

4-H RABBIT DEPARTMENT

4-H Rabbit Team

Superintendents - Carol Stock, West Des Moines; Beth Wilkinson, Gilbert
Assistant Superintendent - Vance Vestweber, Garden Grove

Amount Offered --- \$1,800

SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, August 15

6:00 p.m. Rabbits and posters may arrive - Pigeon/Poultry/Rabbit Building (N.E. corner of Fairgrounds)
6:30-8:30 p.m. Rabbits and posters check-in
Rabbit Agility Demonstration, Grooming Shelf Workshop
7:00-9:00 p.m. Educational Presentations Judging, Showmanship and Poster Seminars
10:00 p.m. Building Closes

Thursday, August 16

7:00 a.m. Rabbits and posters may arrive
7:00-8:30 a.m. Rabbits and posters check-in
8:30 a.m. Rabbits and posters must be in
9:00 a.m. Exhibitor and parent meeting at the rabbit judging area
9:30 a.m. Rabbit Show - Divisional judging show order will be posted at each judge's table
10:00 a.m.-Noon Poster judging
Rabbit Skillathon
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Showmanship
Noon-1:00 p.m. Lunch Break
After Rabbit Judging Presentation of Showmanship, Poster and Educational Presentation ribbons and awards
5:00 p.m. Rabbits and posters check-out
6:00 p.m. Rabbits must be out

ENTRY DEADLINE - JULY 1 to County Extension Office

RULES

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. **NEW FOR 2012:** All commercial and fancy rabbits must be identified in 4hOnline by May 15. All market rabbits must be identified in 4hOnline by July 1.
3. All rabbits must be permanently identified with a tattoo in the left ear prior to check-in.
4. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** - All rabbits will be examined by the official show check-in assistants. An official show veterinarian will also be available upon arrival. A veterinarian inspection fee is part of the registration fee. Animals must be disease free. Any animal found with any communicable disease(s) will not be allowed to remain in or around the Rabbit Building. The sick animal is the sole responsibility of the owner. The owner is responsible for locating a place to put the animal, for the duration of the Rabbit Show.
5. An entry fee of \$1.00 per class (\$1.00 per meat pen) must accompany the entry form. No refunds.
6. Each exhibitor will be assigned cages for each rabbit entry. Bedding will also be provided. No water or feed containers will be provided.
7. No floor standing grooming tables are allowed in aisles.
8. **CHECK-IN PROCEDURE** will include checking class entries, health check by veterinarian and check-in assistants, rabbit tattoos and distribution of exhibitor numbers and t-shirts.
9. **LIMITATIONS** - Exhibitors are limited to five standard bred rabbit entries, one meat rabbit pen, one single fryer rabbit and one roaster rabbit entry for a maximum total of eight classes.
10. Ribbons will be awarded in this department. Each exhibit will be placed in a purple, blue, red or white award group and placed numerically within the class.
11. **PREMIUMS** - A total of \$1,800 will be prorated on the ratio of 5, 4, 3 and 2 for purple, blue, red and white awards respectively.
12. Test your rabbit knowledge. Try the Rabbit Skillathon held during Showmanship.

STANDARD BRED RABBITS

(Commercial and Fancy)

1. Entries in these divisions (commercial and fancy) are limited to purebred rabbits of recognized breeds and varieties. For a list, go to www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/projects/livestock/rabbit.htm.
2. Rabbits will be judged following the current American Rabbit Breeders' Association (ARBA) standards and rules.
3. Use show date as date to determine age for class entry.
4. Exhibitors are limited to a combined total of five rabbits in the commercial and fancy classes.
5. Awards will be given in each breed for Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex. Best of Breed ribbons will be awarded if there are more than six rabbits per breed. A Best Commercial, Best Fancy and Best in Show will be selected.

