

# 2006 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 10:00 a.m., Sunday, September 3. Cages available 6:00 p.m., Saturday, September 2. Some cages are available with poultry times on Friday.
- B. 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.
- C. NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR-A 4-H member is limited to exhibiting 8 rabbits.
- D. 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 4, at 8:00 a.m. The length of time required for showmanship judging will depend entirely on the number of entries.
- E. RELEASE FROM SHOW-Rabbits will be released at 4:00 p.m., Monday, September 4, and must be removed from the barn by 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 4. Rabbits removed early will forfeit awards.
- F. DRESS CODE-Will be as required in Section S of General Livestock Rules.
- G. Each Exhibitor may bring their own waterers. Feed is provided. Cocks 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.

## GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES

ALL 4-H LIVESTOCK, EXCEPT DAIRY AND DAIRY GOATS, ARE TO BE BROUGHT THROUGH THE 27th STREET GATE ONLY

- A. ELIGIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS-See General Rules, Rule A, for eligibility requirements of exhibitors.
- B. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENTRY-The responsibility for making proper entry rests with the exhibitors and the Extension Educator. It is the responsibility of the Extension Educator to make sure that each beef, sheep, swine, dairy, dairy goats, meat goats, or rabbit entry that he/she submits was properly identified on an appropriate ownership affidavit and that the ownership affidavit was submitted by the deadline date.. The exhibitors of all animals shall conduct themselves with honesty, good sportsmanship, and support all rules and regulations of the Nebraska 4-H program and the Nebraska State Fair.
- C. All 4-H show cattle that are moved, driven, shipped or transported, in any manner from any point within the brand area to any point outside the brand area shall first have a brand inspection by the Nebraska Brand Committee, and a certificate of inspection issued. A copy of such certificate shall accompany the cattle and shall be retained by all persons transporting or moving such cattle, as a permanent record.  
The responsibility of insuring the cattle are inspected prior to removal falls equally on the owner, seller, shipper, person, persons, firm, motor carrier, railroad company, or other carrier or corporation of his, her, its, or their agent or agents or servant or servants moving, driving, shipping, or transporting.  
Cattle that are transported in and out of the brand area numerous times for showing may qualify for a show permit, utilized for show purposes only and is valid for 1 year from date of issuance. For more information, contact your local brand inspector or the Nebraska Brand Committee.
- D. OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS & POULTRY-All animals and poultry in the 4-H Show must be owned by the exhibitor who entered it. Ownership of beef, sheep, swine, dairy, dairy goats, meat goats, and rabbits must be certified where required on the appropriate forms in the Extension Office. Extension offices will subsequently send ownership affidavits to the State Animal Science Department, where they will remain until State Fair entries are due. Market Beef must be certified with nose print in AK-SAR-BEN nose print file by April 1. Other livestock ownership must be certified by June 15. In the case of dairy animals, some lease arrangements are acceptable, but must be certified on the appropriate forms in the Extension Office. Livestock Show Regulations in the 4-H Program Management files (<http://4h.unl.edu/calendarfiles/livestockshow.htm>) will apply to this show.
- E. ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMALS-Any 4-H project animal that has been offered for auction, where the intent of the auction is change of ownership, is ineligible for the 4-H livestock classes at the Nebraska State Fair. This includes animals offered for sale in other events at the Nebraska State Fair, when the event is prior to the 4-H event the animal is entered in. A project animal that has been through a "premium only" auction is eligible to be exhibited at the Nebraska State Fair, provided it and its exhibitor meet all other ownership and eligibility requirements. A "premium only" auction is defined as an event in which change of ownership is never the intent; but the intent is only to provide a monetary premium to accompany the ribbon earned by the exhibit. An animal that becomes wild and uncontrollable during the show may be declared ineligible by the Division Superintendent.
- F. ANIMAL TESTING AND EXAMINATION-Any animal entered in 4-H classes is subject to any type testing at the discretion of either the superintendent or official show veterinarian. If the results of testing indicate the possible use of compounds or drugs not approved for use in that species by FDA or compounds or drugs used outside the specified withdrawal requirements of FDA, these animals will be declared ineligible for competition and awards. In

the case of market animals, show management will determine the appropriate disposal of the animals. An animal that is tampered with to change appearance or weight may be declared ineligible by the Division Superintendent.

