

RABBIT

Pre-Entry

Friday, July 15 by Midnight (Online)

CHECK IN

Wednesday, August 3 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. (Livestock Pavilion)

SHOW DATE/TIME

Saturday, August 6 at 10:00 a.m. (Livestock Pavilion)

PREMIUMS

Showmanship

Purple \$7.00; Blue \$6.00, Red \$5.00, White \$4.00

Rabbit Classes

Purple \$2.50; Blue \$2.00, Red \$1.50, White \$1.00

RABBIT GUIDELINES

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Refer to the GENERAL & ANIMAL RULES AND REGULATIONS at the front of this fair exhibitor guide.

All livestock exhibits are required to be on the fairgrounds by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 3.

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION: An exhibitor must exhibit rabbits that have been identified with a permanent and legible tattoo in the left ear unless registered as ARBA and are under their ownership and care of the exhibitor prior to June 15 of the current year. Exhibitors must have submitted identification to Nebraska Extension by **JUNE 15 of the current year.** ID Sheets for all rabbits entries will be checked by superintendent at rabbit check in. Final decision as to the class in which an animal will be shown will rest with the superintendent.

QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENT: Nebraska 4-H is REQUIRING members (8 -18 years old) exhibiting RABBITS to be certified in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). This program is mandated by the Nebraska 4-H program and has been implemented into the Dodge County 4-H Program. Therefore, ALL youth exhibiting RABBITS at the Dodge County Fair are required to be YQCA certified by June 15 of the current year to be eligible to exhibit.

ENTRY LIMIT:

- An exhibitor is limited to exhibiting EIGHT rabbit entries plus ONE showmanship class.
- An individual rabbit may be shown in only one class and one showmanship class.
- Rabbits will NOT be allowed to exhibit in a fancy breed class and a commercial breed class.

Rabbits exhibited in the Companion Animal Show are NOT allowed to enter the Rabbit Show.

Animal Pre-Entry is due online by Midnight, July 15.

DRESS CODE: All Exhibitors are required to wear the sponsored 4-H T-shirt and blue jeans. No caps or hats allowed. Shorts are not allowed to be worn by any exhibitor for any show or event.

NO SHOW HARNESES for livestock will be allowed in the show ring. All exhibitor numbers must be pinned to the exhibitor's back using safety pins below sponsor logo.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Rabbit exhibits must check in Wednesday, August 3 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. (Livestock Pavilion). Exhibitors are requested to bring their rabbits in cages/carriers to the check in area (Livestock Pavilion).
- Rabbit Showmanship classes will be held at the start of the show on Saturday, August 6 at 10:00 a.m. and the rest of the show will immediately follow. Exhibitors are required to present their rabbit entries to the judge for showmanship and during the rabbit show.

- Rabbits in this show will NOT be judged according to the American Rabbit Breed Standards. However, breeding rabbits will be judged on the basis of vigor, health, conformation and suitability as breeding stock.
- If five rabbits of a breed are in a class, exhibitors may petition for a breed class. List breed on entry form.
- Champion selections will be made according to breed, not age.
- Rabbits with ear mites will be disqualified.

*Rabbits are required to be housed at the fair the entire week. No rabbits will be allowed to come day of show only. Rabbits must be in cages by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 3rd. Animal Pre-Entry is due online by July 15.

HERDSMANSHIP: Herdsmanship for Rabbits and Poultry will be conducted throughout the fair. Exhibitors are reminded that it is their responsibility to properly feed, water and care for animals throughout the entire fair. Failure to properly care for your animals may result in loss of premium money.

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RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Class A Senior Showmanship (Exhibitor ages 14-18 on Jan 1)

Class B Junior Showmanship (Exhibitor ages 8-13 on Jan 1)

New in 2022: An Intermediate Showmanship class will be added if there are at least 3 exhibitors in each of the following age ranges: 8-9 (Jr. Class C), 10-13 (Int. Class B), and 14-18 (Sr. Class A).

SHOWMANSHIP GUIDELINES: Exhibitors who have entered a class in the rabbit show are eligible to compete in showmanship with that animal. Members taking part in a showmanship class will be judged on their skill as showmen, and on the appearance their animal makes before the judges. Any animal may be shown in only ONE showmanship class. In showmanship classes, a 4-H/ FFA member can ONLY exhibit an animal that has been officially identified in their name AND that they have entered in the live show. Exhibitors may NOT exhibit some other exhibitors animal in the showmanship competition.

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RABBIT CLOVER KID CLASS

Class 1 4-H Clover Kid Exhibitor (Ages 5-7 on Jan 1)

CLOVER KID EXHIBITOR GUIDELINES:

- The 4-H Clover Kid Program is for youth between the ages of five to seven years old on January 1 of the current calendar year. 4-H Clover Kid exhibitors must be enrolled in a 4-H club or as an individual 4-H member by the enrollment deadline (June 15 of the current year).
- 4-H Clover Kid exhibitors are required to complete the online "Clover Kid Animal" entry by July 15 entry DEADLINE.

CLOVER KID ANIMAL GUIDELINES:

- Age, size, and temperament of animal projects must be appropriate for the exhibitor's age and size.
- Animals exhibited in the Clover Kid Class have the option to be brought the day of the show and taken home after the show is over OR brought on Wednesday and taken home at the end of the fair.
- However, if the animal exhibited by the Clover Kid 4-H member is also exhibited by a 4-H or FFA member (8-18 years old), the animal MUST abide by the guidelines for that species department/division.
- Clover Kid animal entries MUST abide by the "Care of Exhibits" and "Livestock/Animal Health Requirements" found in the General and Animal Rules and Regulations and by the "Dress Code" for the species exhibited.

