

2023 HARTFORD FAIR

DEPARTMENT 114 RABBITS



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RABBIT SCHEDULE

PRE- FAIR MANDATORY

ALL RABBITS	TATTOO/REGISTER	FIRST SATURDAY OF MAY	FAIRGROUNDS	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
MEAT & JR. RABBITS	TATTOO/REGISTER	2ND SATURDAY OF JULY	FAIRGROUNDS	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

FAIR WEEK SCHEDULE

AUGUST 7TH

RABBIT	WEIGH IN	MONDAY	B. CARR PAVILION	7:00 - 9:00 AM
BREEDING RABBIT	JUDGING	MONDAY	B. CARR PAVILION	9:30 AM
MEAT RABBIT	JUDGING	MONDAY	B. CARR PAVILION	FOLLOWS BREEDING

AUGUST 9TH

RABBIT	SHOWMANSHIP	WEDNESDAY	B. CARR PAVILION	9:30 AM
RABBIT	POSTER CONTEST	WEDNESDAY	B. CARR PAVILION	FOLLOWS SHOWMANSHIP
RABBIT	SKILLATHON	WEDNESDAY	B. CARR PAVILION	10:00 AM

AUGUST 12TH

RABBIT	LIVESTOCK SALE	SATURDAY	B. CARR PAVILION	FOLLOWS POULTRY
RABBIT	RELEASED	SATURDAY	B. CARR PAVILION	3:00 PM

DEPT. 114 RABBIT ENTRY CODES

ENTRY LIMITATIONS OF 2 PER LOT AND 6 PER DIVISION

MARKET RABBITS

DEPT	LOT	DESCRIPTION	A	B
114	1	MEAT PEN OF 3	\$4	\$3
114	2	BRED & RAISED PEN OF 3	\$4	\$3
114	3	SINGLE FRYER (MIN 3.5#, MAX 5.5# & 69 DAYS EACH)	\$4	\$3
114	4	BRED & RAISED SINGLE FRYER (MIN 3.5#, MAX 5.5# & 69 DAYS EACH)	\$4	\$3

BREEDING RABBITS

CLASSES WILL BE SHOWN BY BREED

CALIFORNIAN

DUTCH

ENGLISH LOP

FLEMISH GIANT

HOLLAND LOP

JERSEY WOOLIE

LIONHEAD

MINI LOP

MINI REX

MIXED BREED

NETHERLAND DWARF

NEW ZEALAND

ALL OTHER BREEDS

DEPT	LOT	DESCRIPTION	A	B
114	1	SR. BUCK	\$4	\$3
114	2	JR. BUCK	\$4	\$3
114	3	SR. DOE	\$4	\$3
114	4	JR. DOE	\$4	\$3

ALL PET RABBIT PROJECTS SHOULD BE ENTERED IN DEPT. 118 UNDER SPECIAL INTEREST PROJECT. THEY WILL COMPLETE JUDGING AT THE COUNTY LEVEL. THESE PROJECTS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR EXHIBIT ONLY THROUGH STILL PROJECT DISPLAY OPPORTUNITIES IN THE 4-H CENTER. THE PET RABBIT WILL NOT BE BROUGHT TO THE FAIRGROUNDS OR SHOWN.

AGE DESCRIPTION

JUNIOR RABBIT- UP TO 6 MONTHS

SENIOR RABBIT- 6 MONTHS OR OVER

ATTENTION ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO READ THE "LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS".

RABBIT RULES

ENTRY LIMITATIONS OF 2 PER LOT AND 6 PER DIVISION.