- G. **CERTIFICATION OF DRUG USE AND WITHDRAWAL**-Each exhibitor will be asked to submit a signed affidavit certifying correct withdrawal from legal drugs, vaccines or other substances. They will also certify that their entries have not received any nonapproved drugs. Affidavits for beef and sheep will also state that animals have not been fed any "prohibited" mammalian derived protein (i.e. ruminant meat and bone meal) while under the care of the exhibitor. Affidavits will be presented to department superintendent prior to or at the time of animal weighing and check-in.
- H. **QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING**: All exhibitors in beef, dairy cattle, goats, sheep and swine must have received Quality Assurance training or testing through a UNL Extension program prior to the fair. Program attendance or completion of a test in the county extension office is required. Completion of training will be certified by county extension staff.
- I. **REGISTRATION OF LIVESTOCK**-A breeding animal to be eligible for show in a registered (purebred) class must be owned by the exhibitor by June 15 of the current year and be registered by the official breed association. The registration certificate must indicate one of the following (1) the name of the exhibitor (2) the name of the exhibitor and/or a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family or (3) the family or ranch name or parent's name. **REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY FAIR DATE.** Immediate family is defined as members of a household, including parents, brothers and sisters, and youth in care of the head of the household.
- J. **ONLY PURPLES CAN BE CHAMPIONS**-Any beef, dairy, dairy goat, sheep, swine, dog, poultry or rabbit entry must be awarded a first or second purple ribbon in a class to be eligible to compete for champion or reserve champion.
- K. **GROOMING OF LIVESTOCK**
  - 1. Clipping, trimming or blocking any beef, dairy, goat, sheep or swine by anyone other than exhibitors (4-H exhibitors at the current State Fair) will not be permitted at this show. This means that exhibitors can help each other, but individuals other than exhibitors cannot help.
  - 2. Grooming an animal other than clipping, trimming or blocking (e.g. brushing, washing, etc.) may be done by exhibitors and brothers, sisters or parents of the exhibitors.
  - 3. Pigs must be shown without hairdressing compounds. This includes oil, powder or any other coat dressing compounds considered objectionable by the packer. Only unadulterated water is permitted. Pigs found in violation will be disqualified from the live show and the carcass show. They will also be subject to all price discounts imposed by the packer for such compounds.
  - 4. Exhibitors shall not add materials, natural or synthetic, which extend body shapes beyond normal limits.
  - 5. Upon violation of above rules, the exhibitor's animal involved may be lowered one or two ribbon placing(s) or may be disqualified from the show.
  - 6. Exhibitors will be asked to submit a signed affidavit certifying they know and understand these rules.
- L. **BY ORDER OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL**-The use of flammable and combustible grooming sprays inside the barns is strictly forbidden. These types of materials must be used outside the buildings only.
- M. **SUBSTITUTE SHOWMAN**-An animal must be shown by the 4-H owner who entered it unless the exhibitor is excused by the Division Superintendent because of serious illness, disability due to an injury (e.g. broken arm or leg) or conflict with other livestock classes in a 4-H or FFA show. An exhibitor who has more than one animal in a class need not secure approval for another 4-H member, eligible to exhibit livestock, to show the additional animal in the class. Substitute showmen must be a 4-H member exhibiting at a current State Fair 4-H livestock show. All substitute showmen should wear an exhibitor number identifying him/her as a substitute showman (available in the 4-H Livestock Office and/or from species superintendent.)
- N. **ANIMAL SUBSTITUTIONS**: Within the same class or division, substituting a different animal for a pre-entered animal, provided the substitute meets all ownership and eligibility rules, is acceptable and does not require prior approval from the Division Superintendent. Substitutions between divisions, except within Breeding Beef, Dairy, and Dairy Goat are not allowed (i.e. a market lamb cannot be substituted for a breeding sheep entry). For Breeding Beef, Dairy, and Dairy Goat, where each breed is listed as a separate division, substitution between divisions is allowed (i.e. an Angus heifer can substitute for a Charolais heifer).
- O. **OPEN SHOW ENTRIES**-4-H members who enter their animals in both the 4-H Show and the Open Show must make separate entries in both shows. 4-H entries must be made by the Extension Educator in the county. Open Show entries must be made by the exhibitor on appropriate entry forms obtained from the State Fair website.
- P. **FEED, HAY, AND ADDITIONAL BAGS OF WOOD CHIPS** may be ordered by calling the Feed Concession office. Payment for supplies must be made upon delivery. Use of straw for bedding is not permitted for beef, sheep, or swine.
- Q. **NIGHT SECURITY**- Two guards will be employed in the barns and on duty from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. guarding all animals. No one will be permitted to sleep in the 4-H barns.

- R. AUTHORITY -Each Division Superintendent (for example, Beef Superintendent) shall have the authority to make all decisions within their respective Divisions in accordance with rules and regulations set forth in this premium list.
- S. DRESS CODE -Exhibitors showing beef, dairy, dairy goats, dogs, cats, meat goats, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbits are required to wear the official State Fair 4-H T-shirt. If there is no official State Fair 4-H T-shirt, exhibitors are required to wear a white shirt (or blouse) with the official 4-H chevron attached or a 4-H T-shirt. Dark blue jeans are required for beef, dog, cat, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbit exhibitors. Dairy and dairy goat exhibitors may wear dark blue jeans or white pants. Long jeans/pants are required for cat exhibitors. No hats, caps or other types of headgear are to be worn in the show ring. Exhibitors shall not display local, county, commercial or other identification while showing their animals-except official 4-H and such identification the show ring may require.
- T. PORTABLE GENERATORS will not be allowed in or around 4-H livestock buildings. For the beef barn, counties will be assigned a quota of fans similar to blocking chute quota. Stickers will be sent to counties after entries are received. All fans will be attached to the divider tie rails. No fans in rear of animal regardless of equipment. For sheep/hog barn, no fans are allowed in alleys. Any fan may be removed at the discretion of the superintendents or fair personnel.