

DEPARTMENT 9 - RABBITS

Mail all Livestock entries to Jefferson County Fair
c/o Janet Douthit, Chairperson
1354 Pike Road, Punxsutawney, PA 15767

Entries Due June 15, 2017

NOTE: By action of the board of directors of the Jefferson County Fair Authority dated March 2, 2005, "the rules of all livestock departments will correspond with the wording provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture." **These rules may be found on the Internet at www.agriculture.pa.gov**

Pennsylvania Rabbits:

Recommendations for Fair Animal Health Requirements:

1. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases.
2. An Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinary Consultation Relationship statement for the animals being exhibited must be included on the fair registration form.

Out of State Rabbits:

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 60 days prior to the date of importation is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI.

Entry Fee - \$2.00 per rabbit. Non-refundable. Checks made out to Jefferson County Fair.

Breed of Rabbit must be listed on Entry Form.

1. Entries will be received from 12:00 to 3:30 PM Sunday.
2. All entry forms must be in the hands of the Livestock Chairperson on or before June 15. The entry fee of \$2 per head must accompany the entry form.
3. There will be a separate category for Mixed Breeds (Pets).
4. Exhibitors must provide their own feed.
5. All rabbits are to be judged according to the latest standards of perfection of the American Rabbit Breeders Association.
6. All pure-bred rabbits must have a PERMANENT EAR MARK
7. No rabbits will be bred during the Fair.
8. There will be Senior, Intermediate and Junior Classes in all breeds.
9. No rabbit may compete in more than one class.
10. **RELEASE TIME WILL BE 9:00 A.M. ON SUNDAY MORNING.**

SECTION 1 – REGISTERED OPEN RABBITS

Breeds sanctioned by the American Rabbit Breeders Association may be used.

Registered Premiums: \$4.00 \$3.00 \$2.00

OPEN CLASSES

- 1 Junior Doe - 8 weeks to 5 months of age
- 2 Intermediate doe – 5 months to 8 months
- 3 Senior doe – 8 months and older
- 4 Junior buck – 8 weeks to 5 months of age
- 5 Intermediate buck – 5 months to 8 months
- 6 Senior buck – 8 months and older
- 7 Doe with litter (kits must be at least 5 weeks of age)

SECTION 2 – GRADE OPEN RABBITS

Grade Premiums: \$2.00 \$1.50 \$1.00

OPEN CLASSES

- 8 Junior Doe - 8 weeks to 5 months of age
- 9 Intermediate doe – 5 months to 8 months
- 10 Senior doe – 8 months and older
- 11 Junior buck – 8 weeks to 5 months of age
- 12 Intermediate buck – 5 months to 8 months
- 13 Senior buck – 8 months and older
- 14 Doe with litter (kits must be at least 5 weeks of age)

SECTION 3 – 4-H and VOCATIONAL RABBITS

Exhibitors must be a member of a Jefferson County 4-H Club or Brockway FFA and meet all requirements of their club/chapter.

Breeds sanctioned by the American Rabbit Breeders Association may be used.

Registered Premiums: \$4.00 \$3.00 \$2.00

CLASSES

- 3000 Junior Doe - 8 weeks to 5 months of age
- 3001 Intermediate doe – 5 months to 8 months
- 3002 Senior doe – 8 months and older
- 3003 Junior buck – 8 weeks to 5 months of age
- 3004 Intermediate buck – 5 months to 8 months
- 3005 Senior buck – 8 months and older
- 3010 Doe with litter (kits must be at least 5 weeks of age)

BEST OF BREEDS

Rosettes

Special Prizes will be awarded for BEST IN SHOW DOE and BEST IN SHOW BUCK.

Grade Premiums: \$2.00 \$1.50 \$1.00

CLASSES

- 3020 Junior Doe - 8 weeks to 5 months of age
- 3021 Intermediate doe – 5 months to 8 months
- 3022 Senior doe – 8 months and older
- 3023 Junior buck – 8 weeks to 5 months of age
- 3024 Intermediate buck – 5 months to 8 months
- 3025 Senior buck – 8 months and older
- 3030 Doe with litter (kits must be at least 5 weeks of age)

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SECTION 4 – 4-H and VOCATIONAL RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Scratching is permitted, but no late entries will be accepted.

Premiums: \$5.00 \$4.00 \$3.00 \$2.00 \$1.00

The class will be judged on member's appearance, handling of his/her rabbit, and the ability to answer questions asked by the judge. Ages are determined by January 1 of the current year. Please stand approximately 20 feet from the judges' table while each exhibitor does the showmanship individually. Exhibitors must have completed the 4-H or FFA project book and records to compete. One project rabbit may be used for the showmanship and must be owned by the exhibitor.

CLASSES

3031 Cloverleaf Showman – ages 5-7 years

3032 Junior Showman – ages 8-11 years

3033 Intermediate Showman – ages 12-15 years

3034 Senior Showmanship – ages 16-18 (4-H) and 16-21 (FFA)

SECTION 5 – 4-H and VOCATIONAL RABBIT MEAT PEN(only one class – no division by breeds)

Premiums – 1st \$10 2nd 9.00 3rd \$8.00 4th 7.00 5th \$6.00

SPECIAL RABBIT MEAT PEN REGULATIONS:

GENERAL

Identification: Rabbits will be identified on left ear with a marker during weigh-in.

Pen Rabbits – must be born on or after May 12, 2017 –.

Arrival time: All youth rabbit meat pens must be in place by 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 16, 2017

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: Drug free affidavits apply. Judges will eliminate any stock found to be diseased.

JUNIOR RABBIT MEAT PEN CLASS

1. Each exhibitor is limited to two animal units for the show and sale.
2. For meat rabbits an animal unit is 2 rabbits.
3. The meat pen must contain 2 rabbits of the same breed and variety (color)
4. Rabbits must be 70 days (10 weeks) or younger at time of sale
5. Weigh must be a minimum of 3 ½ lbs. to a maximum of 5 ½ lbs. for each rabbit – pen maximum of 11 lbs.
6. The meat pen must have been born and raised at the residence of the exhibitor.
7. Member must notify their 4-H Educator, 4-H club leader or FFA advisor of their intent to enter a meat pen before the doe is bred.
8. Member must notify their 4-H educator , 4-H club leader or FFA advisor within three days of the doe's kindling
9. The compliance statement must be brought with the rabbits to weigh-in.
10. No breeding of rabbits during fair week.
11. Entry fee is \$2.00 per rabbit

Suggested Breeds, but not limited to:

American Chinchilla, American Sable, Argente Brun, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Cinnamon, Crème D'Argent, Harlequin, New Zealand, Palomino, Rex, Satin, Silver Fox, Silver Marten

Please consult with your 4-H leader or FFA advisor or 4-H educator.