

2008 Nebraska State Fair

Department G – Rabbit Division

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Appropriate ribbons will be awarded to exhibitors of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Rabbits in Commercial, Fancy, and Market Classes.

- A. ARRIVAL DEADLINE-All rabbit exhibits must be in place by 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 30. Cages will be available 6:00 p.m., Friday, August 29. If you arrive after 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 30, you will not be able to drive to the tent. You will need to carry your rabbits.
- B. QUALITY ASSURANCE CERTIFICATION: It is recommended that all exhibitors receive Quality Assurance training or testing through a UNL Extension program prior to the fair.
- C. CHECK-IN – All rabbit exhibits must be check-in Saturday, August 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- D. ALL RABBITS EXCEPT FRYERS MUST HAVE PERMANENT ID NUMBERS OR NAMES TATTOOED IN THEIR EAR. Ownership must have been certified on official 4-H ownership affidavits (4HF103) by June 15. ID numbers or names along with class information must be supplied to superintendent at time of entry. Showmanship entry animals must be ID'd also. All animals will be physically checked for tattoos during entry.
- E. NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR-A 4-H member is limited to exhibiting 7 rabbits.
- F. CRITIQUE JUDGING OF RABBIT EXHIBITS WILL BE AT THE SAME TIME AS SHOWMANSHIP JUDGING WITH A SECOND JUDGE. Each 4-H'er should be present at the exhibit area at that time. If participant or a substitute showman approved by superintendent is not present, animals will not be judged. Showmanship judging will begin Monday, September 1, at 8:00 a.m. The length of time required for showmanship judging will depend entirely on the number of entries.
- G. RELEASE FROM SHOW-Rabbits will be released at 4:00 p.m., Monday, September 1, and must be removed from the barn by 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 1. Rabbits removed early will forfeit awards.
- H. DRESS CODE-Will be as required in Section S of General Livestock Rules.
- I. Each Exhibitor may bring their own waterers. Feed is provided. A limited amount of crocks are available for water and feed.

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST RULES

Information on rabbit showmanship is found in 4-H 339, Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits and videocassette, 40-VC-16, Rabbit Showmanship. Both are available from county extension office.

- A. Eligibility-Any 4-H'er with a rabbit may enter the competition. Previous gold medal winners are ineligible to compete.
- B. Rabbits used for showmanship must be tattooed in either ear with an I.D. number or name and ownership certified on official 4-H ownership affidavits. Numbers and names must be supplied to Superintendent at time of entry.
- C. The participant may use any rabbit they choose, so long as it was raised and trained by the 4-H'er. Showmanship class must be entered with advance entry. Rabbits not entered in the rabbit exhibit must be brought to and removed from the fairgrounds on the same day as the contest.
- D. Basis for judging-showmanship is based on grooming and training of the rabbit and the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must vocally explain the steps in their routine and the merit of the rabbit. Primarily showmanship is the skill of the exhibitor in presenting and explaining the rabbit before the judge. The excellence of the rabbit is not considered in scoring.
- E. The judge may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine.
- F. Maximum length of showmanship presentations is four minutes. Exhibitors will be timed.

RABBIT CLASSES DIVISION 80

Class 1 - Showmanship

MARKET CLASSES

- Class 2 Single Fryer, 3 ½ to 5 ½ lbs/under 69 days of age
- Class 3 Meat Pen, 3 ½ to 5 ½ lbs/under 69 days of age
- Class 4 Roaster, over 5 ½ lbs

FANCY BREED RABBITS

Class 5 (Exhibitors may show any of the following breeds, provided rabbits have been tattooed and listed on ID sheets)

American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English Angora, English Spot, Florida White, French Angora, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Jersey Woolie, Lilac, Holland Lop, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Rhinelander, Satin Angora, Silver, Silver Marten, Standard Chinchilla, Tan.

COMMERCIAL BREED RABBITS

Class 6 (Exhibitors may show any of the following breeds, provided rabbits have been tattooed and listed on ID sheets)

American, American Chinchilla, American Fuzzy Lop, Beveren, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Checkered Giant, Cinnamon, Creme D'Argent, English Lop, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Giant Angora, Giant Chinchilla, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox.