

**DEPARTMENT:**  
**RABBITS**

Superintendent: Justin Mack

Required Interview Judging: as required by fair

Rabbit Skillathon: See Skillathon section

Rabbit Check-In: 4 p.m. - 10 p.m., Friday, pursuant to general fair rules.

Market rabbits will be weighed at check-in

Pictures will be taken per fair schedule

See barn schedules for the following events: Barn Pot Luck, Pee Wee Showmanship, Costume Contest, Rabbit Judging Contest and Breed ID Contest

Rabbit Exhibitors meeting: See Fair General schedule, Jr. Fair Show Arena

Rabbit Showmanship: See Fair General schedule, Jr. Fair Show Arena

Market Rabbit Judging: See Fair General schedule, Jr. Fair Show Arena

Show Rabbit Judging: See Fair General schedule, Jr. Fair Show Arena

Market Rabbit Sale: See Fair General schedule, Jr. Fair Show Arena

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Premiums	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C
	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00

Rules for All Rabbits:

- 1. Read the Fair General Rules, Livestock Rules and Junior Fair Sale Rules**
2. All rabbits and/or brood does, with the exception of market roasters, must be in the member's possession by June 1 of the current year to be eligible to participate in the show.
3. Exhibitors may make 8 entries in show/breed, with up to two entries per class (maximum 8 Show/breed Rabbits), and exhibit up to one entry in each class in market class.
4. All exhibitors must properly feed and water their stock and keep pens clean. Failure to do so will cause forfeit of premiums. All exhibitors must provide their own bedding. Bedding must be wood shavings; cedar is not allowed. No straw can be used for bedding. All supplies must be stored underneath cages to keep aisles clear.

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 ARBA show supply stores.
6. All rabbits must have a permanent legible tattoo to enter the Delaware County Junior Fair. All rabbits must be tattooed in the left ear **PRIOR** to arrival at the fair.
7. Project books and record books must be presented at the Required Interview Judging on per general fair rules. Failure to bring completed book will lower grade by one grade.
8. There will be a costume contest for rabbits and poultry. See barn schedule for time and place. Costume Contest entry forms must be turned in 1hr prior to contest. Exhibitor may choose his or her own theme. There will be awards for: Most Original, Best Matching Theme, Best Rabbit and Best in Show.
9. All exhibitors showing any type of rabbit project at the fair are required to attend a Quality Assurance meeting. Failure to attend and be recorded by the Extension office will result in disqualification from showing.
10. All exhibitors are expected to participate in set-up or tear-down. Barn set-up will occur the week before the fair. Date and time TBD.
11. Breed rabbits will be released according to the recommendations of the fair board in the General Rules.
12. 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.
13. The Rabbit Skillathon will be held per fair schedule; hours posted in the skillathon section. There are three age groups: 8-11 years; 12-14 years; and 15-18 years.
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 permanent locks are permitted on cages. Zip ties are acceptable.

#### Market Rabbits Specific Rules:

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 1st of current year.
2. Market rabbits may be tattooed by the rabbit committee at a time and place to be determined prior to the fair.
3. Pen of Two Roasters may be purchased but must be in the exhibitor's possession and continual care by July 15, of current year.

4. The Pen of Two Roasters will consist of two roasters that are less than 6 months old and weigh between 5 1/2 and 9 lbs. at check in.
5. The meat pen will consist of 3 fryers that are 70 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.
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. Rabbits used for market projects are not eligible to show in the show/breed rabbit program. They may be used as your showmanship rabbit.
9. Single Fryers may be one of the Pen of 3 fryers or may be an additional rabbit. An entry in the Single Fryer class must be made on the entry form to show in this class. The single fryer rabbit must be identified as such at time of check in.
10. No market rabbit entry changes can be made after the entry deadlines.
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 Two Roasters, must sell in the Junior Fair Sale on Tuesday evening. No other single fryers are permitted to sell.
14. All Pens 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 posted barn schedule Tuesday evening. Absolutely no parents permitted in auction ring at any time during sale.
17. The sale order will be determined by the sale committee.
18. Immediately following the Market Rabbit classes during the show, there will be a brief meeting of all market rabbit exhibitors.
19. Market rabbits that are not in the auction must be removed from the barn on Tuesday evening after the auction and must be checked out by a member the Rabbit Committee.

