

Greene County Rabbits
2023

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RULES

1. All exhibitors are required to be enrolled in the Rabbit Project on or before May 15. No exceptions.
2. As of 2018, to exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and/or rabbits, 4-H members MUST BE certified annually through the YQCA program by June 15. NO EXCEPTIONS.
3. All rabbit judging shall be done in accordance with American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) rules and regulations. ARBA's book, Standard of Perfection states the requirements for all breeds and classes that are recognized.
4. All exhibitors may enter only one rabbit in the same breed, class, and color per ARBA rules.
5. Individualized identification by permanent tattoo per ARBA rules in each rabbit's left ear is required. No exceptions.
6. All senior and/or 6/8 rabbits entered must be owned and cared for by the 4-H member by May 1 and remain in the same continuous care until animal check-out day of Fair.
7. Senior and 6/8 rabbits not bearing owner's tattoo per ARBA rules in each rabbit's left ear is required. No exceptions.
8. Meat pen, Junior, Senior and 6/8 rabbits not bearing owner's tattoo can be tattooed on June 3 to be eligible. This is the final deadline unless other arrangements have been made prior to this date.
9. All rabbit members will enter the rabbits that they are bringing to fair in Fair Entry
10. All rabbits will be checked and must show tattoo earmarks matching their Fair Entry to be eligible for exhibition prior to being caged at the fair during Saturday check-in. When checked all rabbits will be reviewed for the following disqualifications: Sore hocks, Ear Canker, cold or sniffles, scours, or any disease which could infect other rabbits. Rabbits must be in healthy condition and should meet the requirements as stated by ARBA.
11. If a rabbit is found to have any of the above conditions, or is considered in poor health by the Leader or Judge, the Veterinarian and the Extension Educator, the member may be asked to remove their animal from the fairgrounds for health reasons.
12. Meat pens will be weighed starting at 6:00 a.m. the day of show. All three rabbits should be the same breed, color, and weight (as near as possible) see ARBA rules and regulations for meat pens.

13. If you intend to sell your meat pen in the Auction on Friday you must sign-up no later than Wednesday by 10:00p.m. The sign-up sheet is located on the side of the announcers stand in the Main Show Arena. No exceptions.
14. All members are responsible for care of their rabbits while at the 4-H Fair and should be in compliance with the General 4-H Guidelines/Rules & Regulations Handbook for Greene County 4-H.
15. No animal is to leave the fairgrounds before the posted Livestock Release, Friday at 8:00 a.m.
16. All exhibitors will be assigned cage(s) for their rabbit(s) and a \$10 flat rate cage fee will be paid at the time of animal check in
17. After animal check-out, the Rabbit Leader will verify that the cages and litter pans have been cleaned properly, this means removal of all foreign items from inside and outside of the cage this includes dumping and spraying out the litter pan (if the cage has one). The exhibitor should also ensure that the cage's bottom/floor are free from any waste deposits.
18. If an exhibitor does not clean the cage and or litter pan as described above they forfeit their achievements/awards and could be banned from exhibition the following year. The exhibitor will have until the beginning of the Auction on check-out day to have cleaned their cages and litter pans. There will also be a \$10 fee PER cage that is not cleaned. This must be paid before the next year's check in date.
19. Pans are to be cleaned out at least once by Tuesday and again at check out.
20. Rabbits will be released on Friday morning at 8:00 am. Rabbits need checked out and cages cleaned by Friday at noon. Exceptions must be cleared by the Leader, the Veterinarian and the Extension Educator.

EXHIBITS

The following classes will be offered (The order of judging will be posted on show day):

- Junior Buck or Doe – Rabbits must be born after January 15 of the current year and be within their weight limit per ARBA rules and regulations. [If over weight limit, they will be moved to the next older class.]
- 6/8 Buck or Doe – Rabbits must be over six months and under eight months of age the day of the show and be within their weight limit. [If over weight limit, they will be moved to the next older class.]
- Senior Buck or Doe – Rabbits must be over eight months of age the day of the show.
- Crossbreds - There will be a Pet Class for any exhibitor that wants to show a crossbred, they will be judged only on their function as a pet and meat quality.
- Meat Pen of Three – Rabbits must be as close as possible to 10 weeks old day of show, should be of the same

litter/breed, color and weight as near as possible. Weight shall be between 3.5 and 5 pounds per rabbit, NO Exceptions. Meat pens that fail to meet the required weight shall not be exhibited during the show.

AWARDS

1. One Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded out of all of the Best of Breeds from all classes.
2. One Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded to the Best and Best Opposite Sex of each Class.
3. Each breed will have an award for Best of Breed, which will be considered later for Champion and Reserve Champion in each class.
4. Ribbons will be handed out for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place if enough rabbits are shown for that breed.