

**MARKET (MEAT PEN) RABBITS**  
**ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 28, 2020**  
**MARKET RABBITS ENTRY FEE: \$25.00**

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Ronnie Hohlt  
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**2020 RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. This is not a A.R.B.A or T.R.B.A sanctioned show, however it 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 Rabbit Show 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 before June 8, 2020. Exhibitors must breed their own does to their own bucks & 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	D. Palomino
B. New Zealand	E. Champagne D'Argent
C. Satin	F. Rex
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 permanent tattoo) with a release stating that this is for committee use of random checks. Random checks will begin the first of June. All potential breeding entries (bucks and does) must be declared on the validation sheet with the permanent tattoo in the breeding stocks left ear.

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 8, 2020 at 5pm.**

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 2020 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. Entries in the Rabbit Show will move in on **Tuesday, October 6, 2020**, 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.
11. 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.
12. Youth Auction Sale General Rule #12 still applies if not physically or academically unable to show. Forms should be turned in before judging starts.
13. 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, 2020. 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. There will be three (3) divisions. A First Timers award may be given based on entries of new exhibitors.

14. The exhibitor is responsible for feeding their Rabbits before 9am every morning 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.

15. Exhibitors will move out between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., **Sunday, October 11, 2020**. No rabbits are to leave the fairgrounds before this stated date and time without prior consent from the Rabbit Chairmen or Director in Charge!
16. 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 11, 2020** by 11:00 a.m.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. When Youth Auction Sale checks are ready, exhibitors will be contacted. In order to receive their check, exhibitors must bring **STAMPED and ADDRESSED HANDWRITTEN** thank you notes to their buyers and add on donors to the Fair Office. Once the Fair Office has checked their thank you notes, exhibitors will seal them and then receive their check.
20. Quality Counts: In keeping with the Austin County Fair drug residue avoidance policy, ALL exhibitors are now required to pass the "NEW" Quality Counts Verification test for entry into the 2020 Show. Junior market and breeding show entries will not be accepted without verification code for each exhibitor. Verification codes are not required for Agricultural Mechanics exhibitors and Judging Contest contestants. The Quality Counts training and test can be found at: <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>
21. **It is absolutely unethical for anyone to ask the buyer of an exhibit to donate or sell back a sale lot to the exhibitor. The Fair Board will not tolerate exhibitors asking for animals to be donated or sold back. The violation of this rule could result in the forfeiture of any monies and/or prizes earned and be subject to other penalties assessed by the Austin County Fair.**
22. **No request to change the destination of the purchased animal(s) may be made by the exhibitor or parent, the buyers written request is final. Once the buyer submits the written form to the sales clerk, the buyer is the only individual allowed to make changes to delivery or destination.**

**SINGLE FRYER RABBIT**  
**ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 28, 2020**  
**ENTRY FEE: \$15.00**

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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 Rabbit Show 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 before June 8, 2020. Exhibitors must breed their own does to their own bucks & kindle their own kits. Each exhibitor should have at least 2-3 does and a buck.
4. Breeding stock is limited to the following commercial breeds:

D. Californian	D. Palomino
E. New Zealand	E. Champagne D'Argent
F. Satin	F. Rex
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 Single Fryer 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 permanent tattoo) with a release stating that this is for committee use of random checks. Random checks will begin the first of June. All potential breeding entries (bucks and does) must be declared on the validation sheet with the permanent tattoo in the breeding stocks left ear.

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 8, 2020 at 5pm.**

7. All single fryer rabbits 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 2020 fair.
8. Entries shall consist of one (1) single meat fryer only – not over 70 days old, either sex, be a minimum of 3 ½ pounds and not exceeding 5 ½ pounds in weight. Rabbits exceeding 5 ½ pounds will be re-weighed once and then dis-qualified. Fryers are to possess the same qualities as meat pen rabbits but are judged as a single rabbit on its own merit.
9. **Exhibitors may have only one (1) entry in this division and it may not be taken from the meat pen that was shown. This is a prize only division and will not be a market animal in the Youth Auction Sale.**
10. Entries in the Rabbit Show will move in on **Tuesday, October 6, 2020**, 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.
11. Sifting and judging will be conducted under the Austin County Fair Entertainment Center. Single Fryer rabbits will be sifted from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and be judged immediately following the meat pen show.
12. Youth Auction Sale General Rule #12 still applies if not physically or academically unable to show. Forms should be turned in before judging starts.
13. The Grand and Reserve Single Fryer will stay at the fair on exhibition. The remaining single fryers may be released after the show to go home as cage space permits.
14. The exhibitor is responsible for feeding their rabbits before 9am every morning 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.
15. Exhibitors **MUST** move out between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., **Sunday, October 11, 2020**. No rabbits are to leave the fairgrounds before this stated date and time without prior consent from the Rabbit Chairmen or Director in Charge!
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**BREEDING RABBIT SHOW**  
**ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 28, 2020**  
**ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 PER RABBIT**

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3. All Rabbits must be the property of the person entering them. The exhibitor must own the breeding stock to be shown at the fair by June 8, 2020.
4. Breeding stock is limited to the following commercial breeds:
  - A. Californian
  - B. New Zealand
  - C. Satin
  - D. Palomino
  - E. Champagne D'Argent
  - F. Rex
5. Validation forms will be required for breeding stock entries. All potential breeding rabbit entries (bucks and does) must be declared on the validation sheet with the permanent tattoo in the breeding stock's left ear. **The validation form must be completed and turned in at Fair Office by June 8, 2020 at 5pm.**
6. **There will be a maximum limit of one (1) doe and (1) buck to be entered per exhibitor.**
7. Entries in the breeding show will move in on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, no earlier than 5:00 pm but by 6:00 pm. Exhibitors MUST enter the fairgrounds from FM 529 (Gate 2A), unload rabbits under the Austin County Fair Entertainment Pavilion and then exit vehicle to the parking lot. (See Map in Junior Livestock Show Rule Book). All guests must park in the main parking lot. 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.
8. There will be separate classes for bucks and does only. If there are too many rabbits in a class for the show table, the table will be filled, and the judge will go through clearing

non-placing rabbits and then fill the table again. Placing will be done of the top 10 bucks and top 10 does only. Sifting will be done on the show table by the judge.

9. All rabbits **MUST** be identified in the left ear by a permanent legible tattoo.
10. No does with litters will be allowed in the show. Absolutely no breeding of any rabbits will be allowed.
11. Each exhibitor will be responsible for getting his/her rabbits to and from the judging table.
12. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Buck and Does and the following top placings in the breeding division will be asked to stay on the grounds. Other breeding stock not placing high enough to stay on the grounds will be allowed to leave the fairgrounds immediately following the conclusion of the Rabbit Show once the cages are full. Everything possible will be done for each exhibitor to have a rabbit stay on the grounds for the entire fair.
13. Youth Auction Sale General Rule #12 still applies if not physically or academically unable to show. Form should be turned in before the meat pen judging begins.
14. The showmanship contest will follow the meat pen show. Order of showing will be Seniors, followed by Intermediates, and Juniors. There will be three (3) divisions. Exhibitor age is determined by September 1, 2020. 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.

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