COMMERCIAL RABBITS - DIVISION 70

BREED EXAMPLES: Californian, Palomino, Satin

CLASS	CLASS
7001 Senior Buck	7004 Intermediate Doe
7002 Senior Doe	7005 Junior Buck
7003 Intermediate Buck	7006 Junior Doe

FANCY RABBITS - DIVISION 71

BREED EXAMPLES: Dutch, Rex, Netherland Dwarf

7101 Senior Buck	7103 Junior Buck
7102 Senior Doe	7104 Junior Doe

RABBIT MARKET - DIVISION 72

MEAT PEN

1. Meat pen will consist of three rabbits of the same breed and variety. Age limit not over 10 weeks and weight limit of three to five pounds each.
2. This division allows crossbred rabbits; however, they must be of the same variety.
3. Each exhibitor may enter one meat pen.
4. Champion and Reserve Champion Meat Pen will be selected.

CLASS

7201 Meat Pen

SINGLE FRYER

1. Single Fryer consists of one rabbit not over 10 weeks of age and weight limit of three to five pounds each.
2. This division allows crossbred rabbits.
3. Champion and Reserve Champion Single Fryer will be selected.
4. Each exhibitor is limited to one Single Fryer entry. The fryer **must not** be pulled from meat pen.

CLASS

7202 Single Fryer

ROASTER

1. Roaster consists of one rabbit under 6 months of age with a minimum weight over five pounds and maximum weight of eight pounds.
2. This division allows crossbred rabbits.
3. Champion and Reserve Champion Roaster will be selected.
4. Each exhibitor is limited to one Roaster entry.

CLASS

7203 Roaster

An overall Supreme Market Champion and Reserve Supreme Market Champion will be selected from the Champion Meat Pen, Champion Single Fryer and Champion Roaster. An plaque will be presented to the Supreme Market Champion.

SHOWMANSHIP - DIVISION 73

1. No pre-entry is required in this division. Entry will be taken at the Educational Events table until 9:00 a.m. on August 16.
2. Showmanship judging will be between 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Showmanship tables.
3. The 4-H Rabbit Showmanship Score Sheet will be used by each exhibitor. A copy of this form is available at each Extension Office, upon request of the Iowa State 4-H Office or at this web site: www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/projects/livestock/rabbit.htm.
4. Contestants must exhibit at least one rabbit in this year's 4-H Rabbit Show at the Iowa State Fair.
5. Previous Showmanship winners are eligible to compete in the Showmanship Division; however, only ribbons will be awarded.

CLASS

7301 Novice - All first year exhibitors
7302 Junior Showmanship - completed grades 5 and 6
7303 Intermediate Showmanship - completed grades 7 and 8
7304 Senior Showmanship - completed grades 9, 10, 11 and 12

PREMIER RABBIT BREEDER - DIVISION 74

A Premier Rabbit Breeder Award will be given in Novice, Junior, Intermediate and Senior to recognize 4-Hers who have gained outstanding Rabbit Project skills and knowledge from breeding, raising, selecting and exhibiting their own rabbit livestock entered in this year's Iowa State Fair 4-H Rabbit Show and have shared their rabbit knowledge and skills with 4-Hers and at other events during this 4-H year.

AWARD SELECTION CRITERIA AND RULES

1. Must have bred, raised and selected their 4-H rabbit livestock exhibited at this year's Iowa State Fair 4-H Rabbit Show.
2. Must enter and complete in a Novice, Junior, Intermediate or Senior 4-H Rabbit Showmanship class at this year's Iowa State Fair.
3. The selection of any Premier Rabbit Breeder Award presented will be based on answers to questions asked by the Showmanship Judges during the 4-Hers' showmanship class judging.
4. The Judges' questions may cover, but not limited to, such topics as rabbit production, nutrition, rabbit equipment and participation in 4-H Rabbit Project Leadership & Citizenship activities.

CLASS

7405 Novice Premier Rabbit Breeder (all first year exhibitors)
7406 Junior Premier Rabbit Breeder (completed grades 5 and 6)
7407 Intermediate Premier Rabbit Breeder (completed grades 7 and 8)
7408 Senior Premier Rabbit Breeder (completed grades 9-12)

RABBIT PROJECT PRESENTATIONS - DIVISION 75

1. Presentation judging will be on Wednesday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m.
2. No advance entry is required, and no registration fee will be charged.
3. Presenter must exhibit at least one rabbit in this year's 4-H Rabbit Show at the Iowa State Fair.
4. Presentations are to be five to eight minutes in length and on a rabbit related topic.
5. The 1st place presenter will receive a trophy. All presenters will receive a certificate.

