

Department 8 – Rabbits

Project Numbers 20751, 20752, 20753

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Entry Day – 1 p.m. – 8 p.m. Thursday of the Fair. Entry tags must be attached to the cages by 8:00 p.m. on entry day.

Judging Day – Friday of the fair

Judging Time – 9 a.m. Friday

Judging Order – Animal Classes, then Showmanship

Check Out – Released at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, must be removed by 8 p.m.

Additional Rules of Entry –

- Youth enrolled in a 4-H, FFA, or other youth groups in supervised rabbit project are eligible to participate in this project
- All health requirements must be met before the animals are entered. See current *Animal Health Regulations for Fairs and Shows in Wisconsin* section of the premium book.
 - Exhibits showing infectious diseases may not be entered.
- Exhibitors must contact the Debby Krueger by email at debbyk@bayland.net or mail at 212 Farnsworth Ave, Oconto, WI 54153 by August 3 to reserve the number of pens they will require.
- Also indicate what exhibits can be doubled up if there is a shortage of pens.
- Rabbit class definitions:
 - A fryer rabbit – not over 69 days of age, under 5 pounds.
 - A roaster rabbit - between 70 and 180 days of age, minimum weight 5 lbs. – maximum 8 lbs.
 - Stewer rabbit - 6 months of age and over, minimum weight over 8 lbs.
 - Meat pen of rabbits - 3 rabbits, all same breed and variety, not over 69 days of age or over 5 lbs.
 - A pet rabbit - either sex, over 6 months of age.
 - Neutered rabbits are not allowed to be shown in either the meat or breed classes.
- All rabbits exhibited must be identified by a permanent identification number in ear. Identification may be accomplished by indelible marker or tattoo.
- Rabbits shown in market classes (fryer, roaster, stewer, meat pen), and pet class may not be entered in any other class.
- All rabbit exhibits must be in the possession of exhibitors by June 1 except market fryers and meat pen rabbits.
- Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their own animals.
- Each exhibitor must bring suitable containers for feed and water.
- Rabbit exhibitors must supply their own fasteners for cages.
- Pens should be cleaned on a daily basis.
- All pens must be cleaned before rabbits will be released.
- In accordance with WDATCP Chapter ATCP 160, classes may be combined where there is no competition, or be split if too large.
- A Best of Breed will be selected from each of the purebred classes. Best of Breed winners will compete for Best of Show.
- Rabbits exhibited in the Junior Fair show cannot be shown in Open Class.
- Does nursing litters may not be shown.
- Rabbits that are not weaned may not be entered or brought to the fair.
- Rabbits sold during the fair must have been entered in the show.
- Rabbits sold during the fair will not be released from the grounds until 6 p.m. Sunday--the release time of all rabbits from the fair.

NOTE: THE JUNIOR AND OPEN RABBITS SHOW WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY. THE JUNIOR SHOW WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 AM. THE OPEN SHOW WILL BEGIN WHEN THE JUNIOR SHOW IS COMPLETED.

AWARDS

SALE OF CHAMPIONS

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

Youth exhibiting in any market rabbit class can qualify for the Sale of Champions by meeting the requirements outlined in this section.

- Exhibitor must have shown rabbits in at least one class in addition to the market class.

- Exhibitor must have completed and turned in the market rabbit performance records provided by the Extension office to a department superintendent or the Fair Extension office by 9 p.m. Thursday.
- Exhibitor has entered and participated in the appropriate rabbit showmanship class.
- Exhibitors must certify that they have participated in a minimum of three training, or educational activities; or the equivalent, during the current project year. To qualify market rabbits to sell at the sale one educational activity must be specific to rabbits. See *Educational Point Requirements for Oconto County Fair Animal Project Exhibitors* document in this premium book for details.
- Exhibitors may sell only one item in the Sale of Champions.
 - An exhibitor qualifying a champion or reserve champion must sell the champion.
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 - An exhibitor qualifying two champions or two reserve champions will decide which exhibit to sell.
 - Exhibitors qualifying more than one non-champion entry will decide which exhibit to sell.
 - When an exhibitor qualifies more than one entry for the Sale, the next ranked qualifying entry in the class not sold from the same show will be eligible to sell.
 - Exhibitors who must decide what entry to sell must report their decision to the department superintendent or chairman of the Sale of Champions committee no later than one hour following the end of the last animal show of the fair.
 - If the exhibitor does not comply, the Sale of Champions committee will make the decision.
- Exhibits must earn a blue ribbon to be eligible to sell. Exhibitors eligible to sell more than one exhibit must decide which to sell and report their decision to the chairman of the sale of champions or Extension agriculture agent no later than one hour following the end of the last show of the Fair. If the exhibitor does not comply, the Sale of Champions committee will make the decision.

PREMIUMS	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
All Classes	2.00	1.75	1.50	1.25
Showmanship	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50

PUREBRED 6 CLASS BREEDS

Lot numbers for Classes AA through AH

1. Buck, over 8 months of age
2. Doe, over 8 months of age
3. Buck, 6-8 months of age
4. Doe, 6-8 months of age
5. Buck, under 6 months of age
6. Doe, under 6 months of age

CLASS AA--CALIFORNIAN

CLASS AB--NEW ZEALAND

CLASS AC--SATIN

CLASS AD--FLEMISH GIANT

CLASS AE--FRENCH LOP

CLASS AF--CHECKERED GIANT

CLASS AG--CR'EME D'ARGENT

CLASS AH--Any other 6 CLASS BREED

*The top blue winners in Classes AA through AH will compete for Best 6 Class Rabbit

PUREBRED 4 CLASS BREEDS

Lot numbers for class AI through AX:

1. Buck, over 6 months of age
2. Doe, over 6 months of age
3. Buck, under 6 months of age
4. Doe, under 6 months of age

CLASS AI--ANGORA (French or English)

CLASS AJ--DUTCH

CLASS AK--ENGLISH SPOT

CLASS AL--HARLEQUIN

CLASS AM--JERSEY WOOLY

CLASS AN--DWARF HOTOT
CLASS AO--MINI LOP
CLASS AP--HOLLAND LOP
CLASS AQ--NETHERLAND DWARF
CLASS AR--REX
CLASS AS--MINI REX
CLASS AT--SILVER MARTEN
CLASS AU--POLISH
CLASS AV--HAVANA
CLASS AW --LIONHEADS (Only varieties approved by the ARBA can compete for Best In Show)
CLASS AX -ANY OTHER 4 CLASS BREED

*The Best of Breed winners in Classes AI through AX will compete for Best 4 Class Rabbit.

*The Best 6 and 4 Class rabbit will compete for Best in Show

CLASS AY--CROSSBREDS RABBITS

Lot numbers

1. Crossbreds over 6 months of age
2. Crossbreds under 6 months of age

CLASS AZ--MARKET RABBITS

Lot numbers:

1. Fryer rabbit - not over 69 days of age, between 3 and 5 pounds
2. Roaster rabbit - under 6 months of age, minimum weight 5 pounds, maximum weight 8 pounds
3. Meat pen - 3 rabbits, all same breed and variety, none over 69 days of age, between 3 and 5 pounds
4. Stewer rabbit- 6 months of age and over, minimum weight over 8 lbs.

CLASS BA--PET RABBIT

Lot Numbers

1. Beginner, Grades 3-5
2. Intermediate, Grades 6-8
3. Senior, Grades 9 & up

CLASS BB--RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitor's grade as of October 1st before Fair year

Lot Numbers

1. Beginner Showmanship, Grades 3-5
2. Intermediate Showmanship, Grades 6-8
3. Senior Showmanship, Grades 9 & up