DEPARTMENT 14
RABBITS
Superintendent - Tara Barth - Cell 517-819-3940
Assistant Superintendents - Jeff Granger - 517-667-1014, Maggie Humphrey 517-614-0751

Judging Tuesday @ 9:00 a.m.
(Showmanship first)

GENERAL RULES

1. Livestock exhibitors must be in compliance with animal health requirements as defined by the department. Please refer to the MDARD web site www.michigan.gov/mdard and Exhibition Requirements for Livestock
2. Send the entire Club's cage reservations along with the cage fee ($1.00 each) to Tara Barth no later than June 1st. No phone reservations will be accepted. Cage reservations received after June 1st deadline will be subject to availability.
3. All rabbits and cavies must be in the exhibitor's possession and care by May 1st. All exhibits must be the actual project of the members.
4. Rabbits must be healthy and disease free. Any animal showing signs of disease or sickness will be sent home.
5. **ALL RABBITS MUST BE EXAMINED, CHECKED IN & CAGED ON SUNDAY FROM 1:00pm-4:00pm**
   Arrive and check-in with superintendent according to **club/group schedule.** Classes entered will be verified by superintendents or specie clerks. All market rabbits will be officially weighed at check-in and placed in the correct market class. All rabbits and cavies that are entered correctly will be allowed to be cooped. All others will be sent home.
6. **SHOW DAY** – Attire will consist of Black Pants, White Shirt, and Dark Colored Shoes. This attire will be worn for the entire show day.
7. All rabbits will be brought to a table for judging by the exhibitor.
8. ALL EXHIBITORS are required to clean the area beneath and inside their cages by 10:00am daily. Feed and equipment may not be kept below cages or in empty cages in the barn. These should be stored at your campsite. Heavy crocks or containers hooked to the side for feed and water are to be provided by the exhibitor. Light plastic, aluminum bowls and glass containers **will not be allowed**.
9. No rabbit can be shown in more than one class except for showmanship rabbit, market individual and get of sire/dam classes. Rabbit used for showmanship must also be entered and shown in a breed class. Rabbit must be owned by the exhibitor. Individual market rabbit may be shown as part of a market pen. Rabbits shown in get of sire/dam classes must also be entered and shown in regular breeding classes.
10. All exhibitors are responsible for showing their animal.
11. Exhibitors desiring to dispose of their breeding stock, other than through the sale, may post a sign in designated area. No price cards or for sale signs, other than Small Animal Auction designation signs, will be allowed attached to cages. Sale Animals must stay until release time.
12. Showmanship age as of January 1st of the current year.
13. All feed and wood chips shall be furnished by the exhibitor.
14. When entering fryer/roaster or pre-market classes, indicate the section but no class number.
15. All exhibitors in the rabbit division are required to serve at least one 1 hour barn duty time slot. Sign-up sheet will be available at cage set up in June. Any **exhibitor** not on posted barn duty schedule by 4:00 pm Sunday will be assigned to an open time slot by superintendent. Exhibitors must be on posted barn duty at scheduled time.
16. No one allowed in show area except exhibitors and show personnel, unless requested by superintendent.
17. No unethical fitting will be allowed.
18. All rabbits are to be tattooed in the left ear prior to fair. No tattooing will be done at the fair. Cavies must be tagged or tattooed in the left ear prior to check-in.
19. **All market animals must be owned by the exhibitor at birth.**
20. Rabbits and decorations must be removed and pen trays cleaned by 8:00 am on Sunday.
21. Rabbit entries - may enter a maximum of 4 Breed Classes, and a maximum of 2 Market Classes, also a maximum of 2 Cavy Breed Classes. (Total 8 Classes)
22. Rabbits will be judged by current ARBA weight and breed standards. **No mixed breed or cross bred rabbits**. All rabbits including market rabbits will be checked for disqualifications and if found will be awarded a "C" rating. Breeds with the largest entries and meat classes will be judged first after showmanship.
    The term buck and doe and pen are defined as:
    a. Senior buck and senior doe - over six months of age for fancy breed, over 8 months for commercial breeds.
    b. Intermediate buck and intermediate doe - 6 to 8 months of age (not all breeds have the intermediate class)
    c. Junior buck and junior doe - 3-6 months of age & meet the minimum weight standards as set forth by ARBA.
    d. Fryer market pen - pen of 3 rabbits, 3 ½ to 5 ½ lbs. each and not over ten weeks of age.
    e. Roaster market pen - pen of 3 rabbits, over 5 ½ lbs. – 9 lbs. each, not over 10 weeks of age.
    f. Get of Dam – A senior female rabbit and her junior offspring of either sex.
    g. Get of Sire – A senior male rabbit and his junior offspring of either sex.
23. All rabbits in the pen must meet minimum and maximum weights for their class. Rabbits not meeting the minimum weight of 3 ½ lbs. will show in pre-market. Individual market may be from a pen or a separate entry. All rabbits must be the same breed and variety (color). No crossbred rabbits.
24. Only one entry per class.
25. All entries in Department 14 must **be owned** by the exhibitor by May 1st and **on their premises**.
26. **Cavies** will be judged by current ARBA weight and breed standards. **Only 2 Cavy entries per exhibitor allowed.** No mixed breed or cross bred cavies. All cavies will be checked for disqualifications and if found will be awarded a C rating. The term boar and sow are defined as follows:
    a. **Senior** Boars & Sows – Over 6 months of age, or weight over 32 ounces.
    b. **Intermediate** Boars & Sows – Up to 6 months of age, or weight over 22 ounces; maximum weight 32 ounces.
    c. **Junior** Boars & Sows – Up to 4 months of age, minimum weight of 12 ounces; maximum weight 22 ounces.
27. Exhibits removed by any person or persons prior to **6:00am Sunday** without permission and early release form signed by the superintendent and fair board liaison will forfeit placements, ribbons or trophies for that exhibit and will not be allowed to enter exhibits the following year.

