



**NEW ZEALAND
NATIONALS
Belton, Texas**

2024 National New Zealand Show
April 19 - 21, 2024

Hosted by the
Texas New Zealand Rabbit Breeders
Club

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Welcome to Texas!

On behalf of the Texas New Zealand Rabbit Breeders Club, welcome to Texas! We are excited for you to join us for the 53rd Annual New Zealand Nationals. We hope your travels are smooth and your rabbits are prime! Our goal is to make this Nationals an event to remember, and one to bring you back to Texas. Our venue is one of the finest around, and there are so many options for you to stay within minutes of the event. We have some of the best dining in Texas near us as well, from our banquet choice, Clem Mikeska's Bar-B-Q, to great seafood with lake views, and some great Tex-Mex on the river. Leave some space in the suitcase to take home some treasures from a shopping excursion to nearby Salado, or stay a day or two to enjoy Lake Belton or Magnolia's Silos in Waco.

To prepare for the show, we put together this catalog. Please take a look at our fantastic list of sponsors, and if you are one of them, a special thank you! We could not put on the show at the level we envisioned without you. You will also find a merchandise pre-order form, and a reservation form for our banquet. We love Clem's, but our space is limited, so get your banquet reservation in early. Show entries are being accepted on Easy2Show. We hope we have all of your questions answered here, but feel free to reach out to our officers if we can help you in any way.

We look forward to seeing you "Deep in the Heart" of Texas!

Loyd Morgan

TNZRBC President



Greetings from ARBA District 4.

As the American Rabbit Breeders Association D4 Director, I would like to say "HOWDY" and Welcome to all the New Zealand rabbit breeders from across the country who will be attending their Spring Nationals being held in Belton, TX April 20. Belton is my hometown and I look forward to seeing everyone here. If you need to find something while visiting, let me or one of the other committee members know. Your host, the Texas New Zealand Rabbit Breeders Club has put together a super national event and I am thrilled to be a part of it. I wish all the participants good luck and safe travels.

Don Mersiovsky

ARBA Director District 4



WELCOME to the big ole state of TEXAS! I hope you have a great time visiting and showing your rabbits at the New Zealand Rabbit Breeders National show in Belton this April. Just for your consideration my family lives in the Panhandle of Texas between Lubbock and Clovis, New Mexico, and it usually takes us about 7 plus hours to drive down to Belton. In fact, it usually takes us between 5-8 hours to get to most venues to show our rabbits!

We are excited for you to be here and use our host facility and equipment, it is a great venue. While you are here, don't miss out on some excellent food venues around the area including BBQ, traditional Mexican food, and maybe even a great fish place! If you're lucky, the weather will be nice with spring temperatures, but in Texas you never know what the weather will do so pack accordingly.

Good luck to everyone coming, and I hope you all have safe travels to and from our great state of TEXAS!

Teresa De Sautell

Texas Rabbit Breeders Association President



Schedule of Events

***Schedule is tentative and subject to change**

Sunday, April 14

11:00 p.m. Entries due in Easy2Show.com

Friday, April 19

12 noon Showroom open, check-in begins

5:00 p.m. Hospitality open (Taco Bar)

6:00 p.m. Ear number changes due in Easy2Show.com

10:00 p.m. Showroom closes

Saturday, April 20

6:00 a.m. Showroom open

8:00 a.m. Judging begins

5:00 p.m. Showroom closes

6:00 p.m. Banquet and Awards Program

Sunday, April 21

6:00 a.m. Showroom open

6:30 a.m. Animals released from showroom

Rules and Information

1. The show will be held in conjunction with the National Rex Show and National Holland Lop Show.
2. Current ARBA and American Federation of New Zealand Rabbit Breeders show rules will govern this event. Entering the show indicates your acceptance of these rules.
3. All animals must be pre-entered via the [Easy2Show Program](http://Easy2Show.com).
4. The deadline for the national show entries is **Sunday, April 14 at 11:00 p.m.** The deadline for ear number changes is **Friday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m.**
5. Show entry fees are \$10 per rabbit for both Youth and Open. Fur class entries are \$5 per rabbit. Meat pens and single fryers are \$10 per entry.
6. The show room will open at approximately 12 noon on Friday, April 19. Upon arrival to the show room, please check in with the secretary to obtain your check-in forms with coop assignments, banquet tickets, and other information.

