

RABBIT

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 185-189 - RABBIT DIVISION

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RABBIT SHOW RULES

- A. **See General Rules and General Livestock Rules and Regulations.**
- B. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR** - A 4-H member may enter 4 rabbits in each division, but not to exceed a maximum of 8 rabbits.
- C. **IDENTIFICATION** - All rabbits, except fryers and pets, must have permanent ID numbers or names tattooed in the left ear by **June 15**. Fryers and pets must be marked with a permanent marker in the left ear by County Fair time. Fryers (market rabbits) are too young to be tattooed by June 15; however, they do need to be identified. Select the ID number to be used and fill out the Identification/Ownership Affidavit. Before the fair write the ID number you selected with permanent marker in the rabbit's left ear. ID numbers or names must be documented on an Identification/Ownership Affidavit due in the Extension Office by closing **June 15**. A maximum of 20 rabbits may be identified on the Identification/Ownership Affidavit form. All rabbits will be physically checked for tattoos during entry at both County and State Fairs. Rabbits whose tattoos are not readable or do not match the 4-H Affidavit will not be allowed to show. **Tattoos that have faded or are no longer readable should be re-done prior to coming to County Fair or State Fair.**
- D. **PRE-ENTRY** - Rabbits entries, including showmanship, to be eligible to exhibit at the County Fair, Must be pre-entered on a GREEN Entry Sheet (available at the Extension Office or online) OR entered online at <https://nemaha.fairwire.com>. Entries are due by **June 15th**. List whether the rabbit is a doe or buck and its age.
- E. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** - ALL rabbits shall be free of and show no symptoms of disease during exhibition. Rabbits shall be free of all parasites and mites (i.e. ear mites, fleas, etc.)
- F. **QUALITY ASSURANCE CERTIFICATION** – All rabbit exhibitors are required to receive Youth for the Quality Care of Animals training or testing through a UNL Extension program by June 15.
- G. **SHOWMANSHIP - All 4-Her's must exhibit in showmanship.** Rabbits used for showmanship must be tattooed in the left ear with an ID number or name. The participant may use any rabbit on exhibit, so long as it was raised and trained by the 4-H member. 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 of their judging routine and the merit of the rabbit. Primarily showmanship is the skill of the exhibitor in presenting and explaining the qualities of the rabbit before the judge. The excellence of the rabbit is not considered in scoring. Refer to Livestock Showmanship, General Rules for more details on Showmanship. **Maximum length of showmanship presentation is 4 minutes.**
- H. **CARE OF RABBITS** - All rabbits require food and water at all times.
- I. Each 4-H member should be present at the exhibit area at show time. If participant or a substitute showman approved by superintendent is not present, animals will not be judged.
- J. **PET DIVISION** - A rabbit shown in the pet division may not be shown in any other class except showmanship.
- K. **ARM GUARDS** may be used in all classes except Showmanship.
- L. **AGE OF RABBIT** – will be the age of the rabbit on show day.

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 185 - RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS 910 Senior Division – 14-18 years of age
CLASS 920 Intermediate Division – 11-13 years of age
CLASS 930 Junior Division – 8-10 years of age

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 186 - FANCY BREED - (PUREBRED RABBITS ONLY)

CLASS 910 Junior Doe - 6 Months Old and Younger
CLASS 920 Senior Doe - Over 6 Months Old
CLASS 930 Junior Buck - 6 Months Old and Younger
CLASS 940 Senior Buck – Over 6 Months Old

Note: A Fancy Breed Rabbit that is exactly six months old on show day will be shown as a Junior Division rabbit. A Fancy Breed rabbit that is six months plus one day old on show day will be shown as a Senior Division Rabbit.

FANCY BREED LIST: (For purebred rabbits only)

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

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 187, COMMERCIAL BREED

- CLASS 910** Junior Doe - Age - 6 Months Old and Younger
CLASS 920 Intermediate Doe - 6 Months Old to 8 Months Old
CLASS 930 Senior Doe - Age - Over 8 Months Old
CLASS 940 Junior Buck - Age - 6 Months Old and Younger
CLASS 950 Intermediate Buck - 6 Months to 8 Months Old
CLASS 960 Senior Buck - Age - Over 8 Months Old

Note: A Commercial Breed Rabbit that is exactly six months old on show day will be shown as a Junior Division rabbit. A Commercial Breed Rabbit that is six months plus one day old on show day to eight months old will be shown as an Intermediate Division Rabbit. A Commercial Breed Rabbit that is exactly eight months old on show day will be shown as an Intermediate Division Rabbit. A Commercial Breed Rabbit that is eight months plus one day old on show day will be shown as a Senior Division Rabbit.

COMMERCIAL BREED LIST- Meat Breed

American	Champagne D'Argent	Giant Chinchilla
American Chinchilla	Checked Giant	New Zealand
Argente Brun	Cinnamon	Palomino
American Fuzzy Lop (county only)	Crème D'Argent	Satin
Beveren	English Lop	Silver Fox
Blue Vienna (county only)	Flemish Giant	
Blanc de Hotot	French Lop	
Californian	Giant Angora	

If over 10 lbs., Silver Marten rabbits are considered Commercial Breed at county level.

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 188 - RABBIT - PET DIVISION (Any breed or cross)

- CLASS 910** Junior Doe - Age - 6 Months Old and Younger
CLASS 920 Intermediate Doe - 6 Months to 8 Months Old
CLASS 930 Senior Doe - Age - Over 8 Months Old
CLASS 940 Junior Buck - Age - 6 Months Old and Younger
CLASS 950 Intermediate Buck - 6 Months to 8 Months Old
CLASS 960 Senior Buck - Age - Over 8 Months Old

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 189 - MARKET RABBIT

- CLASS 910** Single Fryer: Not over 10 weeks of age. Minimum weight of 3.5 lbs. Maximum weight of 5.5 lbs.
CLASS 920 Meat Pen: Age limit 10 weeks. Minimum weight 3.5 lbs. each. Maximum weight 5.5 lbs. 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 930 Roaster: All rabbits entered in this class must be under 6 months of age. Minimum weight 5.5 lbs. Maximum weight 9 lbs.
CLASS 940 Stewers: All rabbits entered in this class must be 6 months of age and over. Minimum weight is over 8 lbs.

Rabbits not meeting weight requirements will not be eligible for Premium Sale.