CLASS

7501 Rabbit Project Presentations

RABBIT EDUCATIONAL POSTERS - DIVISION 76

1. Poster must be 22 inches by 28 inches in size.
2. Each exhibitor may enter one poster in each class of Animal Science or ARBA recognized rabbit breed(s).
3. No advance entry is required and no registration fee will be charged.
4. Poster exhibitors must exhibit at least one rabbit in this year's 4-H Rabbit Show at the Iowa State Fair.
5. Label the back of the exhibit with your name and county.
6. A 3x5 white card must accompany each poster, paper clipped to the front of the poster. The card must list all sources of information, such as the ARBA Standard of Perfection, Raising Better Rabbits, etc. Limit internet sources, as some of them are incorrect.
7. Posters are to be checked in at the rabbit check-in and taken home at animal release time.
8. Each poster entry is to be completed during the current 4-H year.
9. Ribbons will be awarded for both the Animal Science and ARBA classes. A trophy will be awarded to the first place winner in each class.

CLASS

- 7601 Animal Science
7602 ARBA Breed(s)

4-H RABBIT SPECIALS

Best in Show Rabbit will be awarded a banner sponsored by **Frank Gale**, Creston.

Best in Show Rabbit will receive rabbit feed from **ADM Alliance Nutrition**, Quincy, IL.

Best Commercial Rabbit will be awarded a trophy sponsored by **David & Sara Klindt**, Bettendorf.

Best Fancy Rabbit will be awarded a trophy sponsored by **Jeff & Bill Englert**, Swisher.

Supreme Market Rabbit will be awarded a plaque sponsored by **Vance Vestweber**, Garden Grove.

Supreme Market Rabbit will receive rabbit feed from **ADM Alliance Nutrition**, Quincy, IL.

Best Meat Pen will be awarded a trophy sponsored by **David & Sara Klindt**, Bettendorf.

Best Single Fryer will be awarded a trophy sponsored by **David & Sara Klindt**, Bettendorf.

Best Roaster will be awarded a trophy sponsored by **David & Sara Klindt**, Bettendorf.

Best Educational Presentation will be awarded a trophy sponsored by **Hi Tail Rabbitry, Becky Stock & Amanda O'Gorman**, West Des Moines.

Best Animal Science Poster will be awarded a trophy sponsored by **South Central Iowa Rabbit Breeders Association**, Grimes.

Best ARBA Breeds Poster will be awarded a trophy sponsored by **South Central Iowa Rabbit Breeders Association**, Grimes.

Best Overall Poster will receive a rabbit carrier from **Coats Farm Rabbitry & Equipment, Randy & Bobbi Coats**, Boone.

The first place Novice Showmanship winner will be awarded a plaque sponsored by **Clover Hill Rabbitry, The Braun Family**, Norwalk.

The first place Junior Showmanship winner will be awarded a plaque sponsored by **Clover Hill Rabbitry, The Braun Family**, Norwalk.

The first place Intermediate Showmanship winner will be awarded a plaque sponsored by **Lynne Rechterman**, Tipton.

The first place Senior Showmanship winner will be awarded a plaque sponsored by **Hi Tail Rabbitry, Becky Stock & Amanda O'Gorman**, West Des Moines.

The county exhibiting the highest number of rabbits will receive the County Display Award plaque for the Most Rabbits Exhibited at the Iowa State Fair. The youth from the county will be recognized and presented the award during the award presentation. Each meat pen will count as three rabbits, each single fryer and a roaster will count as one rabbit each. Each breed exhibit will count as one rabbit with a possible total per exhibitor of 10 points. A plaque will be sponsored by **Sunrise Rabbitry, Don & Martha Jackson**, Tabor.