

RABBIT

Superintendent - Becky Stock, West Des Moines
Poultry & Rabbit Building

SCHEDULE

Friday, August 21

Noon Rabbits may arrive
Check-in Largest Rabbit
5:00 p.m. Educational Presentation - Showing Rabbits 101
6:00 p.m. Largest Rabbit judging

Saturday, August 22

8:30 a.m. Rabbits must be in
9:30 a.m. Rabbit judging

Sunday, August 23

6:00 p.m. Rabbits released

The Iowa State Fair Board, being chartered with the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc., is proud to present the 72nd Annual Iowa State Fair Rabbit Show August 21st - 23rd.

If you have questions, please contact the Iowa State Fair Entry Department at 515-262-3111 ext. 267 or entryintern2@iowastatefair.org.

RULES

1. Open Class Livestock general rules, regulations and health requirements apply in this department. In case general rules conflict with Rabbit Department general or special rules, the latter will govern.
2. This show will be governed by and follow the latest revised rules of the American Rabbit Breeders Assn., Inc. All prizes will be awarded in accordance with the ARBA Standard of Perfection. ARBA Show rules may be found at <https://arba.net/official-arba-show-rules/>.

ENTRIES

3. **ENTRY DEADLINE IS JULY 15.** ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE **JULY 15.** NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.
4. **SUBMITTING ENTRIES.** Entries **must be made online** at <https://www.iowastatefair.org/>. No paper, email or photo entry forms will be accepted.
5. **OWNERSHIP.** All rabbits must be entered in the name of the bona fide owner(s). **NO Rabbitry or Farm Names are accepted.**
6. **ENTRY FEES.** Each exhibitor, as a requirement for entry, will pay an entry fee: \$3 for all breed classes, meat pen, single fryer, roaster and stewer; \$2 for all fur/wool class entries. Entries will not be considered unless all fees are paid in full at time of submission. **NO RABBITS WILL BE ALLOWED IN SHOW ROOM UNLESS ENTERED IN SHOW.**
7. **CAVY.** Cavy entries will be accepted. This is not a ACBA Club Sanctioned show. The rabbit cooping is not appropriate for cavies. Cavy exhibitors must provide appropriate housing for the duration of the show. Please contact Superintendent with questions.
8. **IDENTIFICATION.** All entries must be permanently and legibly ear marked. ARBA General Disqualifications will apply at this show. Entry fee will be forfeited for animals disqualified for permanent ear mark issues.
9. **REFUNDS.** No refunds of fees will be made unless cancellation is received **IN WRITING** (letter or e-mail) by July 21. No refunds will be given on tickets, wristbands or vehicle permits. No refunds of \$10 or less will be issued. Refunds will be made by mail after the close of the Fair (separate from premium checks).
10. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS.** All 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. A service charge of \$2 per exhibitor for official Iowa State Fair Veterinarian inspection fees will be required with submission of entries.
11. **RABBIT HEMORRHAGIC DISEASE RHD/RHDv2.** Per ARBA Show Rule, SECTION 15.(D): "1-The American Rabbit Breeders Association will cancel and reschedule sanctions at no cost to the clubs for show site locations within 50 miles, which had a confirmed outbreak of RCV/RHD/VHD in domestic rabbits within the past 30 days of the entry deadline. A host club must refuse entries from exhibitors placing an entry from all locations within 50 miles, which had a confirmed outbreak of RCV/RHD/VHD in domestic rabbits within the past 30 days of the entry deadline. 2- The American Rabbit Breeders Association will cancel and reschedule sanctions at no cost to the clubs for show site locations within 25 miles, which had a confirmed outbreak of RCV/RHD/VHD in wild / feral rabbits within the past 30 days of the entry deadline. A host club must refuse entries from exhibitors placing an entry from all locations within 25 miles, which had a confirmed outbreak of RCV/RHD/VHD in wild / feral rabbits within the past 30 days of the entry deadline." Full ARBA Policy regarding RHD/RHDv2 can be found at <https://arba.net/arba-rhd-policy>.

