

Animal Science - Department G

Rabbits

GENERAL RULES:

- A. All rabbit exhibitors need to have completed Quality Assurance training in order to exhibit in the Sarpy County Fair.
- B. During Fair week, rabbit exhibitors will be responsible for feeding and watering their rabbits daily. No litters allowed. Signs pertaining to the sale of animals are not to be displayed on the fairgrounds by any 4-H exhibitor or their families.
- C. All rabbits **MUST** be tattooed and identified on the 4-H Rabbit ID Sheet, no later than June 15 of the current year.

All rabbits will be physically checked for tattoos during entry. Tattoos and class information must match the information found on the Nebraska 4-H Rabbit Identification Certificate" 4-HF103 (Affidavit). Rabbits whose tattoos that are not readable or do not match the 4-H Rabbit ID sheet will not be allowed to show. Tattoos that have faded or are no longer readable should be re-done prior to the show. Attention - when using the 4-H Rabbit ID sheet, please indicate the birth date of the rabbit and age of the rabbit column on the rabbit I.D sheet. This form can be obtained from either Extension Office and/or on the Douglas-Sarpy 4-H Website: www.douglas-sarpy.unl.edu

Advanced entries are due online in the Showworks program by July 15, 2021.
- D. If total entries exceed total cage space the Superintendent will determine which class or classes will be exhibited. Each 4-H member enrolled in the rabbit project may exhibit a maximum total of eight (8) entries. An individual rabbit is limited to showing in only one division of the 4-H rabbit show except when used for showmanship or the Best Dressed Rabbit Contest.

Exhibits must stay for the duration of the fair or premiums will be withheld.
- E. Any rabbit exhibited in the Sarpy County Fair 4-H Rabbit Show must have been born **before April 31st** of the current year. Lactating does or any doe within one week of kindling should not be brought to the fairgrounds. All rabbits must be healthy. If unhealthy, they will not be allowed to exhibit and must be removed from the fairgrounds. This will be left to the discretion of the rabbit superintendent and/or attending veterinarian.
- F. The show will be judged according to the American Rabbit Breeders Association Standard of Perfection. Exhibitors showing rabbits are required to wear either a white shirt with the official 4-H chevron attached, an official 4-H T-shirt, or a 4-H club t-shirt approved by the 4-H Office. No hats, caps or other types of headgear are to be worn while showing.
- G. Substitutions may be made **ONLY** if the substituted rabbits are identified on the 4-H Rabbit ID Sheet.

- H. Premiums for the Rabbit Department are pay level 5. Showmanship is pay level 4. Information for these premiums can be found in the General Rules section of the on-line 4-H Fair Book.
- I. Entry Time: 3-8 p.m. at Poultry/Rabbit Barn on TUESDAY August 3, 2021.
Show Time: The showmanship classes will start at 8:30 a.m. The table show will start at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at the north end of Poultry/Rabbit Barn.
- J. Exhibitors will be asked to help out as Barn Watchers. Please sign up for a time. Also Exhibitors are asked to help setup the Poultry/Rabbit Barn (The Monday evening before Fair) and /or cleanup the Poultry/Rabbit Barn (the Monday evening after the Fair).
- K. Special award/s : Bob Patterson High Point Rabbit Award, Champion and Reserve Champion Class 4 Rabbit, Champion and Reserve Champion Class 6 Rabbit, Champion Best of Show Rabbit, Reserve Champion Best of Show Rabbit. The rabbit must receive a purple in order to qualify for Champion and Reserve in Class.

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Showmanship

General Information:

Showmanship is based on grooming and training of the rabbit and appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must vocally explain the steps in their routine and 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, although grooming and condition of the animal is assessed during scoring. The judge may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor. Exhibitors may choose to exhibit in an age division higher than the one they would be classified by their age. All Showmanship presentations need to comply with the Nebraska State Fair time limit of 4 minutes in length. Violations for presentations in excess of 4 minutes will be left to the discretion of the presiding judge.

Any Class Champion has the option to move up to the next class level of competition. However, once you have chosen to advance to the next level of competition you **MAY NOT** Return to your previous class level of competition.