7. The showroom will open at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.
8. Animals will be released on Sunday morning.
9. All exhibitors are responsible for the care of their rabbits while they are on exhibit at this show. Feed, feeders, and waterers must be furnished by the exhibitor. Shavings will be provided.
10. Any animal displaying signs of disease will be removed from the show and disqualified from competition.
11. Only rabbits entered in the show will be allowed in the building.
12. All animals must have a legible permanent tattoo in the left ear. Animals must also have a coop number written in the right ear prior to placement on the show table.
13. Exhibitors are responsible for getting their entries to the show table.
14. Due to Cadence Bank Center rules, no coolers, coffee pots, or outside food will be allowed inside the venue.
15. The Texas New Zealand Rabbit Breeders Club reserves the right to make any needed changes to the show plans. This includes additions or deletions of judges.
16. Exhibitors must be in good standing with the AFNZRB in order to receive any special awards offered by the AFNZRB.
17. Only rabbits and certified service animals will be allowed in the show room. No pets allowed.
18. Only booths that have been approved by the show committee will be allowed to set-up. Further, the only sales of items and merchandise associated with these booths will be allowed.
19. All entries are made at the owner's risk. The Texas New Zealand Rabbit Breeders Club, show personnel, judges, carriers, and the Cadence Bank Center are not responsible for any loss or injuries. This includes human or animal.
20. The Bell County Fire Marshall will enforce fire safety laws. Please store equipment as directed upon arrival and keep aisles clear.
21. The show committee has the authority to remove any animal or individual(s) for due cause.
22. Awards must be picked up by the close of the show on Saturday. No awards will be mailed.

2024 New Zealand Nationals Judges

Mike Avesing
John Grimm
Scott Rodriguez
David Cardinal
Randy Shumaker

Event Location and Directions



Cadence Bank Center (Formerly the Bell County Expo Center)

<https://www.bellcountyexpo.com/>
300 W Loop 121, Belton, Texas 76513

The show will be held in the Exposition Building. The 55,000 square foot building features a concrete floor, large fans, strong ventilation system, permanent sound system, state of the art lighting, and is air-conditioned. Ample restrooms are available, and concessions will be sold by the Expo Center. Parking is free.



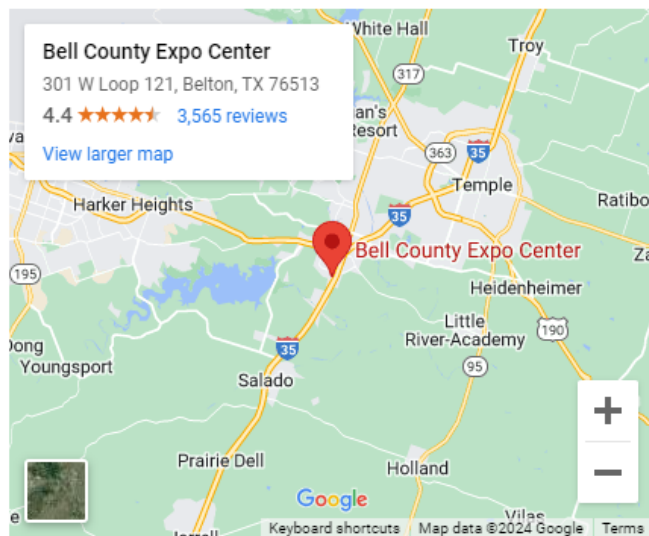
Directions

From Dallas:

Take exit 292 from I-35 South and turn right on West Loop 121. Look to the left for the Cadence Bank Center dome.

From Austin:

Take exit 292 from I-35 North and turn left on West Loop 121. Cross over I-35. Look to the left for the Cadence Bank Center dome.



Lodging

EXPO Inn and Suites

235 W Loop 121, Belton, TX
254-613-5289

Standard 1 King / 2 Queens: \$134/night

Suite 2 Queens: \$154/night

Call for reservations; mention Texas New Zealand Rabbit Club

Fairfield Inn and Suites

1402 SW H K Dodgen Loop, Temple, TX
254-771-3030

Standard Rate: \$109/night Reservation link:

[TNZRC Fairfield Inn](#)

Hampton Inn

3816 S. General Bruce Drive
Temple, tX
254-770-5400

Ask for the Expo Rate

Belton RV Park

Located adjacent to the Bell County Expo Center
Reservations are accepted
(254) 939-1961

Numerous additional hotels are available within minutes of the venue.

