

2024

Small Animal

LIVESTOCK RULES



**SMALL ANIMAL LIVESTOCK RULES
JUNIOR RABBITS AND CAVIES(4-H)
THIS SHOW IS RUN BY 4-H/FFA RULES FOLLOWING ARBA STANDARDS**

1. All 4-H/FFA exhibits are to be pre-entered before the fair by the specified date.
2. Cost will be \$5.00 per rabbit or cavy for each class entered. No limit of entries.
3. Meat pens will be \$8.00 per trio of rabbits. Fryers and roasters will be \$5.00 per rabbit. Meat pen of 3 (three) is considered as 1 (one) animal. Meat pens, fryers and roasters are market animals and must follow the number limit as described in the General Livestock Rules.
4. The Grand Champion Meat Pen will be entered into the Sale as per Bi-County Jr. Livestock rules.
5. 4-H/FFA rabbit projects must be in exhibitor's possession ninety (90) days prior to show. Meat pens of three and fryers are the exception because of the age limit and must be in possession at least 30 days.
6. Boosters will show in a separate category for the show and for showmanship. Booster ages for Rabbits and Cavies are 3 years to 8 years of age.
7. Jr. Boosters are youth 7 years of age and in the 2nd grade, enrolled in My Animals Friends, must have their own animals, must follow all requirements as all other rabbit exhibitors, will be allowed to enter a meat pen and are eligible for the sale.
8. Rabbits and cavies will be received from 3:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. on Thursday.
9. Only rabbits and cavies entered in the fair may be exhibited in the Barn.
10. Before being caged, all rabbits and cavies will be examined for sickness and disease. Any animals showing sickness or disease, as per the Small Animal Superintendent or assigned Bi-County representative, will be removed immediately for the safety of all other animals.
11. Rabbits must be permanently and legibly marked in the left ear (This can be done at check in or validation). This is for identification purposes and coincides with the rules of the American Rabbit Breeders Association. Permanent tattoos are mandatory. Animals will be exhibited as singles with the exception of the meat pens.
12. Bi-County Fair provides J feeders for all rabbits and cavies. Exhibitors must provide their own feed. Exhibitors must provide their own water bottles or bowls. There is a hose for water outside the Small Animal Barn.
13. All exhibitors will be responsible for providing feed and water for their exhibits during the entirety of the fair, and the cleaning of the pens/cages. Any animals observed without food or water will result in a warning from Superintendent.
14. No exhibit is to be removed from its cage or the building without the Superintendent's permission except during the show.
15. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to get their rabbits or cavies to the show table. If an exhibitor has more than one entry in a class the exhibitor's parents, siblings or other family members may assist in getting all rabbits to the judging table.
16. The Superintendent or Bi-County Fair Board member has the authority to disqualify any exhibitor of violations of any show rules, or if any sick or uncared-for animals are observed. Failure to abide by department rules or to show respect to department officials or other exhibitors shall result in immediate disqualification.

17. The Bi-County Fair will not be responsible for loss by fire, theft, accident or otherwise. The Bi-County Fair is not responsible for accidents, mistakes, loss, or damage that should happen to occur. All entries are entered at sole risk of owner.
18. Rabbit and cavy exhibits may be released after the conclusion of the day of the Sale on Sunday, unless the meat pen from the sale is designated otherwise.
19. All Rabbit and cavy exhibitors must remove unused feed and water, clean cages of visible droppings, and remove shavings and droppings from under cages before animals will be released by the Fair.

RABBITS AND CAVIES

Conformation Judging

A Rabbit can only be entered once in one of the following classes (except county bred as defined below): MEAT SINGLE FRYER – A single rabbit 90 days of age or less weighing a minimum of 3-1/2 lbs. to a maximum of 5-1/2 lbs. MEAT ROASTER - A rabbit under 6 months of age and between 5 ½ -9 lbs. MEAT STEWER – A rabbit over 6 months of age and over 9 lbs. MEAT PEN of 3 rabbits younger than 90 days and weighing 3.5-5.5 lbs.

