

## **Department 8 – Rabbits**

Project Numbers 20751, 20752, 20753

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**Entry Day** – 1 p.m. – 8 p.m. Thursday of the Fair. Entry tags must be attached to the cages by 8:00 p.m. on entry day.

**Judging Day** – Friday of the Fair

**Judging Time** – 9 a.m. Friday

**Judging Order** – Animal Classes, then Showmanship

**Check Out** – Released at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, must be removed by 8 p.m.

### **Additional Rules of Entry –**

- Youth enrolled in a 4-H, FFA, or other youth groups in supervised rabbit project are eligible to participate in this project
- All animal health requirements must be met before animals can be entered. See WDATCP Animal Health Rules and Regulations section of the premium book.
  - Exhibits showing infectious diseases may not be entered.
- Exhibitors must contact the Debby Krueger by email at [debbyk@bayland.net](mailto:debbyk@bayland.net) or mail at 212 Farnsworth Ave, Oconto, WI 54153 by August 1 to reserve the number of pens they will require.
- Also indicate what exhibits can be doubled up if there is a shortage of pens.
- Rabbit class definitions:
  - A fryer rabbit – not over 69 days of age, under 5 pounds.
  - A roaster rabbit – under 6 months of age, minimum weight 5 lbs, maximum weight 8 lbs.
  - Meat pen of rabbits - 3 rabbits, all same breed and variety, one over 69 days of age or over 5 lbs.
  - A pet rabbit - either sex, over 6 months of age.
  - Neutered rabbits are not allowed to be shown in either the meat or breed classes.
- All rabbits exhibited must be identified by a permanent identification number in ear. Identification may be accomplished by indelible marker or tattoo.
- Rabbits shown in market classes (fryer, roaster, meat pen), and pet class may not be entered in any other class.
- All rabbit exhibits must be in the possession of exhibitors by June 1 except market fryers and meat pen rabbits.
- Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their own animals.
- Each exhibitor must bring suitable containers for feed and water.
- Rabbit exhibitors must supply their own fasteners for cages.
- Pens should be cleaned on a daily basis.
- All pens must be cleaned before rabbits will be released.
- In accordance with WDATCP Chapter ATCP 160, classes may be combined where there is no competition, or be split if too large.
- A Best of Breed will be selected from each of the purebred classes. Best of Breed winners will compete for Best of Show.
- Rabbits exhibited in the Junior Fair show cannot be shown in Open Class.

**NOTE: THE JUNIOR AND OPEN RABBITS SHOW WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY. THE JUNIOR SHOW WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 AM. THE OPEN SHOW WILL BEGIN WHEN THE JUNIOR SHOW IS COMPLETED.**

## AWARDS

### SALE OF CHAMPIONS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

Youth exhibiting in any market rabbit class can qualify for the Sale of Champions by meeting the requirements outlined in this section.

- Exhibitor must have shown rabbits in at least one class in addition to the market class.
- Exhibitor must have completed and turned in the market rabbit performance records provided by the Extension office.
- Exhibitor has entered and participated in the appropriate rabbit showmanship class.
- Exhibitors must certify that they have participated in a minimum of three training, educational, or project activities; or the equivalent, during the current project year. To qualify a rabbit for the sale one educational activity must be specific to rabbits. No duplicate activities, i.e. two jobs, three ag classes, etc. will be allowed as separate educational requirements--must be three different types of activities. A list of suggested activities meeting this requirement has been developed by the Youth Animal Sciences committees and is available from the Oconto County UW Extension office.
- Exhibitors may sell only one item in the Sale of Champions. An individual qualifying for more than one exhibit for the sale will elect the exhibit they wish to sell; the next ranked qualifying exhibit would then be eligible to sell. Exhibits must earn a blue ribbon to be eligible to sell. Exhibitors eligible to sell more than one exhibit must decide which to sell and report their decision to the chairman of the sale of champions or Extension agriculture agent no later than one hour following the end of the last show of the fair. If the exhibitor does not comply, the Sale of Champions committee will make the decision.
- **An extra 2 percent will be deducted from the checks of sellers who fail to help set up and take down for the auction and be present to help with cleanup of the livestock barns on the Monday following the fair.**

PREMIUMS	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
All Classes	2.00	1.75	1.50	1.25
Showmanship	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50

#### PUREBRED 6 CLASS BREEDS

CLASS AA--CALIFORNIAN  
CLASS AB--NEW ZEALAND  
CLASS AC--SATIN  
CLASS AD--FLEMISH GIANT

CLASS AE--FRENCH LOP  
CLASS AF--CHECKERED GIANT  
CLASS AG--CR'EME D'ARGENT  
CLASS AH--Any other 6 CLASS BREED

Lot numbers for Classes AA through AH:

1. Buck, over 8 months of age
2. Doe, over 8 months of age
3. Buck, 6-8 months of age
4. Doe, 6-8 months of age
5. Buck, under 6 months of age
6. Doe, under 6 months of age

\*The best in the above breeds will compete for Best 6 Class Rabbit

#### PUREBRED 4 CLASS BREEDS

CLASS AI--ANGORA (French or English)  
CLASS AJ--DUTCH  
CLASS AK--ENGLISH SPOT  
CLASS AL--HARLEQUIN  
CLASS AM--JERSEY WOOLY  
CLASS AN--AMERICAN FUZZY LOP  
CLASS AO--MINI LOP  
CLASS AP--HOLLAND LOP

CLASS AQ--NETHERLAND DWARF  
CLASS AR--REX  
CLASS AS--MINI REX  
CLASS AT--SILVER MARTIN  
CLASS AU--POLISH  
CLASS AV--HAVANA  
CLASS AW--ANY OTHER 4 CLASS BREED

Lot numbers for class AI through AW:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Buck, over 6 months of age | 3. Buck, under 6 months of age |
| 2. Doe, over 6 months of age  | 4. Doe, under 6 months of age  |

\*The bests in the above breeds will compete for Best 4 Class Rabbit.

\*THE BEST 6 AND 4 CLASS RABBIT WILL COMPETE FOR BEST IN SHOW

**CLASS AX--LIONHEADS** (does not compete in Best in Show, but a Best in Breed will be chosen)

Lot Numbers

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Buck, over 6 months of age | 3. Buck, under 6 months of age |
| 2. Doe, over 6 months of age  | 4. Doe, under 6 months of age  |

**CLASS AY--CROSSBREDS RABBITS**

Lot numbers:

1. Crossbreds over 6 months of age
2. Crossbreds under 6 months of age

**CLASS BA--PET RABBIT**

Lot Numbers:

1. Beginner, Grades 3-5
2. Intermediate, Grades 6-8
3. Senior, Grades 9 & up

**CLASS AZ--MARKET RABBITS**

Lot numbers:

1. Fryer rabbit - not over 69 days of age, between 3 and 5 pounds
2. Roaster rabbit - under 6 months of age, minimum weight 5 pounds, maximum weight 8 pounds
3. Meat pen - 3 rabbits, all same breed and variety, none over 69 days of age, between 3 and 5 pounds

**CLASS BB--RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP**

Exhibitor's grade as of October 1st before Fair year.

1. Beginner Showmanship, Grades 3-5
2. Intermediate Showmanship, Grades 6-8
3. Senior Showmanship, Grades 9 & up