

## DEPARTMENT: RABBITS

Junior Superintendent: Faith Hildebrand & Taylor Barker  
Department Chairs: Justin Mack & Jackie Buell

- Required Interview Judging: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 pm., Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> prior to fair Merchant's Building
- Rabbit Skillathon: See skillathon section
- Rabbit Check-In: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Friday, September 16 & 8:00 am - 9:00 am, Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>
- Market rabbits will be weighed at check in
- Pen of Three, Fryer, and Pen of Two Roasters Pictures will be taken at 8:30 am, September 17<sup>th</sup>
- Barn Pot Luck 4:00 pm Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>
- Pee Wee Showmanship 5:00 pm Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>
- Costume Contest: 5:30 pm Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>
- Rabbit Exhibitors meeting: 7:30 am – Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>
- Rabbit Showmanship: 8:00 am – Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>
- Market Rabbit Judging: Immediately following Rabbit Showmanship
- Show Rabbit Judging: following Market Rabbit Judging
- Market Rabbit Sale: Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> as part of the Steer Sale; Sale starts at 6:30 pm

Premiums (for each class entered):  
A - \$4.00 B - \$3.00 C - \$2.00

### RULES FOR ALL RABBITS

1. **Read the FAIR GENERAL RULES.**
2. All rabbits and/or brood does must be in the member's possession by June 1 of the current year to be eligible to participate in the show except roasters.
3. Exhibitors may make 8 entries in The Show/Breed rabbit section, with up to two entries per class (maximum 8 Show Rabbits), and exhibit up to one entry in each class in the Market rabbit Section.
4. Pens must be kept clean in order to receive a premium. All Exhibitors must provide their own bedding. Bedding must be wood shavings; cedar is not allowed. No straw can be used for bedding.
5. While not required, the use of cage risers is encouraged. This helps keep the shavings in the bottom of the cage and off the barn floor. Risers are not provided, but dimensions and patterns are available from the show committee for you to make your own, or they can be purchased from show supply stores.
6. All rabbits must have a permanent legible tattoo to enter the Delaware County Junior Fair. All rabbits must be tattooed **PRIOR** to arrival at the fair.
7. Project books and record books **must** be presented at the Required Interview Judging on Saturday, September 10. Failure to bring completed book will lower grade by one grade.
8. There will be a costume contest on Sunday at 5:30 pm for rabbits and poultry. Entry forms must be turned in by 3 pm on Sunday. Exhibitor may choose his or her own theme. There will be awards for: Most Original, Best Matching Theme, Best Rabbit and Best of Show.
9. The Rabbit Skillathon will be held on the Saturday prior to fair hours posted in the skillathon section in the Coliseum. There are three age groups: 9-11 years; 12-14 years; and 15-18 years.
10. Barn clean up and tear down will begin at 6:00 pm, check out will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, September 21. At 6pm, place your animals in carriers and assist in the barn tear down & clean-up. The Rabbit and Poultry Committee reserve the right to move animals as necessary to facilitate barn clean-up and tear-down.
11. No rabbit exhibits are permitted to check out or leave the barn prior to 7:00 pm, Wednesday, September 21 without the written consent of the Delaware County Fair manager or the Fair Veterinarian. All rabbits must be removed by 10 pm Wednesday, September 21. or you may forfeit the premium

- for this year and the ability to show next year.
12. There will be a poster contest in the Rabbit barn for rabbit exhibitors. The theme is listed on page 2. There will be three age groups judged, the same as skillathon. Poster must be submitted in the barn by the close of check in on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of the Fair and will be released on Wednesday during tear down. **Please put name and 4-H club on the BACK of the poster. Please put your 4H age on the bottom right of the poster.**
  13. Animals with health issues and/or exhibiting signs of injury will not be permitted to be housed or exhibited at the fair. This is based upon recommendation of the Rabbit Committee and action must be approved by Fair Veterinarian.
  14. Showmanship age categories are 8 & 9 yr. olds; 10 & 11 yr. olds; 12 & 13 yr. olds; 14 & 15 yr. olds; 16-18 yr. olds. If you won your current age category in the previous year, you must compete in the next age category. Class winners from each age category will compete in the Species Showman of Showmen class. If you won your age category in previous years, you may also compete in the Species Showman of Showmen.
  15. No changes will be made to class, breed, sex to entries after the entry deadline.
  16. No permanent locks are permitted on cages. Zip ties are acceptable.