#### Market Rabbits- Class Entry Numbers

Class 28001 - Pen of 3 Fryers

Class 28002 - Single Fryer

## Class 28003 - Pen of Two Roasters

### Show/Breed Rabbits Specific Rules:

1. An exhibitors' meeting for all rabbit exhibitors will be held Monday before judging. The show will begin after the 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 6-Class and 4-Class. Reserve in Show does not have to be an opposite sex to the Best In show. Judges will place the top 2 rabbits of the show as Best in Show and Reserve in Show.
4. Breeds will show in the same order as listed below.
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 County rabbit exhibitor will need to help them. Parents are NOT permitted in the show arena.

### 6-Class Breeds

Class 2810(\_) Californian

Class 2811(\_) New Zealand

Class 2812(\_) Satin

Class 2813(\_) Flemish Giants

Class 2819(\_) Other Breeds 6-class

### Last digit in the class number

- 1 – Senior Buck - age greater than 8 months
- 2 – Senior Doe - age greater than 8 months
- 3 – Intermediate Buck - age 6-8 months
- 4 – Intermediate Doe - age 6-8 months
- 5 – Junior Buck - age less than 6 months
- 6 – Junior Doe - age less than 6 months

Example: 28101 is Californian Senior Buck

#### 4-Class Breeds

Class 2820(\_) Mini Rex

Class 2821(\_) Holland Lop

Class 2822(\_) Mini Lop

Class 2823(\_) Netherland Dwarf

Class 2824(\_) Dutch

Class 2829(\_) Other Breed 4

#### Last digit in class

1 – Senior Buck - age over 6 months

2 – Senior Doe - age over 6 months

3 – Junior Buck - age less than 6 months

4 – Junior Doe - age less than 6 months

Example: 28212 is Holland Lop Senior Doe

#### Section 284: 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.)

Rabbit Judging Contest: Junior fair exhibitors will be judging two (2) groups of four (4) rabbits. One (1) group will be from 6-Class and one (1) group from 4-Class rabbits. The junior fair exhibitor will be expected to check the animals over for faults and disqualifications as listed in the ARBA breed standards. They will then place them first-forth (1st-4th) The classes are broken down into three (3) age divisions: junior 8-11, intermediate 12-14 and senior 15-18

Breed ID Contest: Junior fair exhibitors will be asked to list the Breed, Showroom Variety, Registration Variety and Four/Six class status of a variety of live rabbits. The classes are broken into three (3) age divisions according to 4-H age. They are junior 8-11; intermediate 12-14 and senior 15-18.

## AWARDS

Costume Contest: Plaques to class winners in each category

Rabbit Costume - Most Original

Rabbit Costume - Best Matching Theme Best Rabbit Costume

Best in Show –between rabbit and poultry

Ribbons will be awarded to 1st to 5th in each category:

Skillathon: See Skillathon section 211

Breed ID: Ribbons for 1st through 3rd in each category (-811; 12-14; 15 and older)

Judging contest: Ribbons for 1st through 3rd in each age category (8-11; 12-14; 15- 18 years old)

### Market Rabbits Awards:

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 1st to 10th in the Pen of 3, Single Fryer and roaster classes

### Show/Breed Rabbit Awards:

Best of Breed and Best Opposite in each breed

Best 4 Class: Reserve 4 class

Best 6 Class: Reserve 6 class

Best in Show: Reserve in Show

1st to 5th Ribbons will be awarded in each class

### Showmanship Awards:

1st place in each age category (8-9; 10-11; 12-13; 14-15; 16-18 years old)

Showman of Showmen

Ribbons will be awarded to 2nd to 5th place in each age category

Awards are subject to change at the discretion of the committee.

While we are not an ARBA sanctioned show, the current ARBA Standard of Perfection (SOP) is the guideline in which the Judges and Committee will be utilizing as industry standard for all Breeds of Rabbit

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