ARRIVAL - DEPARTURE

12. **ADMISSION TO THE FAIR.** Each exhibitor must purchase two discounted admission tickets at \$11 each when making entry. Additional tickets may be purchased. Discounted tickets for children 6-11 years old may be purchased for \$7 each. Without admission tickets, the full price of \$16 (adults) and \$10 (children) per day will be charged at the gate.
13. **UNLOAD PERMITS.** Each exhibitor will be given one unload permit. This permit allows a maximum of 30 minutes to unload animals and tack but does **not** provide parking. There is very limited space for loading and unloading vehicles at the Rabbit Building. Please be courteous and unload/load quickly and promptly move your vehicle to the designated parking area.
14. **VEHICLE PERMITS.** Each exhibitor may purchase a vehicle parking permit at \$10 per day. Each exhibitor is limited to two Fairgrounds lot permits per day. Vehicle permits must be purchased in advance by indicating the specific days needed on the Entry Form. Each vehicle permit will park one car or truck (no trailers) in a Fairgrounds lot for the specified day(s). Vehicle permits are required to park in Fairgrounds lots on a space available basis. Parking will **not** be available at the gate.
15. **CHECK IN.** Animals may begin to arrive at Noon on Friday, August 21. Upon arrival you must pick up your check-in sheets by the show office along the North wall of the building. Please make all corrections to them, sign the bottom of the sheet and place them in the designated location. Only ear ID changes will be accepted on these forms. Any other substitutions must be approved prior to Friday, August 21. **ALL RABBITS MUST BE IN PLACE BY 8:30 a.m. SATURDAY AUGUST 22.** If you plan to arrive Saturday morning, please make your changes via email prior to 7:00 p.m. Friday, August 21. Contact Superintendent for more information.

16. **COOPING.** Animals will be assigned cooping by breed and exhibitor. Signage will be in place for ease of cooping. Wood shavings/bedding is provided by the Iowa State Fair. This is a public event in which we highlight the rabbit showing world. Exhibitors are expected to keep coops clean and the area tidy. Per ARBA rules, no breeding of rabbits or cavy is allowed in the show room.
17. **EXHIBITORS.** Each exhibitor is responsible for getting his/her entry to the show table. If you are unable to attend, please make arrangements with the Superintendent prior to show time. Any person interfering with the judge or judging in any way will have his/her exhibits disqualified, without refund of entry fees or any premiums awarded prior to disqualification.
18. **JUDGES.** The Iowa State Fair Board reserves the right to substitute another ARBA licensed judge in the event of the inability of the selected judge to attend.
19. **ANIMAL CARE.** Exhibitors are responsible for the care and husbandry of their own animals. No feed or water cups will be provided. Check your animals often to ensure adequate water is available at all times. ISF Rabbit Show Staff will also ensure appropriate care standards are provided to all entries. Safety and welfare of entries is of primary concern. More information about rabbit and cavy care and welfare standards available at <https://arba.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/rabbit-care-recommendations.pdf>.
20. **VENDORS.** Selling of equipment and supplies is prohibited except for official Iowa State Fair vendors. Please contact Iowa State Fair for information on becoming an approved vendor.
21. **RELEASE OF EXHIBITS.** All entries must be checked out by show officials. Any exhibitor removing entries without official authorization shall forfeit all premium awards. Rabbits will be released at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 23.
22. **SHOW RESULTS/REPORTS.** Check out packets will be available on Sunday before release time. This is your official show report and all ARBA championship legs will be included. Please pick up your packet; they will NOT BE MAILED. Premium checks will arrive via mail after the completion of the Iowa State Fair.

SHOWROOM CLASSES & ELIGIBILITY

23. **ELIGIBILITY.** Entries will be accepted in all recognized breeds and varieties as designated by the American Rabbit Breeders Assn. Please refer to the ARBA Standard of Perfection for details. Animals will be judged in accordance with the ARBA Standard of Perfection. Rabbits may not be exhibited if they are spayed or neutered. Enter by class number. Include Breed, Variety and Ear Number on entry form. Please Note: All rabbits must be shown in their natural condition. Any violation of this rule shall exclude such rabbits from competition and result in the withholding of any premium awards.
24. **SHOWROOM CLASSES.** A rabbit may be shown in the appropriate showroom class, the breed fur/wool class, and the commercial normal fur class (if normal fur), in the same show. Other multiple class showings are allowed as follows: 1) Pre-junior or junior (not both), single fryer, meat pen. 2) Stewer, intermediate or senior. 3) Roaster, junior. No other multiple class combinations are allowed for rabbits. No cavy may be exhibited in more than one class in the same show. (A) A pre-junior class is for the sole purpose of exhibition and cannot be considered for further awards, unless the individual show committee decides to grant special awards for pre-junior classes. A pre-junior animal cannot compete in fur classes and cannot be considered for BOV, BOSV, BOG, BOSG, BOB, or BOS.

