

DEPARTMENT 14

RABBITS

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**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 May 1st. No phone reservations will be accepted. Cage reservations received after May 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 1pm-4pm**
Arrive and check-in with superintendent according to **club 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.
8. ALL EXHIBITORS are required to clean the area beneath the exhibit by 10:00^{am} daily. Feed and equipment may not be kept below cages. Metal feeders, heavy crocks or tied-down cans for feed and water are to be provided by the exhibitor. Light plastic, aluminum bowls and glass containers will not be allowed. Exhibitors are expected to be on posted barn duty at scheduled time.
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 clubs exhibiting in the rabbit division are required to serve at least one 2 hour barn duty time slot. Sign-up sheet will be available at cage set up in June. Any club 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.
19. All market animals must be owned by the exhibitor.
20. Rabbits and decorations must be removed and pen trays cleaned by 8:00^{am} on Sunday.
21. Rabbit entries - may enter 6 breeding classes, maximum of 4 breeding rabbits and cages. May enter 2 market classes, maximum of 4 market rabbits and 2 cages. Cavy entries - may enter 2 breeding classes, max of 2 cavies and cages. Total number of rabbit and cavy cages allowed - per exhibitor: 4 for breeding stock, 2 for market stock.
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 three rabbits, 3 to 5 lbs. each and not over ten weeks of age.
 - e. Roaster market pen - pen of three rabbits, over 5 lbs. - under 8 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 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.
26. **Cavies** will be judged by current ARBA weight and breed standards. 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 sows 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 release 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 - FLORIDA WHITE

SECTION 173 - MINI LOP

SECTION 174 - NETHERLAND DWARF

SECTION 175 - HIMALAYAN

SECTION 176 - JERSEY WOOLY

SECTION 178 - TAN

SECTION 179 - HAVANA

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, English Spot, Harlequin, Lilac, Rex, Rhinelander, Silver, Silver Martin, Tan, Mini Satins and Lion Heads

**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, 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

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

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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