

4-H RABBIT DEPARTMENT

4-H Rabbit Team

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SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, August 18

Noon Rabbits and posters may arrive - Poultry/Rabbit Building (N.E. corner of Fairgrounds)
Rabbits and posters check-in
3:00 p.m. Rabbit Agility Demonstration
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Educational Presentations Judging
8:00 p.m. Rabbits and posters must be in

Thursday, August 19

8:00 a.m. Exhibitor and parent meeting at the rabbit judging area
9:00 a.m. Rabbit Show - Divisional judging show order will be posted at each judge's table
10:00 a.m. - Noon Poster judging
Rabbit Skillathon
8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Showmanship
Noon - 1:00 p.m. Lunch Break
After Rabbit Judging Presentation of Showmanship, Poster and Educational Presentation ribbons and awards
5:00 p.m. Rabbits and posters check-out
6:00 p.m. Rabbits must be out

ENTRY DEADLINE - JULY 1 through 4hOnline

RULES

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations, 4-H General Rules and Regulations and 4-H Livestock Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. All rabbits (commercial, fancy and market) must be identified in 4hOnline by July 1.
3. All rabbits must be permanently identified with a tattoo in the left ear prior to check-in. Sex, Variety/Color and Tattoo in animal must match 4hOnline ID.
4. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS - All rabbits will be examined by the official show check-in assistants. An official show veterinarian will also be available upon arrival. A veterinarian inspection fee is part of the registration fee. Animals must be disease free. Any animal found with any communicable disease(s) will not be allowed to remain in or around the Rabbit Building. The sick animal is the sole responsibility of the owner. The owner is responsible for locating a place to put the animal for the duration of the Rabbit Show.
5. An entry fee of \$2 per class (\$2 per meat pen) must accompany the entry form. No refunds.
6. Each exhibitor will be assigned cages for each rabbit entry. Bedding will also be provided. No water or feed containers will be provided.
7. No floor standing grooming tables are allowed in aisles.
8. CHECK-IN PROCEDURE will include checking class entries, health check by check-in assistants, rabbit tattoos and distribution of exhibitor numbers and t-shirts.
9. LIMITATIONS - Exhibitors are limited to five standard bred rabbit entries, one meat rabbit pen, one single fryer rabbit and one roaster rabbit entry for a maximum total of eight classes. Each animal may only be exhibited in one class (i.e. single fryer may not be pulled from meat pen).
10. Substitutions are allowed during check-in as long as the animal was properly identified in 4hOnline by July 1.
11. Ribbons will be awarded in this department. Each exhibit will be placed in a purple, blue, red or white award group and placed numerically within the class.
12. PREMIUMS AND RIBBONS - Each entry will receive a ribbon (purple, blue, red or white) in each class. Monetary premiums will be paid to the top 3 entries in each class. Premiums paid will be \$5, 4, 3.
13. Test your rabbit knowledge. Try the Rabbit Skillathon held during Showmanship from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.
14. No locks on cages are allowed.

STANDARD BRED RABBITS

(Commercial and Fancy)

1. Entries in these divisions (commercial and fancy) are limited to purebred rabbits of recognized breeds and varieties. For a list, go to www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/projects/rabbit.
2. Rabbits will be judged following the current American Rabbit Breeders' Association (ARBA) standards and rules.
3. Use show date as date to determine age for class entry.
4. Exhibitors are limited to a combined total of five rabbits in the commercial and fancy classes.
5. Awards will be given in each breed for Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex. Best Commercial, Best Fancy and Best in Show will be selected.

COMMERCIAL RABBITS

BREED EXAMPLES: Californian, Palomino, Satin

CLASS

- Senior Buck
- Senior Doe
- Intermediate Buck

CLASS

- Intermediate Doe
- Junior Buck
- Junior Doe

FANCY RABBITS

BREED EXAMPLES: Dutch, Rex, Netherland Dwarf

CLASS

- Senior Buck
- Senior Doe

CLASS

- Junior Buck
- Junior Doe

MARKET RABBITS

MEAT PEN

1. Meat pen will consist of three rabbits of the same breed and variety. Age limit not over 10 weeks and weight limit of 3.5 to 5.5 pounds each.
2. This division allows crossbred rabbits; however, they must be of the same variety.
3. Each exhibitor may enter one meat pen.
4. Champion and Reserve Champion Meat Pen will be selected.

