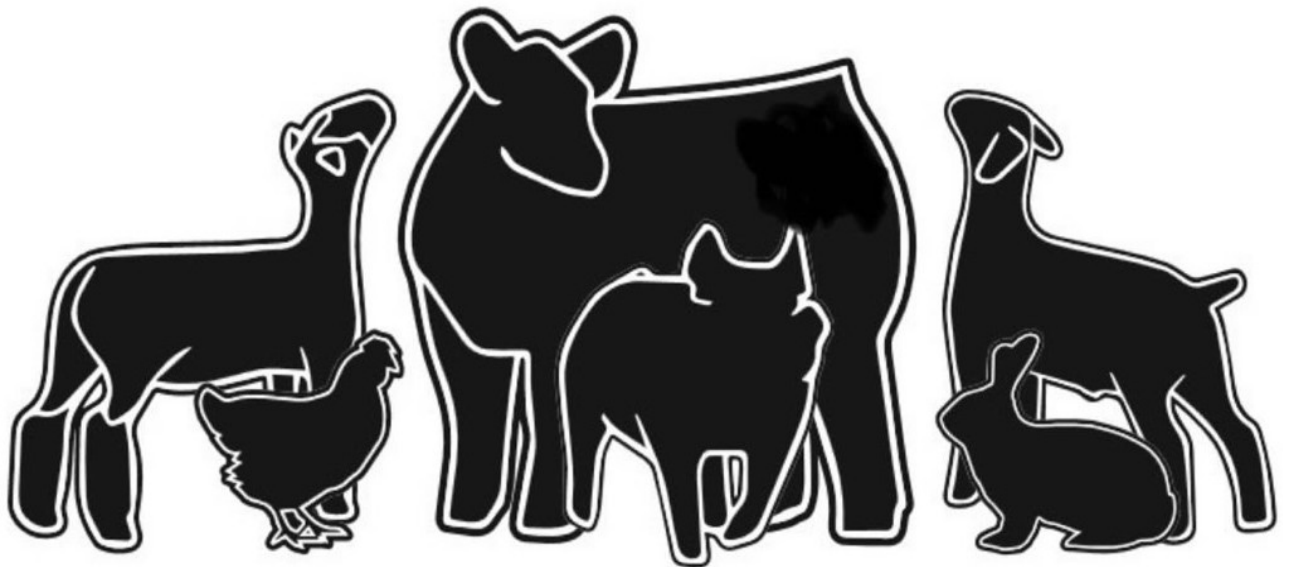


**2026**

# Bi-County Fair



**Jr LIVESTOCK RULES**

# General Livestock Rules

1. New Mexico Livestock Board Regulations and all General Rules and Regulations will apply.
  - a) All Market Steers must bear the registered brand of the exhibitor, or they must be fire branded with '4H' on the left jaw (4H members), an 'A' (FFA members), or bear the registered brand of an NM Breeder. They must be accompanied by a written statement permitting the junior to show and sell the steer under that brand.
  - b) All breeding heifers must bear a registered brand.
  - c) All Market Lambs and Market Goats must be tattooed in the left ear with '4H' for 4H members or in the right ear with an 'A' for FFA members.
  - d) All Market Swine must be ear-notched.
  - e) Please be aware of any import requirements and contact your local Brand Inspector and the State Vet with any questions.
2. Classifier and Judge's decisions are FINAL. There will be **no re-weighs**.
3. The Superintendent has the privilege of combining, adding, or deleting classes when deemed advisable.
4. **Eligibility:** Jr Boosters - youth 7 years of age and in 2nd grade, must have their own animals, participate in the annual tagging process, and follow all requirements as other livestock exhibitors. Jr Boosters are not allowed to exhibit Market Beef or Breeding Heifers. Jr Booster exhibitors will be allowed to make the Jr Livestock Sale.

Bi-County Fair 4-H and/or FFA exhibitors are not allowed to exhibit in another county fair (regardless of state) in the same calendar year of project enrollment and affiliation with another 4-H club or FFA chapter.

Every exhibitor and family member should obtain a copy of the Rules and Policies and be familiar with them.

All 4-H/FFA exhibitors and participants must demonstrate high standards of behavior and conduct. Absolutely **NO** poor or unsportsmanlike conduct will be tolerated before, during, or after the Bi-County Fair from exhibitors **or** family members. See protest rules for more details.

