit any premiums, being prohibited from participating in the add on sale or being banned from showing at next years fair.

### **Showmanship: ALL SHOWMANSHIP SIGNUP WILL BE DONE IN FAIR ENTRY, JUNE 1 DEADLINE**

1. Showmanship Order – Senior Prelims, Junior Prelims, Senior Finals and Jr. Finals.
2. There will be an Overall Champion Jr. and Sr. Showman. There will be a banner for 1st place and a plaque for 2nd-5th place in both the Jr and Sr Divisions.
3. The Supreme Senior Showman will represent the Rabbit Department in the Showmanship Sweepstakes.
4. Appropriate clothing, any collared polo shirt/ dress shirt and color and pants. Long sleeve is recommended but not required.

### **Section-A Market Rabbits (premium for exhibition \$3.00)**

Class 1 – Pen of 3 Meat Rabbits

Class 2 – Single Fryer

### **Pen of Three Meat Rabbits:**

1. Meat Pen will consist of three (3) rabbits.
2. Age limit Must not be over 11 weeks at entry day of fair
3. Each market rabbit must weigh between 3.25 to 5.5 pounds.
4. 3 animals identical in size, appearance, age, and breed
5. Counts as one of your entries toward overall number
6. The emphasis of judging for meat pens will be on meat type, (confirmation), condition of flesh, uniformity in body and weight, condition of fur, and uniformity of exhibit (all 3 animals)

### **Single Fryer Class:**

1. Age limit Must not be over 11 weeks at entry day of fair
2. must be 3.25-5.5 pounds each
3. May not be part of an eligible pen of 3 or a breeding project.
4. Counts as one of your entries toward overall number

### **Breeding Rabbits**

#### **4 Breeds- Section B**

American Fuzzy Lop, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, Dwarf Papillon, Florida White, Havana, Holland Lop, Lionhead, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Thrianta and All Other Breeds (AOB)

#### **6 Breeds - Section C**

American, Blanc de Hotot, Californian, Champagne d'Argent, Cinnamon, Flemish Giant, New Zealand, Silver Fox and All other breed (AOB)

1. All rabbits (excluding Pet Rabbits) will be shown based on the ARBA color classification/grouping.
2. Per ARBA Rules/Standards, fixed/neutered rabbits are not permissible to show, and are to be disqualified for alterations, therefore they are pet rabbits and are not permitted to be shown at fair.
3. Each rabbit will be judged in the class it is entered in and placing will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> place of each class .1<sup>st</sup> place winners will compete for Best of Breed and Best opposite of breed. The best of breed winners of each class will then compete for champion and reserve champion of 4 and 6 class and we will place up to 5 placings. The 4 and 6 class rabbit champion winners will compete against each other for Best of show and reserve in show.
4. Exhibitors will show during the regular rabbit show with the exceptions of the litter pens. They will be judged separately.

### **Class Doe and Litter**

1. Does must stay with her litter.
2. Age limit is 6-8 weeks old as of entry day of fair.
3. Must be in Breeding Rabbit or Market Rabbit Book.
4. Each 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor will only be allowed to bring one (1) litter pen to Fair.
5. This doe and litter pen will count as one of your six exhibits that you are allowed to bring.
6. The Doe from the Doe and Litter cannot show in any other class besides the doe and litter class.
7. Only the doe is required to be tattooed the litter does not have to be tattooed
8. Fair board will provide a lock for the doe and litters; these will be the only cages that will be allowed to have locks.
9. Doe and litter does not need to come to ID day.