

Department NO. 600: Rabbits

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Rules Governing This Department:**Please Read All Rules Carefully**

- A. Livestock entries are due to the Senior Fair Board Office by June 10th 2023.
- B. **NO ONE is permitted in the Barn until Thursday (before Fair) @ 7:30pm**
- C. #225 Breeding Rabbit Project & Record Book/#226 Market Rabbit Project & Record Book, Complete the Member Project guide Listed in the Project Book
- D. Each participant may enter a maximum of 3 projects regardless whether or not they are 4-H or FFA. Members may only enter one meat pen.
- E. All exhibitors must have their rabbits in their possession, with the exception of the three meat pen rabbits. At check-in the Saturday before the fair, the rabbit entered must be the one described on the entry form or it will be disqualified. Exceptions will be made for the sex of Junior rabbits provided that all other information on the form is correct.
- F. Pen of three rabbits must be 8-10 weeks old during the fair. All meat pens will be sold at the livestock sale only if they make weight. They must have a minimum weight of 10.5 lbs. and a maximum weight 16.5 lbs. Those not making weight will be sent home.
- G. Rabbits must be legibly tattooed. PLACE TATTOO IN LEFT EAR.
- H. Any animal showing visible injury, illness, or parasite infestation will not be permitted.
- I. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning cages and aisles daily and providing feed and water once a day.
- J. Double pens will only be permitted for largest rabbit breeds if Jr. Fair Board feels it necessary and space permits.
- K. In common courtesy, please notify the Fair Office of any scratches (withdrawal from competition) before Wednesday, preceding the fair.
- L. Entry times will be from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, no exceptions.
- M. Exhibitors have 1 1/2 hrs after completion of livestock show to pull animal from sale. Sale Representatives will be at podium in show ring. If not pulled by 6:00, all remaining projects will be required to be sold through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. Both the exhibitor and the parent/guardian must sign the Livestock Auction Removal Agreement.
- N. All meat pen rabbits will be weighed between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Saturday at the small animal building. Only one weigh-in will be permitted.
- O. Market Pens of rabbits, if not within the required weight range, will be disqualified and must go home on Saturday during weigh-ins.
- P. Each exhibitor will be responsible for showing his animals at the fair on Monday of fair week unless he/she has more than one per class. In this case the other project must be exhibited by another Butler County Junior Fair member.
- Q. If you are unable to be at the Rabbit Show, due to other duties at Fair, you will need to find another 4-H member from your club to take your prospect to the table. The Jr. Fair Board members and superintendents will no longer take project to the table
- R. Rabbits will be shown by breed, sex, and age--Not variety (ex. New Zealand Sr Bucks)
- S. There will be two calls to bring project to table, second call will be the last call. If no show at the last call, the Judging will start without project.
- T. Premiere Exhibitor Award will be awarded to those eligible.
- U. On Sale Day Fair Member Must check sale time, the Project owner will be in Charge of taking Market Animal to the Sale Barn. If not there, project will not sell. It is up to the parent or Advisor to be sure the Owner of the Project is at the Arena.

Section 1– Rabbit**Classes:**

1. Meat Pen of 3

Market Rabbit Show:

Wednesday July 26th @ 9:00 am

Section 2– N/A**Section 3– Showmanship**

- ⇒ The showmanship contest is open to any Junior Fair exhibitor in rabbits or poultry.
- ⇒ Rabbit Showmanship will be an oral interview with the judge. Participants must have an animal present during judging.
- ⇒ Winner of age class will compete for Showman of Showmen (current year's winners only).
- ⇒ An exhibitor can only win a showmanship class once. If a younger member wins his class this year, he/she will compete in the next age class next year, unless he/she is a Showman of Showmen winner.
- ⇒ Each year, Showman of Showmen judging will alternate between the rabbit judge and poultry judge. Therefore, judging will be held on either Monday or Wednesday of fair.
- ⇒ An exhibitor can only win Showman of Showmen once.

Classes:

1. Junior
 2. Senior

Rabbit Showmanship Show:

Sunday July 23rd after Open Class Show

Rabbit Breeding Sections 4-55

4. American (6 Class)	(6 Class)	29. Havana (4 Class)	(4 Class)
5. American Fuzzy Lops (4 Class)	17. Checkered Giant (6 Class)	30. Himalayan (4 Class)	44. Satin (6 Class)
6. American Sable (4 Class)	18. Chinchilla, American (6 Class)	31. Holland Lop (4 Class)	45. Silver (4 Class)
7. Angora, English (4 Class)	19. Chinchilla, Giant (6 Class)	32. Jersey Wooly (4 Class)	46. Silver Fox (6 Class)
8. Angora, French (4 Class)	20. Chinchilla, Standard (4 Class)	33. Lilac (4 Class)	47. Silver Marten (4 Class)
9. Angora, Giant (6 Class)	21. Cinnamon (6 Class)	34. Lop, English (6 Class)	48. Tan (4 Class)
10. Angora, Satin (4 Class)	22. Crème D'Argent (6 Class)	35. Lop, French (6 Class)	49. Thrianta (4 Class)
11. Belgian Hare (4 Class)	23. Dutch (4 Class)	36. Lop, Mini (4 Class)	50. Mixed Commercial (6 Class)
12. Beveren (6 Class)	24. Dwarf Hotot (4 Class)	37. Mini Rex (4 Class)	51. Mixed Fancy (4 Class)
13. Blanc de Hotot (6 Class)	25. English Spot (4 Class)	38. Netherland Dwarf (4 Class)	52. Mini Satin (4 Class)
14. Britannia Petite (4 Class)	26. Flemish Giant (6 Class)	39. New Zealand (6 Class)	53. Lionhead (4 Class)
15. Californian (6 Class)	27. Florida White (4 Class)	40. Palomino (6 Class)	54. Argente Brun (6 Class)
16. Champagne D'Argent	28. Harlequin (4 Class)	41. Polish (4 Class)	55. Dwarf Papillon (4 Class)
		42. Rex (4 Class)	
		43. Rhinelander	

Classes:

1. Senior Buck: Over 6 Mos.
2. Senior Doe: Over 6 Mos.
3. Junior Buck: Under 6 Mos.
4. Junior Doe: Under 6 Mos.
5. 6-8 Buck (Commercial)
6. 6-8 Doe (Commercial)

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Poster Contest:

- ⇒ An optional Small Animal Poster Contest will be held during the fair and is open to all small animal exhibitors.
- ⇒ Judging will be held on Sunday and the posters will be displayed throughout the barn the entire week.
- ⇒ Posters must be made solely for the contest and may not be the one made for any project.
- ⇒ Posters must be brought to the small animal barn no later than 7:00 p.m. Saturday of check-in and picked up after 6:00 p.m. on Saturday (end of fair) or between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday.
- ⇒ Posters must include on the BACK: exhibitor's name, age, and club. Exhibitor's names will not be permitted on poster fronts.
- ⇒ Posters will be divided into two classes: junior, ages 13 and younger, and senior, ages 14 and older. They will be judged on creativity, originality and effort.
- ⇒ Ribbons will be awarded to each exhibitor.

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