



TO: FFA Rabbit Exhibitors  
FROM: FFA Entry Department

Thank you for entering the Iowa State Fair! Your exhibitor admission ticket and unload permit have been sent to your advisor. Each exhibitor will be given one load/unload permit that allows 30 minutes to load/unload animals and tack, but does not provide parking. The vehicle load/unload permit has been dated for the FFA Rabbit Show. Please enter the Fairgrounds through **Gate 8**. Vehicles without a permit will not be allowed to enter the Fairgrounds.

#### FFA RABBIT SCHEDULE:

##### Tuesday, August 11

11:00 a.m. Rabbits may arrive (Swine Barn Annex)  
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Check-in Rabbits and Weigh-in Meat Rabbits

##### Wednesday, August 12

10:00 a.m. Rabbits must be in  
10:00 a.m. - Noon Check-in Rabbits and Weigh-in Meat Rabbits  
12:30 a.m. Exhibitor Meeting (Swine Barn Annex)

##### Thursday, August 13

10:00 a.m. Rabbit Show (Swine Barn - South Show Ring)  
After Show Rabbits released  
One Hour After Show Rabbits must be out

Please read the **Health Requirements**, FFA Department and General rules and regulations listed in the Premium Book online. A few rules to note:

- All FFA exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves in a cooperative and courteous manner while participating in FFA events at the Iowa State Fair.
- At any time after an animal arrives on the Fair or livestock show premises **medication of any kind is to be administered to livestock animals by an Official Iowa State Fair Veterinarian ONLY**. If an FFA exhibitor or his/her assistant administers a shot or medication, this exhibitor shall be barred from showing and premiums will be taken away.
- **No drugs or medications of any kind may be administered at the Fair except by the order of the Official State Fair Veterinarian.** All animals will be subject to chemical testing and analysis of saliva, urine, blood, other excretions or tissues to determine whether a substance or drug has been induced or whether a substance or drug has been introduced to interfere with the testing procedure.

We're looking forward to your participation in this year's Iowa State Fair! As we prepare for a successful and safe event for all animals and exhibitors, we'd like to share some important information regarding the cages that will be provided for rabbits during the fair.

- The Iowa State Fair will be utilizing metal cages that feature **larger openings and metal slats, not wire bottoms**. While these cages are durable and well-ventilated, please be advised that **smaller rabbits may be able to slip through the openings**. If you are bringing smaller breeds or young rabbits, you may need to **modify your cage** to ensure their safety. We encourage you to bring any necessary materials (such as cage liners, mesh inserts, zip ties, etc.) to help secure your rabbit's space. Please note that **exhibitors are required to use the cages provided—personal cages will not be permitted**
- **Bedding will not be provided. Each exhibitor is responsible for bringing their own appropriate bedding** for the duration of the fair. This is needed due to the metal slat flooring.

Please make every effort to keep your area clean and neat. The aisles must be open at all times to the public. Thank you for helping us put on a great display of quality show animals for all visitors and other exhibitors.

If you have any questions, please contact FFA Entry Department at 515-262-3111 ext. 246 or [ffa@iowastatefair.org](mailto:ffa@iowastatefair.org).

Thank you and good luck at the 2026 Iowa State Fair!!