

Rabbit

Department G

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Rabbit Showmanship Contest Rules

Information on rabbit showmanship is found in 4-H 339, Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits and there are many YouTube videos available from UNL.

- A. Exhibitors will be required to show their rabbits during judging. A substitute showman may be appointed if approved by the superintendent. Substitute showman need to be a registered 4-H or FFA members in Box Butte County.
- B. If an exhibitor has more than one entry in a class, the exhibitor is responsible for finding a current Box Butte County 4-H or FFA member to show one of the animals for them. The additional showman must be a 4-H or FFA member. No parents will be allowed to show for the exhibitor.
- C. Each exhibitor will meet with the superintendent as they check in to go over the Barn Rules.
- D. Breeds must conform to the Standards and weights set by the American Rabbit Breeders Association, to be eligible to exhibit as a breeding class rabbit.
- E. All rabbits must have an I.D. containing letters and/or numbers in the left ear. If rabbit is going to be shown at the State Fair, this information must be placed in the ear with a pin and ink tattoo gun. This is the necessary identification for the state fair. ID numbers or names along with class information must be supplied to Superintendent at time of entry.
- F. Coaching of exhibitors is strictly prohibited. The exhibitor is responsible for presenting their animal on their own merit. Anyone who is accused of coaching will be given one oral warning from either the superintendent of that species or Extension Staff. After one warning they will be asked to leave the show and the exhibitor will be dropped a ribbon placing.
- G. Anyone interfering with the judge will be given one oral warning from either the Superintendent of that species or Extension Staff. After one warning they will be asked to leave the show.
- H. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their own animals.
- I. All possible sale rabbits must be weighed at the time of entry.
- J. All exhibitors are responsible for helping clean the barn. Each exhibitor is assigned at least one morning shift. All exhibitors who have animals housed in the Red Barn during county fair must help clean the barn on the final Sunday of the Box Butte County Fair. Failure to do so will result in the 4-H/FFA members' livestock sale premium checks being withheld.
- K. All exhibitors are expected to attend a barn meeting set by the superintendent.
- L. All Exhibitors are responsible for hosting the Red Barn at least twice during the fair week. Length of shift will be determined by the barn superintendent at fair-time. Length of shift depends on the number of exhibitors participating in the county fair.
- M. Number of Entries- Not more than six rabbits may be entered by one exhibitor.
- N. Rabbits will be shown by breed. If there are five or more of a breed, a best of breed rosette will be given. All rabbits must be a part of the 4-H/FFA member's project.
- O. Market Pens - Market Pens of 3 rabbits will be considered as one rabbit entry.

Dress Code - Exhibitor must wear long sleeved white shirt with collar with 4-H chevron attached to the left front and blue jeans. In the event the 4-H council approves an official long sleeved t-shirt for a particular year, the approved t-shirt shall become official dress for that year. FFA members will be required to wear advisor approved dress code. In the event the 4-H Council approves an official t-shirt for a particular year, the approved t-shirt shall become official dress for that year.
- P. Health - If rabbits show symptoms/signs of having a health problem that is a threat to other animals or humans, the superintendent reserves the right to ask the exhibitor to remove the animal from the fairgrounds.

Q. Rabbit Showmanship - All exhibitors are encouraged to enter rabbit showmanship. Basis for judging: showmanship is based on grooming and training of the rabbit, and the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. Exhibitors are encouraged to present their rabbit to the judge. Presentation of the rabbit is up to the individual showman. Showmanship scores will be based on the criteria listed on the showmanship score sheet. The judge may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine. The excellence of the rabbit is not considered in scoring. Exhibitors shall wear long-sleeved, white shirts with collars with the 4-H emblem. In the event the 4-H council approves an official long sleeved t-shirt for a particular year, the approved t-shirt shall become official dress for that year. FFA members will be required to wear advisor approved dress code. ARBA rules will be used as guidelines for Rabbit Showmanship. Overall Champion Showman to be determined by total points. If there is a tie, oral questions will be given to break the tie. **2016: To conform with State Fair and Round Robin guidelines, rabbit showmanship presentations shall not exceed 5 minutes. Points will be deducted for presentations exceeding the 5 minute limit.**

**Division G085, Rabbit
Rabbit Showmanship**

- G085001 Rabbit junior division (age 8-10 as of Jan 1 of current year)
- G085002 Rabbit intermediate division (age 11-13 as of Jan 1 of current year)
- G085003 Rabbit senior division (age 14-18 as of Jan 1 of current year)

Breeding Class (for purebred rabbits only)
Fancy (Junior or Senior, Buck or Doe)

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| G085004 English Angora | G085005 French Angora |
| G085006 Belgian Hare | G085007 Britannia Petite |
| G085008 Standard Chinchilla | G085009 Dutch |
| G085010 Dwarf Hotot | G085011 English Spot |
| G085012 Florida White | G085013 American Fuzzy Lop |
| G085014 Harlequin | G085015 Havana |
| G085016 Himalayan | G085017 Jersey Woolie |
| G085018 Lilac | G085019 Holland Lop |
| G085020 Mini Lop | G085021 Mini Rex |
| G085022 Netherland Dwarf | G085023 Polish |
| G085024 Rex | G085025 Rhinelander |
| G085026 American Sable | G085027 Silver |
| G085028 Silver Marten | G085029 Tan |
| G085033 Lionhead | |

G085080 Other Fancy Breed with working ARBA Standard

Commercial (Junior, Intermediate, or Senior - Buck or Doe)

G085030	American	G085031	Beveren
G085032	Blanc de Hotot	G085085	Argente Brun
G085034	Californian	G085035	Champagne D'Argent
G085036	Checkered Giant	G085037	Giant Chinchilla
G085038	Cinnamon	G085039	Crème D'Argent
G085040	Flemish Giant	G085041	English Lop
G085042	French Lop	G085043	Giant Angora
G085044	New Zealand	G085045	Palomino
G085046	Satin Angora	G085047	Silver Fox
G085048	Satin	G085049	American Chinchilla
G085090	Other Commercial Breed with working ARBA Standard		

Meat Class (Only Meat Class may be in Auction)

G085051	Single Fryer, 3 ½ to 5 ½ lbs/under 69 days of age
G085052	Meat Pen Fryer, 3 ½ to 5 ½ lbs/under 69 days of age
G085053	Roaster (over 5 ½ pounds) and under 1 year of age
G085054	Individual Stewer (4-8 pounds, over 12 weeks old)
G085099	Other cleared through the Office