CLOVER KID EXHIBITING GUIDELINES:

- The adult/teen volunteer to child ratio during the Clover Kid Class will be 1:1 (i.e. there will be ONE adult/teen volunteer present for every ONE Clover Kid exhibitor that is handling or exhibiting animals.)
- Exhibition will consist of judges' discussions with youth based on their knowledge of the care and raising of the animal.
- The 4-H Clover Kid Class will be non-competitive. All exhibitors will receive the same premium (\$1.00) and a Clover Kid ribbon.

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MARKET RABBIT

- Class 1 Single Fryer: Not over 10 weeks of age. Minimum weight of 3 ½ pounds. Maximum weight of 5 ½ pounds.
- Class 2 Meat Pen: Age limit 10 weeks. Minimum weight 3 ½ pounds each. Maximum weight 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.
- Class 3 Roaster: All rabbits entered in this class must be under 6 months of age. Minimum weight 5 ½ pounds. Maximum weight 9 pounds.
- Class 4 Stewers: All rabbits entered in this class must be 6 months of age and over. Minimum weight is over 8 pounds.

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FANCY BREEDS

NOTE: Indicate BREED, DIVISION and CLASS on entry form. Rabbits without true breed characteristics must enter as Commercial Crossbred Class OR may enter the Companion Animal Show.

FANCY BREED CLASSES

- Class 1 Junior Doe (6 months and under)
- Class 2 Junior Buck (6 months and under)
- Class 3 Senior Doe (over 6 months)
- Class 4 Senior Buck (over 6 months)

FANCY BREEDS

American Fuzzy Lop	Harlequin	Netherland Dwarf
American Sable	Havana	Polish
Belgian Hare	Himalayan	Rex
Britannia Petite	Holland Lop	Rhineland
Dutch	Jersey Woolie	Satin Angora
Dwarf Hotot	Lilac	Silver
English Angora	Lionhead	Silver Marten
English Spot	Mini Lop	Standard Chinchilla
Florida White	Mini Rex	Tan
French Angora	Mini Satin	Thrianta

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COMMERCIAL BREEDS

NOTE: Indicate BREED, DIVISION and CLASS on entry card. Rabbits without true breed characteristics must enter as Commercial Crossbred Class OR may enter the Companion Animal Show.

COMMERCIAL BREED CLASSES

- Class 1 Junior Doe (under 6 months)
- Class 2 Junior Buck (under 6 months)
- Class 3 Intermediate Doe (6 to 8 months)
- Class 4 Intermediate Buck (6 to 8 months)
- Class 5 Senior Doe (over 8 months)
- Class 6 Senior Buck (over 8 months)

COMMERCIAL BREEDS

American	Checkered Giant	Giant Angora
American Chinchilla	Cinnamon	Giant Chinchilla
Beveren	Crème d'Argent	New Zealand
Blanc de Hotot (Hotot)	Crossbred	Palomino
Californian	English Lop	Satin
Champagne d'Argent	Flemish Giant	Silver Fox
French Lop		

ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- The top two (2) senior showman from Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Meat Goats will be invited to participate in the Round Robin Showmanship contest.
- If one of the top two (2) individuals in a species declines to show, the third-place (3rd) showman will be eligible to compete. Eligibility will not advance past third place.
- Show superintendents will select animals to be used for the contest and will provide each contestant with the appropriate equipment. Contestants may not use their own equipment for the competition.
- Contestants will be judged on their showmanship skill with each species (Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Meat Goat) as well as complete a written test of general knowledge questions.
- Contestants will show each species together and will rotate through the four species. Species order will be determined by the show superintendents.
- Scoring:
 - Showmanship = 50 points per species (200 maximum points)
 - Written Test = 50 points
 - The written test will consist of an equal number of questions per species.
 - Total Points = 250 overall maximum points
 - In the event of a tie, the average showmanship score across all species out of 50 (ex. 37/50) will be the first tiebreaker and the written test score will be the second tiebreaker.

The winner of the Round Robin Showmanship Contest will be eligible to compete at the Nebraska Elite Showman Competition. Elite Showman participants must be registered exhibitors at the Nebraska State Fair. If that individual does not meet the Elite Showman Competition rule requirements, previous Dodge County Round Robin Champions who still meet contest eligibility will be given the opportunity to represent Dodge County. Should more than one individual wish to compete, the representative will be determined by a written test and industry interview of eligible candidates.

Past Dodge County Fair Round Robin Champions are not eligible to compete in the County Round Robin Showmanship Contest:

- 2019 – Kaden Gregory
- 2020 – Anna Ready
- 2021 – Isabella Ruda

An individual may represent Dodge County for 3 years as long as they do not win the Elite Showman Competition at the state level. Information on the Elite Showman Competition is available at the Dodge County Extension Office.

SHEEP

Pre-Entry

Friday, July 15 by Midnight (Online)

CHECK IN/WEIGH IN

Wednesday, August 3 from 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. (Livestock Show Arena)

SHOW DATE

Thursday, August 4 at 8:00 a.m. (Livestock Show Arena)

PREMIUMS

Showmanship

Purple \$7.00; Blue \$6.00, Red \$5.00, White \$4.00

Breeding Sheep & Market Lambs

Purple \$6.00; Blue \$5.00, Red \$4.00, White \$3.00

SHEEP GUIDELINES:

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All livestock exhibits are required to be on the fairgrounds by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 3.

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION:

- An exhibitor must exhibit breeding sheep and market lambs that have been tagged and identified under their name.
- Exhibitors must have submitted the proper identification to the Dodge County Extension Office by **JUNE 15 of the current year.**
- ID Sheets for all sheep entries will be checked by the superintendent at sheep check in. Final decision as to the class in which an animal will be shown will rest with the superintendent.