

## **DEPARTMENT 800 — RABBITS**

Junior Fair: Supt.: Emma Ruffner, Asst.: Addie Naus

Committee: Elle Ruffner, Jimmy Russell, Rylie Kregel and Gordon Ayers

Senior Fair Committee: Paul Perry, Jon Shinew and Tony Violi

Rabbit Assistant: Ashley Welling & Erin Perry

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

### **Schedule Of Events :**

- Market and Breeding Rabbit ID Day- Wednesday, June 26th, 5:30-7:30 p.m. 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 27th, 9:00am-11:00am
- Mandatory Barn Meeting: Saturday, July 27th, 11:00am
- Breed/Market judging : Tuesday July 30th 12:00pm
- Rabbit Showmanship: Tuesday July 30<sup>th</sup> Following Rabbit Judging
- Rabbit Meat buyer will be at the Barn Saturday Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> Prior to showmanship sweepstakes if available.

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): 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 may not be shown. Rabbits with obvious deformities or diseases should not be brought to the fair.

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

5. Market Exhibitors must be in possession, have ownership, and complete showing rights to rabbits by Id Day June 26<sup>th</sup>.

6. All rabbits must attend ID Day on June 26, 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 28 but should still be brought to ID day.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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 12th, 2024)

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

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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!

16. 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.

17. All exhibitors must follow the Wood County Junior Fair Dress Code during all judging events and shows.

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

19. Pens MUST be cleaned out when rabbits are removed from the grounds at end of the week—Monday, August 5th by 5:00 pm

**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, White long sleeve shirt or Coat must be worn.

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 from the same litter.
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 (both animals)

### **Single Fryer Class:**

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

### **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. The judges will pick the best of 4-Class and the best of 6- Class and between those 2 rabbits the judges will pick the Best of Show and the Reserve Best of Show.
3. 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.
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 combination lock for the doe and litters; these will be the only cages that will be allowed to have locks.