

4-H RABBIT DEPARTMENT
4-H Rabbit Team
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SCHEDULE:

Friday, August 7

- 8:00 a.m. Rabbits may arrive - (Stalling Barn- S.E. corner of Fairgrounds)
- 9:00 a.m. Rabbits must be in
- 10:00 a.m. Rabbit Show
- After Judging Rabbits released
- 7:00 p.m. Rabbits must be out

ENTRY DEADLINE - JULY 1 through Fair Entry
RULES

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. All rabbits (commercial, fancy and market) 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. Sex, Variety/Color and Tattoo in animal must match 4hOnline ID.
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 \$5 per class must accompany the entry form. No refunds.
6. Animals must be housed in their carriers as it is a same day show and to limit spread of disease. Areas of the barn will be designated to take your rabbits to while waiting to be judged. 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 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. Each animal may only be exhibited in one class (i.e. single fryer may not be pulled from meat pen).
10. Substitutions are allowed during check-in as long as the animal was properly identified in 4hOnline by July 1.
11. NEW FOR 2020 – Substitutions will ONLY be allowed WITHIN the same breed.
12. 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.
13. PREMIUMS - The top three placings in each class will receive monetary premiums.
14. No locks on cages are allowed.

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/rabbit.
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 Commercial, Best Fancy and Best in Show will be selected.

COMMERCIAL RABBITS

BREED EXAMPLES: Californian, Palomino, Satin

CLASS

- Senior Buck
- Senior Doe
- Intermediate Buck

CLASS

- Intermediate Doe
- Junior Buck
- Junior Doe

FANCY RABBITS

BREED EXAMPLES: Dutch, Rex, Netherland Dwarf

- Senior Buck
- Senior Doe

- Junior Buck
- Junior Doe

MARKET RABBITS

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 3.5 to 5.5 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

- Meat Pen

SINGLE FRYER

1. Single Fryer consists of one rabbit not over 10 weeks of age and weight limit of 3.5 to 5.5 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

- Single Fryer

ROASTER

1. Roaster consists of one rabbit under 6 months of age with a minimum weight over 5 pounds and maximum weight of 8 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

- Roaster

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