***Those showman who have competed in the Intermediate division at the Nebraska State Fair and received first place will be allowed to compete in the next highest division at the county level. Those individuals who have received first place at the state level for senior showmanship division but have not received first place at the county level may compete at the county fair the following year. Although, if the senior division winner has won first place at the county and state level, it is understood that those individuals will refrain from competing again

*Rabbits used for showmanship must be identified on the 4-H Rabbit ID Sheet

Premiums in Showmanship are pay level 4.

- CLASS 72** SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP 15 to 18 year old by January 1 of current year
CLASS 71 INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP 12 to 14 years old by January 1 of current year
CLASS 70 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP 8 to 11 years old by January 1 of current year
CLASS 913* NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP 1st Year Participants Only.
CLASS 999* Clover Kid Rabbit Showmanship 5 to 7 years old by January 1 of the current year

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FANCY BREED (Also known as 4 CLASS) RABBITS

Exhibitors may show any of the following breeds, provided rabbits have been tattooed and listed on ID sheets: Please indicate the age of the rabbit (this would be the rabbit's age at the time of the Sarpy County Fair's Rabbit Show)(Senior Rabbit- over 6 months old) (Junior Rabbit- 3 to 6 months old) on the Rabbit Entry Form

- CLASS 5** AMERICAN FUZZY LOP
CLASS 6 AMERICAN SABLE
CLASS 7 BELGIAN HARE
CLASS 8 BRITANNIA PETITE
CLASS 9 DUTCH
CLASS 10 DWARF HOTOT
CLASS 11 ENGLISH ANGORA
CLASS 12 ENGLISH SPOT
CLASS 13 FLORIDA WHITE
CLASS 14 FRENCH ANGORA
CLASS 15 HARLEQUIN
CLASS 16 HAVANA
CLASS 17 HIMALAYAN
CLASS 18 JERSEY WOOLIE
CLASS 19 LILAC
CLASS 20 HOLLAND LOP
CLASS 21 MINI LOP
CLASS 22 MINI REX
CLASS 23 MIN SATIN
CLASS 24 NETHERLAND DWARF
CLASS 25 POLISH
CLASS 26 REX
CLASS 27 RHINELANDER
CLASS 28 SATIN ANGORA
CLASS 29 SILVER
CLASS 30 SILVER MARTEN
CLASS 31 STANDARD CHINCHILLA

- CLASS 32 TAN
- CLASS 33 THRIANTA
- CLASS 34 LIONHEAD

Commercial Breed (Also Known as 6 class rabbit)

Exhibitors may show any of the following breeds, provided rabbits have been tattooed and listed on ID sheets: Please indicate the age of the rabbit, as it would be at the on the date of the rabbit show, (Senior Rabbit- over 8 months old) (Intermediate Rabbit- 6 to 8 months old) (Junior Rabbit- 3 to 6 months old) on Rabbit entry form.

- CLASS 50 American
- CLASS 51 American Chinchilla
- CLASS 52 Beveren
- CLASS 53 Blanc D’ Hotot
- CLASS 54 Californian
- CLASS 55 Champagne D’Argent
- CLASS 56 Checkered Giant
- CLASS 57 Cinnamon
- CLASS 58 Creme D’Argent
- CLASS 59 English Lop
- CLASS 60 Flemish Giant
- CLASS 61 French Lop
- CLASS 62 Giant Angora
- CLASS 63 Giant Chinchilla
- CLASS 64 New Zealand
- CLASS 65 Palomino
- CLASS 66 Satin
- CLASS 67 Silver Fox

MARKET RABBITS

- CLASS 2 SINGLE MARKET FRYER (3 TO 5 LBS- not over 10 weeks old)
- CLASS 3 MEAT PEN OF THREE FRYERS (3 TO 5 LBS – not over 10 weeks old)
- CLASS 4 MARKET ROASTER (OVER 8 LBS must be under six months of age)
- CLASS 920 STEWERS (A rabbit MUST be 6 months of age or older and have a minimum weight of 8 pounds or over.)

