

DEPT 114 – RABBITS

* Entry limitations of 2 per lot and 6 per division.

Jr. Committee: Mackenzie Holland (Chair), Kyle Gilbert, Natalie Jungers, Colin Morrison, Nyah Painter, Aidan Ramirez, Mary Schwartz, Haydn Tinsley

Sr. Committee: Small (Chair), Cullison, Smith, Tilley, Van Kirk

RABBIT SCHEDULE	
MONDAY, AUGUST 5th – B. Carr Pavilion	
Weigh In	7:00 – 9:00 am
Breeding Rabbit Judging	9:30 am
Meat Rabbit Judging	Follows Breeding
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7th – B. Carr Pavilion	
Rabbit Showmanship	9:30 am
Rabbit Poster Contest	Follows Showmanship
Rabbit Skillathon	10:00 am
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10th – B. Carr Pavilion	
Rabbit Sale	Follows Poultry
Rabbits Released from Barn	3:00 pm

RABBIT RULES

- All Stalled Rabbit Exhibits will be displayed in the Poultry/Rabbit building east of Carr Pavilion.
- Stalling is optional for Rabbit projects. Those wishing not to stall may haul-in day of show.
- Pens/cages are available in the barn for Jr. Fair exhibits on A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS. To be eligible to be assigned a pen/cage, Rabbits MUST Be present at time of pen/cage assignment. NO CAGE HOLDING VIA LOCKS OR FELLOW EXHIBITORS.
- Locks are required on all pens, no locks will be allowed on pens prior to being stalled. Locks will be cut and removed if used to hold a cage.
- Water bottles are required on all stalled rabbits. EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FEEDING, WATERING AND PEN CLEANING AS NEEDED! (See JR. FAIR RULES & INFORMATION #20 in this book)
- Exhibitors must be present when projects are being judged or premiums will be withheld. Projects will not be judged without exhibitor present.
- NO ADULTS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE SHOW RING EXCEPT SHOW OFFICIALS. VIOLATORS MAY BE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION!
- Do not enter Mixed Breeds in the All Other Breeds lot.
- Exhibitor must own meat pen rabbits at least 30 days prior to the fair. Market rabbits must weigh between 3.5 - 5.5 pounds to be eligible for champion and the auction
- The judges' decision will be final. Once a lot is placed, class is closed. The judge will select all Market, Fancy, and Commercial Rabbit, Grand and Reserve Champions.
- Review "Jr. Fair Rules" located after the sale section in this tabloid for further information.
- Weighing of meat pen and single fryers will be Monday, August 5th of the fair between 7:00-9:00 AM at Rabbit Arena. Designation of animal to sell at weigh in only!
- Under and Overweight Rabbits will NOT sell.
- Bred and Raised Rules
 - A market rabbit project may only be shown by one exhibitor in one lot. A rabbit exhibited in the Single Fryer or Meat Pen of 3 are NOT permitted to enter or be shown in a Bred and Raised Single Fryer or Meat Pen of 3 Class.
 - All participants must submit a Rabbit ID form by the first Saturday in May to register the mother doe of the kits to be eligible to exhibit at the Hartford Independent Fair in the Bred and Raised Market division. The ID form must be filled out and returned



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- with requested photos.
 - All bred and raised market projects must be bred, owned and raised by the exhibitor noted on the ID form of the doe.
 - Siblings from the same family are permitted to submit a Rabbit ID form for the same doe. Any additional doe sharing requests are at the discretion of the Hartford Fair Committee Chair.
 - At the July registration and tattooing, the doe and litter will need to be present. A letter or number from the mother doe will need to be part of the tattoo combination of the kit to be registered and exhibited.
 - We will place the 1st through 5th in each bred and raised lot. ONLY the 1st place rabbits of lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 will compete for their respective Grand and Reserve Champion in their division of Single Fryer or Meat Pen of 3 Rabbits
 - There will NOT be separate Grand and Reserve Champions for each division.
16. Barn closes at 11:00 pm every night.



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PET Rabbit Projects (#228 PE) are not eligible for entry

TATTOOS ARE MANDATORY

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There is a \$1.00 charge per entry. In case of death of an animal, replacement may be made with approval of advisor and Sr. Fair Board Member in charge. Replacement must be made with the same breed, sex and age of the animal lost.