Class 1 Purebred Sr. Buck (Older than 6 months)

Class 2 Purebred Sr. Doe (Older than 6 months)

Class 3 Purebred Jr. Buck (Younger than 6 months)

Class 4 Purebred Jr. Doe (Younger than 6 months)

Class 5 Crossbred Sr Buck (Older than 6 months)

Class 6 Crossbred Sr Doe (Older than 6 months)

Class 7 Crossbred Jr. Buck (Younger than 6 months)

Class 8 Crossbred Jr. Doe (Younger than 6 months)

Class 9 Meat Single Fryer (Younger than 90 days and under 5.5 lbs)

Class 10 Meat Roaster (Older than 90 days but less than 6 months between 5.5-9 lbs.)

Class 11 Meat Stewer (Older than 6 months and over 9 lbs.)

Class 12 Meat Pen (3 rabbits younger than 90 days and under 5.5 lbs each)

Class 13 Cavy Boar

Class 14 Cavy Sow

Class 15 Booster Rabbit

Class 16 Booster Cavy

Class 17 Booster Showmanship

Class 18 Novice Showmanship

Class 19 Junior Showmanship

Class 20 Senior Showmanship

Class 21 County Bred Purebred Rabbit

Class 21 County Bred Crossbred Rabbit

Class 22 County Bred Fryer

Class 23 County Bred Roaster

Class 24 County Bred Stewer

Class 25 County Bred Meat Pen

1. Show will take place in the show arena at the time determined by the Fair Board. Only rabbit and cavy exhibitors and parents in the arena for safety reasons during the show and judging. Rabbits and cavies may be staged in the show arena up to 30 minutes prior to the beginning of judging competition.
2. Rabbits can be moved within classes above at the discretion of the superintendent or at the request of the judge. The American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) is a national rabbit club in the United States, organized to promote, improve, and teach people about domestic rabbits. Currently, there are 53 different rabbit breeds recognized by ARBA. These are purebred rabbits. A crossbred rabbit is when you take two different breeds (or more) and breed them together. A crossbreed is an animal that's a mixture of two (or more) different breeds or types.
3. Meat Pens must adhere to the following:
 - A. Meat pens of 3 must be the same breed.
 - B. Exhibits should show the 4-H/FFA member's ability to produce high quality uniform meat for the table.
 - C. Rabbit Meat Pens: MEAT PEN of 3 rabbits younger than 90 days and weighing 3.5-5.5 lbs. each.
 - D. Meat pens will be weighed at time of judging.
4. A county bred rabbit is any rabbit that has been birthed, weaned and then has been raised in Cibola/McKinley counties. The rabbit may have been purchased from a breeder that certifies that it has been bred and raised in Cibola/McKinley counties and sold and delivered to the 4-H/FFA member by the specified date. The County Bred Certification form must accompany any entry into County Bred classes, as well as a bill of sale if County Bred animals were purchased from a Cibola/McKinley county breeder. The county bred rabbit may also have been bred, born and raised by a 4-H/FFA current member in good standing with a completed County Bred Certification Form for each entry. The rabbit may be entered in a regular breed, crossbreed or meat class in addition to the county bred classes, but may not be part of the Meat Pen and then entered separately, as that is defined as one market animal and may not be separated. Please note that if the meat pen comes from a single litter, one County Bred Form may be used as long as each tattoo and sex is noted correctly as described on the form. No exceptions.
5. Each Breed Winner Buck and Doe from purebred and crossbred classes will compete for Best in Show and Reserve in Show (Note: 2 Rabbits from breed classes are eligible to win the two top honors, BIS and RIS) (BIS - Best in Show: The rabbit that is declared by a judge to be the best show quality of all the rabbits in the show. All the Best of Breed winners of each breed are eligible to compete for Best in Show. Can be a buck or doe of any breed and color. RIS - Reserve in Show: The rabbit that is declared by a judge to be the second best show quality of all the rabbits in the show. Can be a buck or doe of any breed and color).
6. County Bred purebred and crossbred winners will compete for County Bred Best in Show and Reserve in Show. The County Bred meat class winners will then compete for County Bred Meat Best in Show and County Bred Meat Reserve in Show. The meat pen is considered one animal as defined above and will be judged accordingly.

SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION

1. Showmanship will happen immediately after the show/judging, except Booster Showmanship which will happen immediately after Booster Rabbit judging.
2. All rabbits and their novice, junior or senior exhibitors are eligible for showmanship competition.
3. Rabbits used for showmanship must be owned by showman.
4. 4-H ARBA Showmanship score sheet will be used. (See at end of section)
5. Rabbits must be returned to their cages in the exhibit building immediately upon completion of the rabbit showmanship competition.

SMALL ANIMAL SHOW ORDER

Rabbits and cavy will show in Show Ring

Poultry will show in Small Animal Barn

Small Animal show/judging will begin at Fair Board's discretion. See official schedule for day and time.

1. Booster Rabbit Show and Booster Showmanship
2. 4-H/FFA Rabbit Show
3. County Bred Rabbit Show
4. Best in Show Rabbit judging
5. 4-H/FFA Showmanship
6. Booster Poultry Show and Booster Showmanship
7. 4-H/FFA Poultry Show
8. County Bred Poultry Show
9. Best in Show Poultry judging
10. 4-H/FFA Poultry Showmanship

AWARDS

Awards will be presented to Best in Show and Reserve in Show, Booster-Best in Show and Booster-Reserve in Show and the Grand Champion Meat Pen.

Rosettes will be given for Breed Champions.

Ribbons will also be given within classes.

Rosette will be given to the Best County Bred Rabbit and Best County Bred Meat Rabbit, as well as Reserve County Bred Rabbit and Reserve County Bred Meat Rabbit.

Awards will be given to top Novice, Junior and Senior Showmanship (4-H Ages used).

Junior and Senior Showmanship may be combined at the Superintendent's or judge's request.

Grand Champion Showman will be given to the best overall showman of all ages.



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Rabbit and Cavy Showmanship

About Showmanship

Showmanship is an important skill that can be used to teach youth about their animals and the judging process. The ARBA method for judging rabbits and cavies is "judge based" not "handler based", as it is for most other animal species. The ARBA judge poses and handles the exhibition animals. The judge is charged with giving the animal an opportunity to be its best. The ARBA Showmanship Standard and contests are designed to teach and demonstrate the participant's ability to properly handle, pose and exhibit their animal. In today's climate, all animal organizations must be mindful of public perception and proper handling and care are an important consideration. It also benefits the youth and other breeders since youth who run through showmanship with their animals before a show, should find most DQ's before they reach the show table.

When to Hold Showmanship Contests

The ARBA holds showmanship contests at the National Convention and has done so since 2011. We encourage state and local clubs to adopt the standard and hold local contests frequently so that youth are given a year-round opportunity to learn these skills and prepare for the national contests. Many clubs have found that holding showmanship contests with their regular shows draws more youth to the show and causes them to be more involved. It also helps build the skills and knowledge that we need in our next generation of judges.

Judging Showmanship

The score sheets were developed to evaluate the manual skills in transporting, handling, and properly posing the animal; and to evaluate the use of proper terminology and knowledge necessary for judging the animal. Showmanship judges should be mindful that they are judging the contestant and not the animal. Showmanship contests should always be a learning experience, so judges should provide written comments to the contestants, that clearly show what they need to practice or learn to improve.

Study Materials

ARBA has many publications that can help the contestant gain the knowledge they need to be both successful breeders and contestants. Breed clubs and 4-H also have publications which can be quite useful. Some of the ARBA publications are:

Standard of Perfection 2021-2025: Must have - This is the standard by which all rabbits and cavies are judged and includes show rules and proper terminology.

Raising Better Rabbits and Cavies: A compendium of articles with in-depth discussions of many important topics.

Registrar's Study Guide to Rabbits; Registrar's Study Guide to Cavies: Companion guides to the *Standard of Perfection* with the information organized uniformly, comparisons of characteristics between breeds and hundreds of sample questions. They include detailed information on writing registration varieties and how to become a registrar or judge.

Breed ID Study Guide: A 5-page excerpt from the *Standard of Perfection* that discusses Breed identification and writing a registration variety on a pedigree.



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Rabbit Showmanship

General Note to Judge: Judge the contestant's actions and knowledge. Do not judge the condition or behavior of the rabbit.