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BREEDING RABBITS
(Fancy/4 - Class Breeds)

SECTION 170 - MINI REX
Ribbons

Class
965. Sr. Buck
966. Sr. Doe
967. Jr. Buck
968. Jr. Doe
969. Best of Breed
970. Best Opposite of Breed

SECTIONS 171-182
Classes same as Section 170

SECTION 171 - DUTCH

SECTION 172 – LION HEAD

SECTION 173 - MINI LOP

SECTION 174 - NETHERLAND DWARF

SECTION 175 - HIMALAYAN

SECTION 176 - JERSEY WOOLY

SECTION 180 - HOLLAND LOP

SECTION 181 - POLISH BREED

SECTION 182 - ALL OTHER FANCY BREEDS -
American Fuzzy lop, American Sable, English Angora, French Angora, Satin Angora, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Standard Chinchilla, Dwarf Hotot, Dwarf Papillon, English Spot, Florida White, Harlequin, Havana, Lilac, Mini Satins, Rex, Rhinelander, Silver, Silver Martin, Tan, Thrianta Blue Holicer, Czech Frosty, Mini California

BREEDING RABBITS
(Commercial/6 - Class Breeds)

SECTION 183 - CALIFORNIAN
Ribbons

Class
971. Sr. Buck
972. Sr. Doe
973. Intermediate Buck
974. Intermediate Doe
975. Jr. Buck
976. Jr. Doe
977. Best of Breed
978. Best Opposite of Breed

SECTION 184 - 186
Classes same as Section 183

SECTION 184 - NEW ZEALAND

SECTION 185 – SATINS

SECTION 186-ALL OTHER COMMERCIAL PUREBREDS
American, Giant Angora, Argente Brun, Beveren, Blanc de Hotot, Champagne D' Argent, Checkered Giant, American Chinchilla, Giant Chinchilla, Cinnamon, Cre'me D'Argent, Flemish Giant, English Lop, French Lop, Palomino, Silver Fox, California

SECTION 187 - SWEEPSTAKES
Best of Breed from Sections 170-182 and 183-186

Class
979. Best of Show Fancy
980. Reserve of Show Fancy
981. Best of Show Commercial
982. Reserve of Show Commercial

SECTION 188 - RABBIT PRODUCTION
Class
983. Get of Sire
984. Get of Dam

SECTION 189 - MARKET RABBITS
Class
985. All individual market rabbits will be placed in one of these classes after weigh-in.
986. Fryer Market Rabbit (1 rabbit) 3 ½ - 5 ½ lbs. not over 10 weeks
987. Roaster Market Rabbit (1 rabbit) 5 ½ - 9 lbs. not over 6 months.
988. Champion and Reserve Champion Market Rabbit
989. Pre-Market Rabbit (1 rabbit) under 3 lbs. not over 10 weeks.
990. All Market Pens will be placed in one of these classes after weigh-in:
991. Fryer Market Pen (3 rabbits) 3 ½ -5 ½ lbs each not over 10 weeks.
992. Roaster Market Pen (3 rabbits) 5 ½ - 9 lbs each not over 6 months.
993. Champion and Reserve Market Pen
994. Pre-Market Pen - 3 rabbits, under 3lbs, not over 10 weeks

SECTION 190 - RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP
Ribbons

Class
995. Showmanship Ages 8-9
996. Showmanship Ages 10
997. Showmanship Ages 11
998. Showmanship Ages 12
999. Showmanship Ages 13
1000. Showmanship Ages 14
1001. Showmanship Ages 15-16
1002. Showmanship Ages 17 and up
1003. Champion and Reserve Champion Showman

SECTION 191 – CAVIES

Ribbons

Class
1005. Senior Boar
1006. Senior Sow
1007. Intermediate Boar
1008. Intermediate Sow
1009. Junior Boar
1010. Junior Sow
1011. Best of Show and Reserve

SECTION 192 - CAVY SHOWMANSHIP

Ribbons

Class
1015. Showmanship Ages 14 and up
1016. Showmanship Ages 13 and under
1017. Champion and Reserve Champion Cavy Showman