2024 New Zealand Nationals Event Sponsors

*as of March 2, 2024

Gold Sponsors (\$500 or more)

Texas New Zealand Rabbits Breeders Club
Loyd and Karen Morgan/M&M Rabbitry
Don and Amy Mersiovsky
Darling Farms

Silver Sponsors (\$250 to \$499)

William and Cheryl Palumbo
Jackson Allen
Steven and Lisa Parker
ACE Rabbitry/The Cade Family
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Heinold Feeds/Belstra Milling Company

Bronze Sponsors (\$100 to \$249)

Manglberger Bunny Farm	Matt and Rob Detert-Turner
Pete and Lori Basgil	Mo State New Zealand Rabbit Club
Dave Mangione	ABL Rabbits
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Rusty Westhoff and Gary Lewis	Illinois NZRBSC
Ben Hartman/Randy Embry	Indiana New Zealand Rabbit Breeders
George and Martha Hills	Ohio New Zealand RBA
Jeremy and Ann Kintlzer Family	Temple/Belton Feed & Supply
Chad Boisjolie	

Blue Ribbon Sponsors (\$20 to \$99)

Lisa Jennings and Lora Moore	Kelsie and Kynsie Klaus
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Amanda Wapner	Kerry Backes
Al Esterline	Mike Davis
Kolton Bartell	Susan and Harris Joubert
Paul Grunditsch	Brittany and Justin Matthews of Rabbit Ridge
Gillespie and Johnson	J & J Rabbitry
Mike and Anita Sprouse	

Sanctions and Club Information

OFFICIAL ARBA SANCTIONED SHOW

Eric Stewart, Executive Director

P.O. Box 400

Knox, PA 16232

www.arba.net

Membership Dues:

Youth, \$12.00 per year, \$30.00 for 3 years

Adult, \$20:00 per year, \$50 for 3 years

Husband/Wife: \$30.00 per year, \$75.00 for 3 years

The national convention for 2024 will be held at

Louisville, KY, 10/26-30/2024

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF NEW ZEALAND RABBIT BREEDERS

OFFICIAL SANCTION

David Cardinal, Secretary

E4076 Hwy 22-54

Waupaca, WI 54981

Membership: Adult - \$22, (Renewal) \$15; Youth - \$17, (Renewal) \$10;

Husband/Wife - \$27, (Renewal) \$20; Family - \$32, (Renewal) \$25;

Canada - \$50, (Renewal) \$30; Foreign - \$65, (Renewal) \$55

www.newzealandrabbitclub.org

TEXAS RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL SANCTION

P.O. Box 904

LaCoste, TX 78039

texasrba@yahoo.com



New Zealand Nationals Banquet

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Clem Mikeska's Bar-B-Q

1217 South 57th Street, Temple, TX
Right off IH35, 10 minutes from the show venue

Authentic, world-famous Texas barbecue served buffet style in Clem's Grand Champion room. The menu includes beef and chicken, potato salad, pinto beans, coleslaw, bread, pickles, onions and jalapenos, iced tea and dessert. Beer and wine are available for purchase at the restaurant. *Limited seating – make your reservations early.

Ticket prices: \$28.00 adult
 \$23.00 children 10 and under

Please complete the form below and send it with your check made out to TNZRBC to TNZRBC c/o Karen Morgan, 7869 FM 3117, Temple, TX 76501, or email the form to TXNZRC@outlook.com and send payment through PayPal @TNZRBC.

Reservations due April 1.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Number of Tickets: Adult _____ x \$28.00

Number of Tickets: Children 10 and under _____ x \$23.00

Amount Enclosed: _____



2024 New Zealand Nationals T-Shirt and Cap Pre-Order Form

Order your 2024 New Zealand Nationals T-Shirt and limited edition 2024 New Zealand Nationals Cap! We are taking pre-orders for pick up

at the National Show in Texas. A limited number of caps will be available, so order yours now. Caps will be gray/black with an embossed leather National logo. T-shirts are red with a front National logo. 50/50 Cotton/Poly.

Please complete the form below and send it with your check made out to TNZRBC to TNZRBC c/o Karen Morgan, 7869 FM 3117, Temple, TX 76501, or email the form to TXNZRC@outlook.com and send payment through PayPal @TNZRBC.

Be one of the first 30 to order a cap to assure you get one. And order your t-shirt by March 1 to guarantee your shirt is waiting for you in Texas! A limited number/sizes of shirts will be available at the show.



Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Item:	Price:	Quantity:
Limited Edition Cap	\$30 each	_____
Adult Small T-Shirt	\$23 each	_____
Adult Medium T-Shirt	\$23 each	_____
Adult Large T-Shirt	\$23 each	_____
Adult X Large T-Shirt	\$23 each	_____
Adult XX Large T-Shirt	\$26 each	_____
Adult XXX Large T-Shirt	\$26 each	_____

Amount Enclosed: _____