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***NEW ***

Breeders Choice

* FOLLOWING CLASSES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FAIR CONSIDERATION*

A breeder's choice entry consists of one offspring and at least one parent rabbit. The offspring must be shown in the breed class. Limit of one entry per exhibitor in this class. The event is open to all rabbit exhibitors. Breeder's choice rabbits (parent rabbits only) do NOT count toward the 8 maximum rabbits if only being shown in Breeder's Choice. Rabbit Criteria for Breeder's Choice The rabbit must have been born after January 1 and be at least 3 months old by August fair date of the current year. The rabbit must have been a product of the exhibitor's rabbitry. The exhibitor must own one of the parents, but does not have to own both parents. The exhibitor must have bred and raised the rabbit. If the exhibitor provided a buck for breeding, the rabbit must have been raised in the exhibitor's rabbitry after weaning (8 weeks maximum). Both parents of the rabbit must be purebreds.

Judging Criteria for Breeder's Choice

- EXHIBITION OF RABBITS (25%) — judging will be against the breed's standard of perfection (ARBA)
- WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION (45%) — a report should be written in paragraph form and include the following: Section I — Background (pedigree of the parents and offspring); Section II — Reasons/Purpose for Breeding (explanation of selection of parents for breeding, purpose of breeding program); Section III — Results (What was expected, what actually happened); Section IV — Future (will continue breeding program, what would you do the same, what would you do differently)
- ORAL PRESENTATION (30%) — the exhibitor will present the parent rabbit and the offspring to the judge, explaining and describing what was done to produce the offspring. The judge will ask follow-up questions about the project.

Class 906* **Junior (Ages 8-11)**
Class 907* **Intermediate (Ages 12-14)**
Class 908* **Senior (Ages 15-18)**

Pet Division Rabbits

* FOLLOWING CLASSES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FAIR CONSIDERATION*

Classes 901 – 904 are designated for exhibitors who are showing rabbits NOT recognized by the ARBA or have major faults that otherwise would severely downgrade them in competition. Examples include: Any crossbred rabbits or rabbits with severe faults or disqualifications.

CLASS 901* **SENIOR BUCK (OVER 6 MONTHS OF AGE)**
CLASS 902* **SENIOR DOE (OVER 6 MONTHS OF AGE)**
CLASS 903* **JUNIOR BUCK (3 TO 6 MONTHS OF AGE)**

CLASS 904* JUNIOR DOE (3 TO 6 MONTHS OF AGE)

Best Dressed Rabbits

* FOLLOWING CLASSES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FAIR CONSIDERATION*

This is a fun class in which exhibitors are encouraged to use their imagination to design a costume for their 4-H Rabbit. 4-H youth participating in the Best Dressed Rabbit class may only exhibit **ONE** rabbit in this show. Refrain from using multiple rabbits for the exhibit. Contest will be held at the conclusion of rabbit judging. Clover Kids are encouraged to participate and will receive a Clover Kid ribbon. No premiums will be awarded to for this class.

CLASS 905* BEST DRESSED RABBIT (Any breed or crossbreeds can be entered into this contest.)

Clover Kid Rabbit

*Not Eligible for Premiums, Ribbon Only

* CLOVER KIDS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FAIR PARTICIPATION*

Rules:

- A.. An exhibitor in the Clover Kid rabbit must be between 5 and 7 years old before January 1 of the current year and be enrolled in 4-H.
- B. Each exhibitor will be limited to one entry. Rabbit entries may be either bucks or does and be of any age.
- C. The Clover Kids Rabbit Show will be held following showmanship and prior to rabbit judging.
- D. Each exhibitor will receive a 4-H Clover Kid participation ribbon and the class will be conducted, noncompetitively, based on the following: 1) What the individual learned about caring for and raising the rabbit. 2) The general health of the rabbit and knowledge in health related areas. 3) How the individual uses handling techniques when working with their rabbit.

CLASS 999* CLOVER KID EXHIBITOR - 4-H Ages 5-7