### Market Rabbits

1. Exhibitor must own and be in continual care and possession of the brood doe of the litter from which fryers are selected for pen of three or single fryer competitions by June 1<sup>st</sup> of current year.
2. Pen of Two Roasters may be purchased but must be in the exhibitor's possession and continual care by July 15<sup>th</sup> of current year.
3. Market rabbits may be tattooed by the rabbit committee at a time and place to be determined prior to the fair.
4. The meat pen will consist of 3 fryers that are 76 days or less in age and weigh between 3 1/2 and 5 1/2 pounds as of check in. Single Fryers must meet the same age and weight requirements as a meat pen.
5. The Pen of Two Roasters will consist of two roasters that are less than 6 months old and weigh between 5 and 8 lbs. at check in.
6. Rabbits not meeting age and weight requirements will not be eligible to sell.
7. Exhibitors may make one entry in the Pen of 3 Fryer class, one entry in the Single Fryer class, and one entry in the Pen of Two Roasters class.
8. Single Fryers may be one of the Pen of 3 rabbits or may be an additional rabbit, for a maximum of 4 market rabbits entered. An entry in the Single Fryer class must be made on the entry form to enter this class. The single fryer rabbit must be identified as such at time of check in.
9. Underweight market rabbits will show in a separate class and are not eligible for sale.
10. Overweight rabbits may show in the Pen of Two Roaster class.
11. Exhibitors of the Champion and Reserve Champion Pen of 3 Fryers are ineligible to show in the Single Fryer, and Pen of Two Roasters classes.
12. Exhibitors of the Champion and Reserve Champion Single Fryer are ineligible to show in the Pen of Two Roasters class.
13. The Champion and Reserve Champion pen of 3 market rabbits, Champion and Reserve Champion Single Fryer (if there are at least 3 single fryer entries), and Champion and Reserve Champion Pen of Three Roasters, must sell in the Junior Fair Sale on Tuesday, September 20. No other single fryers are permitted to sell.
14. All Pen of 3, Single Fryer, and Pen of Two Roasters sold in

- the auction must be harvested through the processor designated by the Rabbit Committee.
15. Expenses of the sale will be deducted on the basis of the dollar sales as determined by the sale committee.
  16. Exhibitors participating in the sale must be present for line up in the rabbit barn by 5:30 pm Tuesday, September 20. Absolutely no parents permitted in auction ring at any time during sale.
  17. The sale order will be Champion and Reserve Pen of 3 Fryers, Champion and Reserve Single Fryers, Pen of Two Roasters, Skillathon winners, and then the remaining Pens of Three Fryers.
  18. Immediately following the Market Rabbit classes during the show, there will be a brief meeting of all market rabbit exhibitors. You will draw a number to determine the sale order at that time.
  19. Market rabbits that are not in the auction must be removed from the barn on Tuesday, September 20 after the auction and must be checked out by the Rabbit Committee.

#### **Show/Breed Rabbits**

1. An exhibitors' meeting for all rabbit exhibitors will be held at 7:30 am Monday before judging. Judging will begin Monday at 8:00 am, starting with Showmanship. Multiple classes will be judged at the same time, starting with the oldest age categories. Market classes will start immediately after showmanship, followed by a brief market exhibitor meeting. Show classes will start following market class exhibitor meeting.
2. Rabbits will be shown as either a 6-Class or 4-Class. Age is determined as of day of show.
3. Best In Show and Reserve In Show will be selected from the Best of Breed winners in the Show/Breed rabbit section. Reserve In Show does not have to be an opposite sex to the Best In show.
4. Breeds will show in the same order as listed in the Show/Rabbit Section.
5. More than one breed will be showing at the same time on different tables. If an exhibitor is entered in more than one breed showing at the same time, another Delaware Co rabbit exhibitor will need to help them.