Age Description

- Junior Rabbit - up to 6 months
- Senior Rabbit - 6 months or over

**Rabbit Show Sponsor
Crispin Iron & Metal**

CLASS JA—MARKET RABBITS

LOT	DESCRIPTION	A	B
1.	Meat Pen of 3	\$4	\$3
2.	Bred & Raised Pen of 3	\$4	\$3
3.	Single Fryer (Min 3.5#, max. 5.5# & 69 days each)	\$4	\$3
4.	Bred & Raised Single Fryer (Min 3.5#, max. 5.5# & 69 days each)	\$4	\$3

CLASS JB—BREEDING RABBITS

LOT	DESCRIPTION	A	B
1.	Californian Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
2.	Californian Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
3.	Californian Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
4.	Californian Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3
5.	Dutch Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
6.	Dutch Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
7.	Dutch Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
8.	Dutch Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3
9.	English Lop Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
10.	English Lop Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
11.	English Lop Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
12.	English Lop Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3

Breeding Rabbit Placings Rosettes sponsored by **Parsons Trucking, LLC, Nellie Hayes, Newark WalMart, Deborah Lang-Probate Juvenile Judge, Gib & Paige Grandstaff, Bob Parsons Construction, LLC, RDL Landscape, aMAYSing Meats**

13.	Flemish Giant Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
14.	Flemish Giant Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
15.	Flemish Giant Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
16.	Flemish Giant Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3
17.	Holland Lop Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
18.	Holland Lop Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
19.	Holland Lop Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
20.	Holland Lop Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3
21.	Jersey Woolie Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
22.	Jersey Woolie Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
23.	Jersey Woolie Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
24.	Jersey Woolie Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3
25.	Lionhead Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
26.	Lionhead Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
27.	Lionhead Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
28.	Lionhead Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3
29.	Mini Lop Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
30.	Mini Lop Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
31.	Mini Lop Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
32.	Mini Lop Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3
33.	Mini Rex Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
34.	Mini Rex Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
35.	Mini Rex Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
36.	Mini Rex Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3
37.	Mixed Breed Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
38.	Mixed Breed Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
39.	Mixed Breed Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
40.	Mixed Breed Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3
41.	Netherland Dwarf Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
42.	Netherland Dwarf Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
43.	Netherland Dwarf Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
44.	Netherland Dwarf Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3
45.	New Zealand Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
46.	New Zealand Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
47.	New Zealand Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
48.	New Zealand Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3
49.	All Other Breeds Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
50.	All Other Breeds Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
51.	All Other Breeds Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
52.	All Other Breeds Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3

Rabbit Poster Contest

The purpose of this contest is to demonstrate the Jr. Fair exhibitor’s project knowledge, to stimulate interest, and to demonstrate to others the diversity of the Rabbit Junior Fair Projects.

- Each poster must be made by the 4-H or FFA member.
- Posters must be made using 22” x 28” poster board, displayed horizontally with stiff backing. (It is suggested your poster be covered with clear plastic)
- Each poster must be clearly labeled in the lower right-hand corner, in a space no larger than 3” x 5” with the exhibitor’s name, club or chapter, and age as of January 1st of current year.
- Poster will be judged on:

Educational Content	50 points
Neatness/Appearance	30 points
Originality	20 points
- Posters will be displayed at the Poultry/Rabbit Barn during the fair. Rabbit Posters must be in place by Wednesday Aug 7th at 10:00 AM
- Junior Division 9 to 13 years of age
- Senior Division 14 to 19 years

No entry fee - this is a free class - no premiums will be given.

Awards for places 1st through 5th sponsored by **Rabbit and Poultry Committee**



Rabbit Awards

- Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Pen of 3 Plaque **Jerry Lamb Zigan Farms**
- Grand Champion Single Fryer Market Rabbit Plaque **Mark & Peggy Parris Family**
- Reserve Grand Champion Single Fryer Market Rabbit Plaque
- 1st – 10th Rosettes Single Fryer & Pen **Bill & Carrie Lewis**
- 1st – 5th Rosettes Bred & Raised Single Fryer & Pen **RMR Rabbitry**
- Best of Show Plaque **J.K.Keller Farms, LLC**
- Reserve Best of Show Plaque **Rabbit & Poultry Committee**
- Grand & Reserve Champion Commercial **Tilley Family/Animal House 4-H**
- Grand Champion Fancy Plaque **Tom & Brenda Hughes**
- Reserve Grand Champion Fancy Plaque **Jim & Ella Kincaid**

1st & 2nd Place Best of Breed Rosettes
RMR Rabbitry, Mark & Peggy Parrish Family

Rabbit Showmanship

- Senior Division Plaque **Classic Clover 4-H Club**
- \$50 Senior Division **Rabbit & Poultry Committee**
- Intermediate Division Plaque **Hartford Fever 4-H Club**
- \$40 Intermediate Division **Farm Life 4-H Club**
- Junior Division Plaque **Green Meadows Mobile Home Park**
- \$25 Junior Division **Jim & Ella Kincaid**
- Expert Division **In Memory of Rick & Cheryl Yantis**
- Showmanship Rosettes **Crispin Iron & Metals**

All participants MUST sign up in the Fair Entry process for showmanship. Placing will be determined by fitting/grooming (50%) and exhibitor’s showmanship skills (50%). Please see official rules for Expert / Super Showmanship posted at the beginning of the Junior Fair section in Fair Book.



2025 MANDATORY TATTOO DATES

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