CLASS

- Meat Pen

SINGLE FRYER

1. Single Fryer consists of one rabbit not over 10 weeks of age and weight limit of 3.5 to 5.5 pounds each.
2. This division allows crossbred rabbits.
3. Champion and Reserve Champion Single Fryer will be selected.
4. Each exhibitor is limited to one Single Fryer entry. The fryer **must not** be pulled from meat pen.

CLASS

- Single Fryer

ROASTER

1. Roaster consists of one rabbit under 6 months of age with a minimum weight over 5 pounds and maximum weight of 8 pounds.
2. This division allows crossbred rabbits.
3. Champion and Reserve Champion Roaster will be selected.
4. Each exhibitor is limited to one Roaster entry.

CLASS

- Roaster

An overall Supreme Market Champion and Reserve Supreme Market Champion will be selected from the Champion and Reserve Meat Pen Single Fryer and Roaster. An award will be presented to the Supreme Market Champion.

SHOWMANSHIP

1. Pre-entry is not required in this division.
2. Showmanship judging will be between 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Showmanship tables.
3. The 4-H Rabbit Showmanship Score Sheet will be used by each exhibitor. A copy of this form is available at each Extension Office, upon request of the Iowa State 4-H Office or at this website: www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/projects/rabbit.
4. Contestants must exhibit at least one rabbit in this year's 4-H Rabbit Show at the Iowa State Fair.
5. Previous Showmanship winners are eligible to compete in the Showmanship Division; however, only ribbons will be awarded.
6. Participants must sign up prior to the start of Showmanship at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday to be eligible.

CLASS

- Novice - First time showmanship at State Fair (grades 5-12)
- Junior Showmanship - completed grades 5 and 6
- Intermediate Showmanship - completed grades 7 and 8
- Senior Showmanship - completed grades 9, 10, 11 and 12

PREMIER RABBIT BREEDER

A Premier Rabbit Breeder Award will be given in Novice, Junior, Intermediate and Senior to recognize 4-Hers who have gained outstanding Rabbit Project skills and knowledge from breeding, raising, selecting and exhibiting their own rabbit livestock entered in this year's Iowa State Fair 4-H Rabbit Show and have shared their rabbit knowledge and skills with 4-Hers and at other events during this 4-H year.

AWARD SELECTION CRITERIA AND RULES

1. Must have bred, raised and selected all of their 4-H rabbits exhibited at this year's Iowa State Fair 4-H Rabbit Show.
2. Must enter and complete in a Novice, Junior, Intermediate or Senior 4-H Rabbit Showmanship class at this year's Iowa State Fair.
3. The selection of any Premier Rabbit Breeder Award presented will be based on answers to questions asked by the Showmanship Judges following the 4-Hers' showmanship class judging.
4. The Judges' questions may cover, but not limited to, such topics as rabbit production, nutrition, rabbit equipment and participation in 4-H Rabbit Project Leadership & Citizenship activities.

CLASS

- Novice Premier Rabbit Breeder (all first year exhibitors)
- Junior Premier Rabbit Breeder (completed grades 5 and 6)
- Intermediate Premier Rabbit Breeder (completed grades 7 and 8)
- Senior Premier Rabbit Breeder (completed grades 9-12)

RABBIT PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation judging will be on Wednesday, August 18 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
2. Advance entry is not required; no entry fee will be charged.
3. Presenter must exhibit at least one rabbit in this year's 4-H Rabbit Show at the Iowa State Fair.
4. Presentations are to be five to eight minutes in length and on a rabbit related topic.
5. The 1st place presenter will receive an award.

CLASS

- Rabbit Project Presentations

RABBIT EDUCATIONAL POSTERS

1. All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board -- size minimum of 14 x 20 inches or maximum of 22 x 28 inches.
2. Each exhibitor may enter one poster in each class of Animal Science or ARBA recognized rabbit breed(s).
3. Advance entry is not required; no entry fee will be charged.
4. Poster exhibitors must exhibit at least one rabbit in this year's 4-H Rabbit Show at the Iowa State Fair.
5. Label the back of the exhibit with your name and county.
6. Sources must accompany each poster and must list all sources of information, such as the ARBA Standard of Perfection, Raising Better Rabbits, etc. Limit internet sources, as some of them are incorrect.
7. Posters are to be checked in at the rabbit check-in and taken home at animal release time.
8. Each poster entry is to be completed during the current 4-H year.
9. Ribbons will be awarded for both the Animal Science and ARBA classes. An award will be awarded to the first place winner in each class.

CLASS

- Animal Science - any other rabbit-related topic
- ARBA Breed(s) - any topic pertaining to information found in the ARBA Standard of Perfection publication
- Cavy - any topic related to cavies (guinea pigs)