1. ALL STALLED RABBIT EXHIBITS WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE POULTRY/RABBIT BUILDING EAST OF B. CARR PAVILION.
2. STALLING IS OPTIONAL FOR RABBIT PROJECTS. THOSE WISHING NOT TO STALL MAY HAUL-IN DAY OF SHOW.
3. PENS/CAGES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BARN FOR JR. FAIR EXHIBITORS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO BE ASSIGNED A PEN/CAGE, RABBITS MUST BE PRESENT AT TIME OF PEN/CAGE ASSIGNMENT. NO CAGE HOLDING VIA LOCKS OR FELLOW EXHIBITORS.
4. LOCKS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL PENS, NO LOCKS WILL BE ALLOWED ON PENS PRIOR TO BEING STALLED. LOCKS WILL BE CUT AND REMOVED IF USED TO HOLD A CAGE.
5. WATER BOTTLES ARE REQUIRED ON ALL STALLED RABBITS. EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FEEDING, WATERING AND PEN CLEANING AS NEEDED! (SEE JR. FAIR RULES & INFORMATION #20 IN THIS BOOK).
6. EXHIBITORS MUST BE PRESENT WHEN PROJECTS ARE BEING JUDGED OR PREMIUMS WILL BE WITHHELD. PROJECTS WILL NOT BE JUDGED WITHOUT EXHIBITOR PRESENT.
7. NO ADULTS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE SHOW RING EXCEPT SHOW OFFICIALS. VIOLATORS MAY BE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION!
8. ON ENTRY BLANK, PRINT BREED UNDER DESCRIPTION.
9. DO NOT ENTER MIXED BREEDS IN THE ALL OTHER BREEDS LOT.
10. EXHIBITOR MUST OWN MEAT PEN RABBITS AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE FAIR. MARKET RABBITS MUST WEIGH BETWEEN 3.5 – 5.5 POUNDS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CHAMPION AND THE AUCTION.
11. THE JUDGES' DECISION WILL BE FINAL. ONCE A LOT IS PLACED, CLASS IS CLOSED. THE JUDGE WILL SELECT ALL MARKET, FANCY, AND COMMERCIAL RABBIT, GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS.
12. REVIEW "JR. FAIR RULES" LOCATED AFTER THE SALE SECTION IN THIS TABLOID FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.
13. DESIGNATION OF ANIMAL TO SELL AT WEIGH IN ONLY!
14. WEIGHING OF MEAT PEN AND SINGLE FRYERS WILL BE MONDAY OF THE FAIR BETWEEN 7 - 9 AM AT RABBIT ARENA.
15. UNDER AND OVERWEIGHT RABBITS WILL NOT SELL.
16. **BRED AND RAISED RULES:**
17. A MARKET RABBIT PROJECT MAY ONLY BE SHOWN BY ONE EXHIBITOR IN ONE LOT. A RABBIT EXHIBITED IN THE SINGLE FRYER OR MEAT PEN OF 3 ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ENTER OR BE SHOWN IN A BRED AND RAISED SINGLE FRYER OR MEAT PEN OF 3 CLASS.
18. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SUBMIT A RABBIT ID FORM BY THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY TO REGISTER THE MOTHER DOE OF THE KITS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO EXHIBIT AT THE HARTFORD INDEPENDENT FAIR IN THE BRED AND RAISED MARKET DIVISION. THE ID FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT AND RETURNED WITH REQUESTED PHOTOS.
19. ALL BRED AND RAISED MARKET PROJECTS MUST BE BRED, OWNED, AND RAISED BY THE EXHIBITOR NOTED ON THE ID FORM OF THE DOE.
20. SIBLINGS FROM THE SAME FAMILY ARE PERMITTED TO SUBMIT A RABBIT ID FORM FOR THE SAME DOE. ANY ADDITIONAL DOE SHARING REQUESTS ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE HARTFORD COMMITTEE CHAIR.
21. AT THE JULY REGISTRATION AND TATTOOING, THE DOE AND LITTER WILL NEED TO BE PRESENT. A LETTER OR NUMBER FROM THE MOTHER DOE WILL NEED TO BE PART OF THE TATTOO COMBINATION OF THE KIT TO BE REGISTERED AND EXHIBITED.
22. WE WILL PLACE THE 1ST THROUGH 5TH IN EACH BRED AND RAISED LOT.
23. ONLY THE 1ST PLACE MARKET RABBITS WILL COMPETE FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION IN THEIR DIVISION OF SINGLE FRYER OR PEN OF 3.
24. THERE WILL NOT BE SEPARATE GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS FOR EACH DIVISION.
25. BARN CLOSURES AT 11:00 PM EVERY NIGHT.

TATTOOS ARE MANDATORY

- ALL RABBITS MUST BE TATTOOED OR REGISTERED (IF ALREADY TATTOOED). RABBITS WILL BE TATTOOED OR REGISTERED THE FIRST SATURDAY OF MAY ON THE FAIRGROUNDS IN THE POULTRY/RABBIT BARN AT 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM. MEAT RABBIT & JR. RABBITS WILL BE TATTOOED ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF JULY ON THE FAIRGROUNDS IN THE POULTRY/RABBIT BARN AT 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM.
- THERE IS A \$1.00 CHARGE PER ENTRY. IN CASE OF DEATH OF AN ANIMAL, REPLACEMENT MAY BE MADE WITH APPROVAL OF ADVISOR AND SR. FAIR BOARD MEMBER IN CHARGE. REPLACEMENT MUST BE MADE WITH THE SAME BREED, SEX, AND AGE OF THE ANIMAL LOST.

RABBIT CONTESTS

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

PLACING WILL BE DETERMINED BY FITTING/GROOMING (50%) AND EXHIBITOR'S SHOWMANSHIP SKILLS (50%). PLEASE SEE OFFICIAL RULES FOR EXPERT/SUPER SHOWMANSHIP POSTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE JUNIOR FAIR SECTION IN THE FAIR BOOK.

RABBIT POSTER CONTEST

AWARDS FOR PLACES 1ST-5TH SPONSORED BY: RABBIT & POULTRY COMMITTEE

THE PURPOSE OF THIS CONTEST IS TO DEMONSTRATE THE JR. FAIR EXHIBITOR'S PROJECT KNOWLEDGE, TO STIMULATE INTEREST, AND TO DEMONSTRATE TO OTHERS THE DIVERSITY OF THE RABBIT JUNIOR FAIR PROJECTS.

Contest Rules

1. EACH POSTER MUST BE MADE BY THE 4-H OR FFA MEMBER.
2. POSTERS MUST BE MADE USING 22" X 28" POSTER BOARD, DISPLAYED HORIZONTALLY WITH STIFF BACKING. (IT IS SUGGESTED YOUR POSTER BE COVERED WITH CLEAR PLASTIC).
3. EACH POSTER MUST BE LABELED IN THE LOWER RIGHT-HAND CORNER, IN A SPACE NO LARGER THAN 3" X 5" WITH THE EXHIBITOR'S NAME, CLUB OR CHAPTER, AND AGE AS OF JANUARY 1ST OF CURRENT YEAR.
4. POSTER WILL BE JUDGED ON:

Educational Content	50 Points
Neatness/Appearance	30 Points
Originality	20 Points

5. POSTERS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE POULTRY/RABBIT BARN DURING THE FAIR. RABBIT POSTERS MUST BE IN PLACE BY WEDNESDAY AUG 12TH - 10:00 AM.
6. JUNIOR DIVISION 9 TO 13 YEARS OF AGE.
7. SENIOR DIVISION 14 TO 19 YEARS.
8. NO ENTRY FEE - THIS IS A FREE CLASS - NO PREMIUMS WILL BE GIVEN.