Step	Actions	pts	Terms	pts	pts
Carry	Proper support Maintain control	5			5
Pose	Correct pose for breed Introduction: Greeting, Name, Step-back	3	Breed, Compact, Cylindrical, Full Arch Mandolin, Semi-Arch, Commercial	2	5
Ears	Check both ears Read tattoo	3	Mites, Canker, Carriage, Thickness, Color, Torn or Missing Portions, Fur Covering	2	5
Turn-Over	Smooth motion, proper control Rest weight on table	5			5
Eyes	Properly Open Eyes Not forcing open	3	Proper Color, Blindness, Wall Eye, Moon Eye, Weepy Eye or signs of conjunctivitis	2	5
Nose	Proper hand position Show both nostrils Check inside legs for nasal discharge	3	Snuffles, Nasal Discharge Foreign Spots, or Colors	2	5
Teeth	Proper hand position Show upper & lower incisors	3	Malocclusion, Buck Teeth, Wolf Teeth Peg Teeth, Broken Teeth	2	5
Front Feet/Legs	Check straightness of legs Check toenails, pad, & dewclaw Proper thumb position	3	Broken, Extra, Missing Toes Mismatched, White, Missing Toenails Bone Density, Dew Claw, Pads	2	5
Belly	Check under jaw & chest Check abdomen & sides Smooth & complete coverage	3	Abscess, Tumor, Abnormalities Pigeon Breast, Blemishes, Mastitis	2	5
Rear Feet/Legs	Check straightness of legs Check toenails & hocks Proper thumb position	3	Broken & Missing Toes Mismatched, White, Missing Toenails Bone Density, Straightness, Sore Hocks	2	5
Sex	Proper position of rabbit & hand Expose vent/penis & testicles	3	Buck/Doe, Vent Disease, Hutch Burn Split Penis, Descended Testicles in Int/Sr	2	5
Tail	Extend tail; Move side to side Examine underside	3	Wry, Dead, Bobbed, Broken Color, Straightness	2	5
Fur	Return to pose; Smooth motion Proper control; Stroke coat from tail to head to show fur type	3	Density, Texture, Sheen, Luster Rollback, Flyback, Rex, Standing, Wool	2	5
Judging Comments	Final pose: Head, Ears, Shoulder, Chest, Midsection, Loin, Hindquarters, Rump, Breed specific (markings/color)	10	Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, Balance Condition, Finish Did not use word, "Nice"!	5	15
Overall Presentation	Show Coat/Apron/Long Sleeves Smile, Hair Neat No Rings, No dangling jewelry	5	Humane treatment/Controls animal at all times Good eye contact, Follows directions, Thanks Judge	5	10
Knowledge			Answers to questions	10	10
Judge			TOTAL SCORE		100

Comments:

JUNIOR POULTRY 4-H/FFA

THIS SHOW IS RUN BY 4-H/FFA RULES

1. Entries will be accepted from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. on Thursday.
2. Cost will be \$3.00 (\$8.00 for meat pens) for each specimen entered. Meat pen of 3 (three) is considered as 1 (one) animal.
3. Two (2) entries per class will be allowed.
4. The 4-H exhibits are to be pre-entered before the fair.
5. Before being caged all birds will be examined for sickness and disease. Any animal showing symptoms of disease, parasites, broken wings or beaks will not be admitted. Birds shown need to be fully feathered, no bald spots.
6. Poultry projects are to be banded on the left leg. This is for identification purposes and coincides with the rules of the American Poultry Association.
7. American Poultry Association and American Bantam Association recognized breeds will be accepted. No cross breeds will be accepted except for the Broiler Pen. Fighting breeds are not allowed.
8. No exhibit is to be removed from its cage or the building without permission from the superintendent. Birds cannot be removed from the assigned cage after they are cooped, except by permission of the show superintendent. Birds may be touched, handled and managed inside the cage only by the owner of the birds.
9. All exhibitors will be responsible for the feeding of their exhibits and cleaning of pens. Exhibitor is required to supply their own feed. Each exhibitor is required to bring containers of their choice for feed and water providing that they do not compromise the space allotted to the other exhibitors. Eggs become property of the Small Animal Department and will be destroyed. The Bi-County Fair is not responsible for accidents, mistakes, loss, or damage that should happen to occur. All entries are entered at sole risk of owner.
10. Failure to abide by the department rules or show respect to department officials or other exhibitors shall result in immediate disqualification.
11. Boosters – youth 7 years of age and in the 2nd grade enrolled in My Animals Friends, must have their own animals and follow all requirements as other poultry exhibitors will be allowed to enter meat pen and are eligible to sale. Boosters will show in a separate category for the show. Booster ages are as defined by the county 4-H.
12. Award given to Best in Show and Reserve in Show in the Poultry Division. Grand Champion meat pen of three (3) broilers will be eligible for the sale. Each breed winner will compete for Best in Show and Reserve in Show. Meat Pens will compete for Grand Champion Pen and the winner will be eligible for the Livestock Sale.
13. A county bred poultry is any fowl that's hatched while in the care of a Certified County Bred Breeder and/or a current 4-H/FFA member in good standing. The animal has then been raised/cared for by the active Cibola/McKinley county 4-H/FFA member showing it. It may have been purchased from a Certified County Breeder. It may be entered in a regular breed or crossbreed class in addition to the county bred class, but may not be part of the Meat Pen. Any animal entered in County Bred classes must have a Breeder Certification form completed and

submitted with the entry. The Judge may disqualify birds at his/her discretion.

A. Any fertilized eggs hatched in an incubator may qualify as county bred as long as the eggs are from a Certified County Bred Breeder and hatched in Cibola/McKinley counties.

14. Awards will be presented as follows by the judge:

Best of Breed:

1. Standard Chickens
2. Bantam Chickens
3. Ducks
4. Geese
5. Turkeys
6. Ornamentals

15. Poultry projects must in exhibitor's possession 90 days prior to show.

16. Pens of three (3), broilers and fryers are an exception because of the age limit required of less than sixty-nine (69) days. Fryer pens- 3 chickens weighing 3-5 lbs. each for a total of 9-15 pounds total weight. Broiler pens must weigh over 5 lbs. each. Birds must be same sex and same breed. All Broiler Pen entries will be weighed at the designated time set in the schedule. Any poultry broiler found to be over or under the weight range or the wrong mix of varieties will be disqualified and the individual animals will be placed in the appropriate general breed class. The following rules apply to all Meat Pen classes:

a. Pens of 3 must be the same breed.

b. Exhibits should show the 4-H/FFA member's ability to produce high quality uniform meat for the table.

c. Poultry Meat Pens: raise live chicks from day-old chicks to 6-8 weeks of age for Fryer and Broilers. Fryers must weigh 3 ½-5 pounds each and Broilers must weigh over 5 pounds each.

d. Pens of 3 will be weighed at time of judging.

17. Fryer and Broiler first place Meat Pens will compete for Grand Champion Poultry Meat Pen and the spot in the Jr. Livestock Sale.

18 All poultry will be released at 7:00 p.m. Sunday after the sale, unless the meat pen is designated otherwise. All feeders and water cups must be cleaned and placed back in containers. Cages and surrounding area must be cleaned of any/all shavings and manure before animals will be released by the Fair.

CLASSES POULTRY

Class 01	Purebred Cock
Class 02	Purebred Hen
Class 03	Purebred Cockerel
Class 04	Purebred Pullet
Class 05	Purebred Old Trio
Class 06	Purebred Young Trio
Class 07	Crossbred Cock
Class 08	Crossbred Hen
Class 09	Crossbred Cockerel