5. Animals must be owned by and in possession of the exhibitor by the deadlines outlined for each species.
  - a) Steers/Heifers: large animal validation day.
  - b) Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Hog: by designated validation day.
  - c) Exhibitor will be allowed to tag and show a total of eight (8) Market Animals - any combination totaling eight (8).
6. Animals must have been owned continuously and in the care of the exhibitor from April 1 for BEEF CATTLE; June 1st for SHEEP, MEAT GOATS, and SWINE. All animals must be in the care of the exhibitor and must be certified by the FFA Teacher or County Extension Agent. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the project to exhibit.
7. All entries must be made online by the deadline. Entries accepted after the deadline will be charged a late fee of \$50 per entry plus the regular entry fee (for example, to enter a steer late, it would be \$20 plus \$50 late fee for a total of

- \$70). Not all entries will be eligible for late entry.
8. All exhibitors are required to attend scheduled tag/validation dates for the fair. If ear tags are lost or come out of the ear, the exhibitor must contact their county extension agent and schedule a retagging as soon as possible. All animals must have a certified NM 840 tag to come on the fairgrounds.
  9. An Exhibitor Meeting will be held on Thursday evening after the weigh-in is complete. The Junior Livestock Committee will relay any pertinent information at that time.
  10. Exhibitors are expected to be present and actively involved in the care of their animals during the Fair.
  11. All Sheep and Goats must be slick shorn from the hock and knee up, including belly wool, and be show ring ready upon arrival at the fairgrounds. No blankets or tubes during weigh-in and health check. Doe Goats that are showing in the breeding classes are excluded.
  12. Only Exhibitors and Fair Officials will be allowed in the Show Ring while animals are being judged. Neither parents nor family members are allowed to assist in the show ring.
  13. Animals must be shown by their owner except when:
    - a) The owner has multiple entries in a class.
    - b) The owner has a valid reason that has the Superintendent's approval.
    - c) If an exhibitor has more than one entry in a class, a substitute exhibitor may show an animal. A qualified substitute exhibitor must be a bona fide 4-H club or FFA member in good standing from Cibola/McKinley County.
  14. Any animal that is eligible for the Jr. Livestock sale must be sold/presented by the exhibitor – no exceptions.
  15. The Fair Board may disqualify any Exhibitor from present and future participation, including withholding of premium, sale, add-on, or packer monies for any violation of rules or policies.
  16. First-place animals from each class will be brought back for Grand Champion judging (For Market Swine, this will be the Breed Champions). Upon selection of a Grand Champion, the second-place animal from the class in which the Grand Champion was originally shown or the Reserve Breed Champion for swine will be brought back and included with the remaining first-place animals for Reserve Grand Champion judging.
  - 17. No exhibitor will be allowed to sell or display "FOR SALE" signs or discuss the sale of non-sale animals until after the Junior Livestock Sale is completed.**
  18. All animals presented for exhibition shall be free from contagious and infectious diseases and shall be subject to daily examination during the fair. Any diseased or infectious animal will be removed from the fairgrounds.
  19. Animals deemed to be dangerous or unable to be controlled by the exhibitor may be asked by the superintendent to be removed from the fairgrounds.
  - 20. RELEASE OF ANIMALS WILL BE AT 7:00 pm on Sunday. All release papers must be signed by 5:00 pm. If your release papers are not signed by this time, you will be charged a \$25 per-head fee. If you want early release of your animals, you will need to pay a cash early release fee of \$50 per animal.**
  21. No add-on or sale monies will be issued to any exhibitor until all such money is received from ALL donors and buyers. Every effort is made to invoice buyers immediately following the fair so the funds can be distributed to youth as soon as possible.
  22. Animal Care