#### **Section 280: Market Rabbits**

Class 28001 - Pen of 3 Fryers  
 Class 28002 - Single Fryer  
 Class 28003 - Pen of Two Roasters

#### **Section 281: Show/ Breed Rabbits**

##### **6-Class Breeds**

**Class Numbers 2810( ) Californian**  
**Class Numbers 2811( ) New Zealand**  
**Class Numbers 2812( ) Checkered Giants**  
**Class Numbers 2813( ) Other Breeds (large)**

##### **6-Class Breeds**

Bucks are male, Does are female  
 For purposes of this Show, Seniors born Jan 16, 2016 or prior.  
 Intermediates born Jan 16 to March 16, 2016  
 Juniors born March 17, 2016 or later

##### **Last Digit in the Class Number**

- 1 – Senior Buck
- 2 – Senior Doe
- 3 – Intermediate Buck
- 4 – Intermediate Doe
- 5 – Junior Buck
- 6 – Junior Doe

Example: Class 28124 is a Checkered Giant Intermediate Doe

#### **4- Class Breeds**

**Class Numbers 2820( ) Dutch**  
**Class Numbers 2821( ) Holland Lop**  
**Class Numbers 2822( ) Mini Lop**  
**Class Numbers 2823( ) Netherland Dwarf**  
**Class Numbers 2824( ) Mini Rex**  
**Class Numbers 2825( ) Dwarf Hotot**  
**Class Numbers 2826( ) Polish**  
**Class Numbers 2827( ) Rex**  
**Class Numbers 2828( ) Other Breeds (small)**

#### **4-Class Breeds**

Bucks are male; Does are female.  
 For purposes of this show, Seniors are born March 16, 2016 or prior Juniors are born March 17, 2016 or later.

##### **Last Digit in the Class Number**

- 1 – Senior Buck
- 2 – Senior Doe
- 3 – Junior Buck
- 4 – Junior Doe

Example: Class 28263 is a Polish Junior Buck.

#### **Section 284: Rabbit Showmanship**

Class 28401 – Showmanship (8-9 yrs)  
 Class 28402 – Showmanship (10-11 yrs)  
 Class 28403 – Showmanship (12-13 yrs)  
 Class 28404 – Showmanship (14-15 yrs)  
 Class 28405 – Showmanship (16-18 yrs)

#### **AWARDS**

##### **Costume Contest:**

Trophy to class winners in each category  
 Rabbit Costume - Most Original  
 Rabbit Costume - Best Matching Theme  
 Best Rabbit Costume  
 Rabbit Costume - Best of Show  
 Ribbons will be awarded to 2<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> in each category

##### **Skillathon:**

Register for Rabbit Skillathon under Livestock Activities. Rosette and Prize money according to the skillathon section in each age category (9-11; 12-14; 15-18 yrs old)

##### **Poster Contest:**

Rosettes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> in each age category (9-11; 12-14; 15-18 yrs olds)  
 Money will be awarded this year for 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> place.  
 Ages 9-11 poster should be about "basic care"  
 Ages 12-14 poster should be about "diseases"  
 Ages 15-18 poster should be about "genetics"

##### **Market Rabbits:**

Trophies will be awarded to:  
 Champion Pen of Three Market Rabbits  
 Reserve Champion Pen of Three Market Rabbits  
 Champion Single Fryer  
 Reserve Champion Single Fryer  
 Champion Pen of Two Roasters  
 Reserve Champion Pen of Two Roasters  
 Ribbons will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> in the Pen of 3, Single fryer and roaster class

##### **Show Rabbits:**

Trophies will be awarded for:  
 Best of Breed and Best Opposite in each Breed listed in the show/ breed Section.  
 Best 4 Class  
 Best 6 Class  
 Best in Show  
 Reserve In Show

1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Ribbons will be awarded in each class in the show \  
breed Section.

**Showmanship:**

Trophies will be awarded to:

1<sup>st</sup> place in each age category (8-9; 10-11; 12-13; 14-15; 16-  
18 yrs old)

Showman of Showmen

Rosettes will be awarded to 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> place in each age category

While we are not an ARBA sanctioned show, ARBA standards  
are the guidelines used for the breed/show rabbits.

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