

RABBIT

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

1. Exhibit one or more rabbits owned and cared for since May 16th.
2. Members are allowed ten cages.
3. One rabbit from each meat pen may be used as a single fryer but must be selected at check-in and entered as a single fryer by the May 16th Animal Identification deadline.
4. Classes shall be determined upon completion of weighing in and classes established according to the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) standards at the discretion of the advisory board and leader.
5. All animals entered will be inspected at time of entry and eliminated if symptoms of any transmissible disease are found.
6. Any animal developing symptoms of any transmissible disease after being cooped will be asked to leave immediately after inspection by two advisory board members.
7. Animals must be permanently earmarked in the left ear, and that earmark must be on the May Rabbit Enrollment Form.
8. Tattooing will be done free if arrangements are made ahead of time. Tattooing will not be done on the night of check-in.
9. There must be three exhibitors and five rabbits to receive a Best of Breed trophy.
10. Meat pen rabbits should be in exhibitor's possession three weeks before the 4-H Fair. Meat pen must consist of three rabbits housed in one cage at the 4-H Fair.
11. For a breed to be eligible to show, breed must be recognized by the ARBA, have passed at least one showing and have a written working standard.

MEAT PEN – Three rabbits of the same breed and variety, 10 weeks and under, weighing a minimum of 3-1/2 lbs. to a maximum of 5-1/2 lbs.

SINGLE FRYER – A single rabbit 10 weeks of age or less weighing a minimum of 3-1/2 lbs. to a maximum of 5-1/2 lbs.

STEWER – A rabbit over 6 months of age and over 9 lbs.

ROASTER - A rabbit under 6 months of age and between 5 ½ -9 lbs.

DOE-LITTER – A litter is to be a minimum of 6 weeks of age to a maximum of 8 weeks of age and be a recognized ARBA breed.

RABBIT ILLUSTRATED TALK CONTEST

An educational contest for any Rabbit project member.

*DIVISIONS: Novice: Grades 3, 4
 Junior: Grades 5, 6
 Intermediate: Grades 7, 8
 Senior: Grades 9, 10
 Master: Grades 11, 12*

The following details will be useful information for all participants:

1. Each Rabbit Illustrated Talk should be original and of a practical nature related to some phase of the rabbit industry. Elaborate and expensive equipment cannot be justified.
2. The Illustrated Talk should last 5-7 minutes. Judges will deduct points when the presentation exceeds maximum minutes allowed.
3. There will not be a limit on the number of Illustrated Talk entries from a given county for State Fair.
4. Each individual giving an Illustrated Talk will receive an A, B, or C placing. A panel of qualified judges will determine ratings.
5. Previous winners may compete again, but must select and present a different topic.
6. Additional information on preparing an Illustrated Talk is available from the Extension Office. Ask for 4-H 689 (4-H communications activities).

RABBIT AMBASSADOR CONTEST

*Novice: Grade 3 and 4
Junior: Grades 5 and 6
Intermediate: Grades 7 and 8
Senior: Grades 9 and 10
Master: Grades 11 and 12*

All grades as of January 1st of the current year. Contact the livestock club leader for guidelines and dates of the contest.