COMMERCIAL RABBITS – 6 Class Breeds Breed Examples: Californian, French Lop, Satin

Class

- 1 Senior Buck (8 months and over)
- 2 Senior Doe (8 months and over)
- 3 Intermediate Buck (6 to 8 months)
- 4 Intermediate Doe (6 to 8 months)
- 5 Junior Buck (under 6 months)
- 6 Junior Doe (under 6 months)
- 7 Pre Junior Buck (refer to ARBA Standard of perfection for breed specific requirements)
- 8 Pre Junior Doe (refer to ARBA Standard of perfection for breed specific requirements)

FANCY RABBITS – 4 Class Breeds Breed Examples: Dutch, Rex, Netherland Dwarf

Class

- 9 Senior Buck (6 months and over)
- 10 Senior Doe (6 months and over)
- 11 Junior Buck (under 6 months)
- 12 Junior Doe (under 6 months)

MEAT & FUR/WOOL RABBITS

Class

- 13 Meat Pen - three rabbits of the same breed and variety. Age limit not over 10 weeks and weight limit of 3 ½ to 5 ½ pounds each.
- 14 Single Fryer - one rabbit not over 10 weeks of age and weight limit of 3 ½ to 5 ½ pounds.
- 15 Roaster - one rabbit under 6 months of age with a minimum weight over 5 ½ pounds and maximum weight of 9 pounds.
- 16 Stewer - one rabbit 6 of age or older with a minimum weight over 8 pounds.
- 17 Fur/Wool Class - Fur entry will default to breed fur designation. No rabbit may be entered in fur classes unless entered in regular classes.

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

25. **SANCTIONED BREEDS.** There must be 15 or more rabbits of a breed shown for that breed to be sanctioned the following year. Any breed may be exhibited regardless of sanctioned status. Sanctioned breed will receive respective breed Club sweepstakes points per ARBA rules.

OFFICIAL IOWA STATE RABBIT BREEDERS SANCTIONED SHOW

Tracie Pearce; PO Box 362, Leon, IA 50144 traciep@grm.net 641-446-8156

Membership Dues: Open \$10, Youth \$6, Two Party Same address \$13, Family \$13 + \$2.50 for each youth.

All memberships run January 1 - December 31.

The Iowa State Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc., (ISRBA) offers special ribbons for BEST OF BREED on all breeds having five or more entries. Display points at this show shall count towards the "Iowa State Rabbit Breeders Annual Sweepstakes Trophies". To be eligible to receive Best of Breed Ribbons or Sweepstakes Trophies, an exhibitor must be a member or join before judging starts.

OFFICIAL AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION SANCTIONED SHOW

Eric Stewart, Executive Director, P.O. Box 5667, Bloomington, IL 61702, www.arba.net

Membership: Individual, \$20 per year, \$50 for 3 years; Husband/Wife: \$30 per year, \$75 for 3 years; Youth, \$12 per year, \$30 for 3 years

PLAN TO ATTEND THE 103RD ANNUAL AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

Reno, NV -- October 24-28, 2026

The following breeds will be sanctioned for the 2026 Iowa State Fair Open Class Rabbit Show.

Please contact the breed club for membership information - <https://arba.net/recognized-breeds/>

Californian	Florida White	Netherland Dwarf
Champagne D'Argent	Lionhead	New Zealand
Checkered Giant	Mini Lop	Polish
Dutch	Mini Rex	Rex
Flemish Giant	Mini Satin	Satin

26. **AWARDS.** Animals will be placed per ARBA rules. Class placement ribbons will be awarded 1st through 5th places. There must be 10 or more of a breed or variety shown to be eligible for monetary specials offered by the Iowa State Fair. Special Awards will be given to Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex of Breed, Best In Show, Best Commercial Rabbit, and Best Fancy Rabbit and Best In Show Cavy if applicable.
27. **SPECIAL AWARD.** A trophy sponsored by **Mississippi Valley RBA in memory of Myron Dinsdale** will be awarded to the Best In Show Rabbit.
28. **BEST DISPLAY AWARD.** Each exhibit earns a points toward best display of show by placing in 1st – 5th in each class. These points are tallied by exhibitor. The exhibitor with the most points at the end of the show will be awarded the Special Award Best Display. An exhibitor must have four or more entries to be eligible for display awards. Display points to count as follows: 1st - 6; 2nd - 4; 3rd - 3; 4th - 2; 5th - 1; multiplied by the number in the class.
29. **PREMIUMS.** Premiums are paid by the Iowa State Fair. Individual classes and all meat pen, single fryer, roaster and steeper classes will pay the premiums listed below. All Fur/Wool Classes will pay half of the premiums listed below. An award of \$8 will be paid for Best Breed Display on all sanctioned breeds provided 10 or more rabbits are exhibited in that breed.

Individuals Shown	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
5 or less entries	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$1.25	\$1.00
6 or more entries	\$4.00	\$3.50	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$2.00

**LARGEST RABBIT CONTEST
RULES**

1. E-mail your intent to enter to entryintern2@iowastatefair.org by August 1. No entry fee is required.
2. Rabbits must meet regular health requirements.
3. Rabbits will be judged by weight only.
4. Any use of techniques, drugs, procedures or practices to alter weight or appearance of animals shall be cause for disqualification.
5. A rosette will be awarded to the winner.
6. Cooping will be provided for the winning rabbit.
7. Winning rabbit will remain on display until official release time on Sunday, August 23.