

Rabbits

ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 31, 2018
Market Rabbits ENTRY FEE: \$11.00
Breeding Show Entry Fee: \$6.00

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Ronnie Hohlt
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2018 RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This is not a A.R.B.A or T.R.B.A sanctioned show, however will be governed by the American Rabbit Breeders Association guidelines as outlined by the A.R.B.A Standard of Perfection. All entries are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Austin County Fair. Market Rabbits are also to governed to the Youth Auction Sale rules. Breeding Rabbits are judged for use as breeders.
2. Any entry showing symptoms of disease such as malocclusion, sore bleeding hocks, signs of a cold or sniffles, ear canker, mite or mange, vent disease, sore and runny eyes, mix breeds or other disqualifying features, may be excluded from exhibition at the discretion of the Market Rabbit Superintendent. No stock, except in the above instances, will be removed from the exhibition until the close of the Rabbit Show.
3. All Rabbits must be the property of the person entering them. The exhibitor must own the buck and does of the Rabbits being shown 120 days prior to the show. Exhibitors must breed their own does & kindle their own kits. Each exhibitor should have at least 2-3 does and a buck.
4. Breeding stock is limited to the following meat pen breeds:
 - A. Californian
 - B. New Zealand
 - C. Satin
 - D. Palomino
 - E. Champagne D'Argent
5. All entries must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. Breeding should be done 100 days prior to the show. No crossbreeds should be bred or shown. Buying kits is NOT allowed.
6. All exhibitors of Market Rabbits will be required to fill out a Market Validation Form (not entry card). This form will include a statement as to the physical location of the breeding stock (number of bucks and does with their tattoo, if applicable) with a release stating that this is for committee use of random checks. Random checks will begin the first of June.

This rule is an enforcement of rule #6 of the General Livestock Rules. The validation form may be acquired at 4-H Rabbit Project Meetings, the Fair Office or the County Extension Office. **The validation form must be completed and turned in at Fair Office by June 11, 2018.**

7. All meat pens shown must have the special tattoo in the right ear which will be placed there by an Austin County Rabbit Validation Committee member during the first two weeks of September. Family tattooing will be allowed for the 2018 fair.

8. Entries shall consist of meat pens only – three (3) rabbits, either sex, not over 70 days old and not exceeding 5 ½ pounds each in weight. Rabbits exceeding 5 ½ pounds will be re-weighed once.
9. Exhibitors may have only one (1) entry (pen of 3) in this division with one (1) back-up Rabbit or one (1) back-up pen of Rabbits but are eligible to exhibit one other entry in another livestock division.
10. In breeding rabbit show there will be a maximum limit of three does and/or bucks to be entered and shown by each exhibitor.
11. All rabbits must be identified by a legible earmark in the left ear. A permanent marker may be used if the rabbit does not have a tattoo. This is separate from the committee tattoo.
12. In the breeding rabbit show, no does with litters will be allowed to be shown. Absolutely no breeding may be done during show and each Exhibitor will be responsible for getting their rabbits to the table.
13. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion breeding bucks and does will stay on the fair grounds. We will fill the remaining cage spaces with the appropriate number of placings in the breeding rabbit show. We will try to make sure every exhibitor has at least one rabbit that stays at the fair. **Exhibitors must have an animal stay at the fair to receive their wristband and parking pass.**
14. Entries in the Rabbit Show will move in on **Tuesday, October 9, 2018**, no earlier than 5:00 p.m. Exhibitors **MUST** enter the fairgrounds from FM 529 (Gate 2A), unload Rabbits under the Entertainment Center, and then exit vehicle out to the parking lot (See Map in Junior Livestock Show Rule Book). If necessary, you will be allowed to bring a vehicle back in after the Rabbit show to pick up Rabbits not staying and/or carrying cages. All guests must park in the main parking lot.
15. Sifting and judging will be conducted under the Austin County Fair Entertainment Center. Meat pens will be sifted from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and be judged immediately following or as soon as all entries weighed, checked in and put on the Show Table.
16. Youth Auction Sale General Rule #12 still applies if not physically or academically unable to show. Forms should be turned in before judging starts.
17. The showmanship contest will follow the meat pen show. Order of showing will be Seniors, followed by Intermediates, and Juniors. Exhibitor age is determined by September 1, 2018. If checking in or showing another animal, chairman should be notified so you can show out of order. Exhibitor still must show by the end of the showmanship judging to be eligible for prizes.

All Rabbit exhibitors **MUST** participate in showmanship. The contest may include a hands-on portion, oral questions and/or written test This is up to the discretion of the judge. Division breakdown will be done at the show and be based on the exhibitor's age as of the day of the show. There will be three (3) divisions. A First Timers award may be given based on entries of new exhibitors.

18. The exhibitor is responsible for feeding their Rabbits and needs to supply their own feed and water bowls or bottle (can be secured with a cable tie) for all Rabbits staying on the grounds overnight. All three (3) meat pen Rabbits will be caged together in one pen.

If desired, a small lock or cable tie may be used to secure the cage doors from being opened. There will be no containers of feed, etc. allowed on top, in or under the cages.

19. Exhibitors will move out between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., **Sunday, October 14, 2018**. If any Rabbits are not picked up by 11:00 a.m. on **Sunday, October 14, 2018**, they will become the property of the Rabbit Committee.
20. Self-addressed & stamped thank you cards for all buckles, trophies, prizes and cash awards won on Tuesday at the Rabbit Show **MUST** be turned into the Committee Chairman before moving out on **Sunday, October 14, 2018** by 11:00 a.m.
21. Good Housekeeping awards will be given on **Saturday, October 13, 2018**, in the livestock barn following the livestock judging contest awards.
22. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to have their Market Rabbits processed (if applicable) and delivered, dressed or alive to their buyer within two (2) weeks after the close of the Austin County Fair.
23. Drug Testing will be performed on Grand and Reserve Champion and one (1) random chosen before the show starts. There will be no interfering with testing area and testing official.
24. All exhibitors must have a **STAMPED, ADDRESSED AND SEALED** thank you notes to their buyers and add on donors in the Fair Office to be mailed by the office before **November 15th** or their check will not be issued. No checks will be distributed at the Fair Office.