



## Department 8–Rabbits

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**\*\*\*The Official Fair Schedule will be posted on The Oconto County Youth webpage\*\*\***

### 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 *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 **Department Superintendent(s)** 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 an 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.
- Cages need to be kept clean for the duration of the fair.
- All cages must be cleaned before rabbits will be released.
- All animals must have food and water in their cage until dismissal.
- In accordance with DATCP 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 Reserve and Best in 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 4 p.m. Sunday--the release time of all rabbits from the fair.

## 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.

- Exhibitors must have shown rabbits in at least one class in addition to the market class.
- Exhibitors must have completed and turned in the market rabbit performance records provided by the UW-Extension office to a department superintendent or the Fair Extension office by 9 p.m. Thursday.
- Exhibitors have 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 of beef, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine must participate and complete in the **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)** training to qualify to sell in the Sale of Champions.
- Exhibitors may sell only one item in the Sale of Champions.
  - An exhibitor qualifying a champion or reserve champion must sell the champion.
  - An exhibitor qualifying a champion and a reserve champion must sell the champion.
  - 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 UW-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

## **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**

**CLASS AX -ANY OTHER 4 CLASS BREED**

\*The Best of Breed winners will compete for Reserve Best in Show and Best in Show.  
(Only varieties approved by the ARBA may 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