

JUNIOR RABBIT - MEAT PENS

Showmanship **may be done at Fair Time.** Show Order: 4-H, Grange, FFA & Independent

Chairperson- Dannon Shaughnessy

MEAT RABBITS, PEN OF THREE (3) - ALL BREEDS JUDGED TOGETHER

Entries Close & APPLICATION are Due: February 16, 2026 – 5pm

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per entry per class

Exhibits Received: Sunday April 19, 2026, 7:00am -8:00am

Judging Time: Sunday April 19, 2026, approx. 8:30am

Exhibits Released: After Judging April 19, 2026 (1st – 4th Place will stay for Grand Drive)

Grand Drive: Sunday, April 19 at 6:00pm

American System of Judging – Ranks exhibitors in order best to worst. (State Rule IV #6a, c)

NOTE: 1. Entries to be judged by ARBA Rules. **The Judge may or may not be an ARBA Judge.**

LIMIT: One (1) entry per class per exhibitor. Entries may be limited

RULES:

1. The exhibitor must be nine (9) years old before January 1 of the current year.
2. Exhibitors may either breed their own rabbits or purchase a litter of rabbits.
 - a. Breeding their own rabbits requires: **(Bred & Fed: will NOT have a separate division champion)**
 1. Breeding Does must be owned by the member or member's family. (The family includes the parents, guardians, or siblings living together as a family unit.)
 2. If the exhibitor cannot own their own rabbit, Breeding Does may be leased prior to breeding date. The Exhibitor must take possession 5 days after breeding.
 3. Project leaders must verify exhibitors had possession of the doe within timelines.
 - b. **A litter may be purchased (they cannot be leased). The exhibitor must take possession of the litter 30 or more days out from the judging day (March 20, 2026).**
 1. Entries will be verified with a bill of sale, identification tattoo's and a project leader visual inspection.
3. Exhibitor may enter and sell only one (1) lot of three meat pen rabbits.
4. Rabbits must be of the same breed and variety. **NO CROSSBREEDS**
5. Exhibitors are required to feed and water their animals during scheduled drop off. If inadequate care is evident, the fair will take necessary steps to feed and water your animals.
6. Exhibitors entering this division may furnish their own feeding containers. The Fair is not responsible for the return or condition thereof.
7. Each meat pen rabbit must be permanently and legibly tattooed in the animal's left ear.
 - a. A legible tattoo is "a tattoo that shows below the skin and must be readable."
 - b. Permanent marker or removable ink is not acceptable.
 - c. Rabbits must be tattooed prior to entering the fairgrounds.
 - d. **No tattooing on the fairgrounds. TATTOOING ANIMALS ON THE FAIRGROUNDS COULD RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.**
8. Tattoo number must appear on the entry form.
9. No unhealthy animal will be allowed to show. Once determined, exhibitors are required to take home their animal immediately.
10. All Pens must be weighed in the presence of the judge.
11. Rabbits not picked up at the appointed time become the property of the AV Fair.
12. Champion, Reserve Champion and **the next two highest placing Lots will sell at auction.**

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS: Ribbons to 10th Place

DIVISION 1: Market Rabbit Meat Pen

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