Class 10	Crossbred Pullet
Class 11	Crossbred Old Trio
Class 12	Crossbred Young Trio
Class 13	Ducks - Old Drake
Class 14	Ducks - Young Duck
Class 15	Ducks - Young Drake
Class 16	Ducks - Old Duck
Class 17	Geese - Old Grander
Class 18	Geese - Old Goose
Class 19	Geese - Young Grander
Class 20	Geese - Young Goose
Class 21	Turkey - Old Tom
Class 22	Turkey - Old Hen
Class 23	Turkey - Young Tom
Class 24	Turkey - Young Hen
Class 25	Miscellaneous Fowl
Class 26	Meat Pen of 3 Fryers
Class 27	Meat Pen of 3 Broilers
Class 28	Booster Chicken
Class 29	Booster Duck
Class 30	Booster Goose
Class 31	Booster - Miscellaneous Fowl
Class 32	Booster Showmanship
Class 33	Novice Showmanship
Class 34	Junior Showmanship
Class 35	Senior Showmanship
Class 36	County Bred Poultry/Fowl

1. Show and judging will take place in the Small Animal Barn.
2. Judge, exhibitors and their parents only are allowed in the Barn during judging for safety purposes.
3. Awards will be given as described above.
4. Showmanship will begin immediately following conclusion of judging.

POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION

1. Showmanship will happen immediately after the show/judging, except Booster Showmanship which will happen immediately after Booster Poultry judging.
2. All poultry and their exhibitors are eligible for showmanship competition.
3. Poultry used for showmanship must be owned by showman.
4. 4-H Poultry Showmanship score sheet will be used. (See at end of section)
Poultry must be returned to their cages in the exhibit building immediately upon completion of the poultry showmanship competition.

SMALL ANIMAL SHOW ORDER
Rabbits and cavies will show in Show Ring
Poultry will show in Small Animal Barn

Small Animal show/judging will begin at Fair Board's discretion. See official schedule for day and time.

1. Booster Rabbit Show and Booster Showmanship
2. 4-H/FFA Rabbit Show
3. County Bred Rabbit Show
4. Best in Show Rabbit judging
5. 4-H/FFA Showmanship
6. Booster Poultry Show and Booster Showmanship
7. 4-H/FFA Poultry Show
8. County Bred Poultry Show
9. Best in Show Poultry judging
10. 4-H/FFA Poultry Showmanship

AWARDS

Awards will be presented to Best in Show and Reserve in Show, Booster-Best in Show and Booster-Reserve in Show and the Grand Champion Meat Pen.

Rosettes will be given for Breed Champions.

Ribbons will also be given within classes.

Rosette will be given to the Best County Bred Poultry and Reserve County Bred Poultry.

Awards will be given to top Novice, Junior and Senior Showmanship (4-H Ages used).

Junior and Senior Showmanship may be combined at the Superintendent's or judge's request.

Grand Champion Showman will be given to the best overall showman of all ages.

Poultry Showmanship Score Card

Step	Actions	Terms	Pts
Carry	Maintain control, bird is supported and secure		/5
Introduction	Introduction- Name, Jr/Int/Sr	Breed, Sex, Variety, Class, Comb Type	/10
Head	Turn head smoothly, don't block view with hand	Comb, eyes, eyelids, ears, ear lobes, beak, nostril, mandibles, wattles	/5
Wing	Extends wing, shows parts	Shoulder, bow, bar, primaries, secondaries, coverts, axial feather, webbing	/5
Leg	Provides clear view of each part	Hock, shank, spur, toes, nails, webbing	/5
Tail	Shows top and underside of feathers	Broken feathers, sickle feathers, fluff	/5
Keel Bone	Show the straightness	Explains the importance of a straight keel bone	/5
Check for External Parasites	Examine parts of bird for signs of parasites	Types of parasites, why those areas, how to treat them	/5
Pose Bird	Correct pose for breed and sex (should match Standard)		/5
Judging Comments	Evaluate the bird as if you are the type judge. Explain the positive and negative traits of the bird	Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor Balance, Condition, Faults, Disqualifications	/15
Overall Presentation	Proper showmanship attire Smile, hair neat No jewelry, gum, phone Bird is clean	Control of animal at all times Good eye contact	/15
Knowledge		Complete and thorough answers	/20
Total			/100

Knowledge Questions

Cloverbuds and Juniors: What do you feed your bird(s)? How do you take care of your bird?

Intermediates: What do you do to prepare your bird for a show? How do you practice biosecurity in your aviary or loft?

Seniors: Tell me about your breed (history, standard, purpose, varieties, etc.). What qualities do you look for in birds that are used in a breeding program?