

# Rabbit

## Rules

- 1. Number of entries per exhibitor** - A 4-H member is limited to exhibiting two (2) rabbits per class. Rabbits do not need to be ID'd prior to July 15th pre-fair entry.
- 2. Cages** – Members must provide their own exhibit cages, watering devices, and feed bowls.
- 3. Pet rabbits are entered in Companion Animals.**
- 4. Exhibitors must wear the official Cherry County 4-H t-shirt or a white shirt with a 4-H armband during the show; along with jeans and closed-toe shoes. No hats.**
- 6. There is a Rabbit Division at State Fair.** Contact the Extension Office for more information or visit <https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/animals/25>
- 7. Champion Award-** categories may vary year to year based on the number of entries. This will be at the discretion of the Small Animals Committee.
- 8. Depending on the number of entries, all breeding classes may be combined at the county level.**

## Identification for State Fair

A. All rabbits except for fryers must have permanent ID numbers or names tattooed in their ear with pin tattoo pliers and tattoo ink. Permanent marker numbers written in the ears of the rabbits are NOT permanent ID numbers. ID numbers or names along with class information must be supplied to the superintendent at the time of entry. All animals will be physically checked for tattoos during entry. Tattoos and class information must match the information found on the August 10 State Fair pre-entry registration list. Rabbits whose tattoos are not readable or do not match the registration information will not be allowed to show at the State Fair. Tattoos that have faded or are no longer legible should be redone prior to State Fair.

## Eligibility

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) – Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance training. IN Cherry County, YQCA must be completed by the pre-fair entry deadline. This year the deadline is July 15, 2024.

## Scoresheets, Forms, and Contest Study Materials

Scoresheets, forms, contest study materials, and additional resources can be found at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4hrabbit>.

## Divisions

### Market Rabbit

#### Class

**G080001-Single Fryer-** Not over 10 weeks of age. Minimum weight of 3 ½ pounds. Maximum weight of 5 ½ pounds.

**G080002- Meat Pen-** Age limit 10 weeks of age. Minimum weight 3 ½ pounds each. Maximum weight of 5 ½ pounds each. Meat pens shall consist of three rabbits, all of the same breed and variety. Broken group meat pens must also be of the same variety. A meat pen does not necessarily have to come from the same litter.

**G080003- Roaster-** All rabbits entered in this class must be under 6 months of age. Minimum weight 5 ½ pounds. Maximum weight 9 pounds.

**G080004- Stewers-** All rabbits entered in this class must be 6 months of age or older. Minimum weight is over 8 pounds.

## **Breeding: Fancy Breed Rabbit**

### **Class**

**G080005 - American Fuzzy Lop**

**G080006 - American Sable**

**G080069 – Blue Holicer**

**G080070 – Czech Frosty**

**G080007 - Belgian Hare**

**G080008 - Britannia Petite**

**G080009 - Dutch**

**G080010 - Dwarf Hotot**

**G080035 – Dwarf Papillion**

**G080011 - English Angora**

**G080012 - English Spot**

**G080013 - Florida White**

**G080014 - French Angora**

**G080015 - Harlequin**

**G080016 - Havana**

**G080017 - Himalayan**

**G080018 - Jersey Woolie**

**G080019 - Lilac**

**G080020 - Holland Lop**

**G080021 - Mini Lop**

**G080022 - Mini Rex**

**G080023 - Mini Satin**

**G080024 - Netherland Dwarf**

**G080025 - Polish**

**G080026 - Rex**

**G080027 - Rhinelander**

**G080028 - Satin Angora**

**G080029 - Silver**

**G080030 - Silver Marten**

**G080031 - Standard Chinchilla**

**G080032 - Tan**

**G080033 - Thrianta**

**G080034 - Lionhead**

**8061L – Clover Kid Entry – Not Eligible for State Fair**

## **Breeding: Commercial Breed Rabbit**

### **Class**

**G080050 - American**

**G080051 - American Chinchilla**

**G080068 – Argente Brun**

**G080052 - Beveren**

**G080053 - Blanc d Hotot**

**G080054 - Californian**

**G080055 - Champagne D'Argent**

**G080056 - Checkered Giant**

**G080057 - Cinnamon**

**G080058 - Creme D'Argent**

**G080059 - English Lop**

**G080060 - Flemish Giant**

**G080061 - French Lop**

**G080062 - Giant Angora**

**G080063 - Giant Chinchilla**

**G080064 - New Zealand**

**G080065 - Palomino**

**G080066 - Satin**

**G080067 - Silver Fox**

**8062L – Clover Kid Entry – Not Eligible for State Fair**

## **Rabbit Showmanship**

Nebraska State Fair has lowered the age of eligibility to 8 for livestock shows. Please refer to the [State Fair Book](#) for additional details.

### **Class**

**G08006L – Junior Showmanship** (8-10 years old by January 1 of the current year)

**G080068 - Intermediate Showmanship** (11-13 years old by January 1 of the current year)

**G080069 - Senior Showmanship** (14 years and up by January 1 of the current year)

**8060L – Clover Kid Entry – Not Eligible for State Fair.**

### **Rules**

**1. Showmanship Entry** - All 4-H exhibitors are automatically registered but not required to show in Showmanship. Exhibitors must show their own animal and the animal must be entered and exhibited in a breeding or market class.

**2. Basis of Judging**-Showmanship is based on grooming and training of the rabbit and the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must vocally explain the steps in their routine and the merit of the rabbit. Primarily showmanship is the skill of the exhibitor in presenting and explaining the rabbit before the judge. The excellence of the rabbit is not considered in scoring.

**3.** The judge may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine. A suggested routine time is 4 minutes, which is the limit at State Fair.

**4. To avoid disease spread, exhibitors are asked to bring their own carpet square or mat for showing.**

**6. Scoresheet**-[Rabbit Showmanship: SF291](#)

## Resources

### Rabbit

Learn about rabbit breeds; Learn how to care for a rabbit; Learn to tattoo a rabbit; Learn about genetics and rabbit breeding

**URL:** [https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program\\_project/15](https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/15)

Information on rabbit showmanship is found in [4-H 339](#), Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits, NATL4H 08080 Rabbit 1: What's Hopping?, NATL4H 08081 Rabbit 2: Making Tracks, NATL4H Rabbit 3: All Ears, and other resources may be available at the county extension office.