1. All animals entered in Junior Livestock shows must be in Good physical condition and be kept clean and well taken care of, and their pens must be kept clean and well taken care of for the duration of the time on the Bi-County Fairgrounds.
2. Animals in poor conditions or that do not comply with the stated rules for each species may be sent home at the Superintendent's discretion.
3. If an animal becomes sick or injured, a Licensed Veterinarian will examine the animal and notify the Superintendent if treatment or release is necessary. If a veterinarian is unavailable, the Superintendents and Fair Board will decide what they feel is in the animal's best interest.
  - a) No medication or treatment can be administered at the Fairgrounds without being supervised by a Licensed Veterinarian and/or the responsible Superintendent.
  - b) No animal that has not cleared all required withdrawal times set by the FDA and USDA may be shown or sold at the Junior Livestock Sale.
4. If livestock is not adequately cared for, necessary items will be supplied and charged to the exhibitor.
5. Abuse of any animal will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of any prizes or monies. The Fair Board reserves the right to reject any entry by anyone who participates in animal abuse of any kind.
6. The following are termed **UNETHICAL PRACTICES**: administering steroids, growth stimulants, diuretics, or artificial fillers internally, which **INCLUDES** pumping cattle, tubing sheep and goats, but does not include drenching. Judges are requested to report to the management and animals upon which a surgical operation has been performed to improve their "show" appearance, except for surgical dehorning.
7. **Quality Assurance**: as a condition for participation in the show, every exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by exhibitor to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by the management, FDA, USDA/FSIS, New Mexico Department of Agriculture, and/or New Mexico Department of Health and agrees to have such animal submitted to any test as may be designated or requested by the veterinarian. The show specifically reserves the right to have tissue, blood, or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the veterinarian as to whether such an animal has been administered or given a substance or a drug in violation of the rules or has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs shall be final, without recourse against the show or any of its officers. A licensed veterinarian should be consulted before administering any medication or growth stimulant.
  - a. The use of any chemical compound that is not approved by the FDA for use in meat-producing animals and the illegal use of approved chemicals or compounds is prohibited. Unapproved is deemed to mean not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals. If an animal passes all USDA tests but fails any FDA testing for the presence of drug(s) or other chemicals, the animal will be condemned by show officials and not allowed for consumption.
  - b. FDA-approved calming agents can be used before and during the show. It is advised that one follow the recommended dosage on the product label before the show. For the agent to work properly and coincide with the show time, it must be delivered to the appropriate animal in enough

time. During the show, it is the time the animal is unloaded at the fairgrounds until it departs. The calming agent is to be used only for animals that are either unruly or under extreme stress associated with a change in the environment. For the animal's safety, any animal carrying stress-related genes may also be given a calming agent. These agents are to be used with the safety of the exhibitor and the attendees of the Bi-County County Fair in mind. If the calming agents have no effect on the animal, the fair board members must decide whether the animal will be allowed to remain in residence at the fairgrounds or be shown.

- c. The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to the sale of market livestock sold during the Bi-County Fair as follows:
  - i. Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.
  - ii. Antibiotics and sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods.
  - iii. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed.
  - iv. If drug or chemical residues are found in tissues of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned.
  - v. It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure that the animal is free of the above-prescribed drugs and substances. The extent of knowledge on the part of the exhibitor regarding the drugs or substances found in an animal is not relevant to any issue, and it shall not be a defense that a person or persons unknown introduced the prescribed substance to the animal.
8. In the case of antibiotic use in an animal prior to show, the exhibitor must notify the County Agent/FFA teacher and the Superintendent of the species. The animal will not qualify to show or sell if withdrawal period has not been met.
9. **Consequences:** after examination by an official veterinarian, if an animal is found to have been subject to unethical practices, including producing an analysis with a quantity of a substance or drug in violation of these rules:
  - d. Entry will be disqualified.
  - e. Barred from further exhibition.
  - f. No awards will be made for the involved animal, or any other animal exhibited by exhibitor.
  - g. Entry fees will not be refunded.
  - h. Exhibitors will forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock at the show in the future.
10. These rules must be strictly adhered to.
11. All livestock entries are subject to testing for any substance(s) that are inconsistent with the guidelines of the Wholesome Meat Act, Public Law 90-201. The Wholesome Meat Act may be read online at: (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/STATUTE81-Pg584.pdf>) or a copy may be viewed in the Fair Office. All exhibitors offering livestock for sale at the Bi-County Fair Junior Livestock Sale will be required to sign a certificate assuring compliance with the Wholesome Meat Act.
12. **If the Fair Veterinarian is summoned by the Superintendent and/or the Livestock Office on the behalf of the exhibitor, whether any services are**

**rendered, the Exhibitor is responsible for all fees paid to the veterinarian.**

## **Protests**

1. The judges' decision shall be final, and no appeal will be considered except in the case of a protest.

a) All protests will be determined by the Fair Board and must be made in writing to the Fair Board, accompanied by an affidavit setting forth ground for protest and a deposit of \$100.00 cash, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.

b) Protests against the exhibition of an entry must be filed, considered, and determined before a section is judged.

c) Protests against an awarded must be filed within one hour of the show's conclusion on the day the award was made and will be considered and determined at the first meeting of the Fair Board following the Fair.

d) In addition to the right of protest guaranteed above to interested parties, the Fair Board reserves the right to take cognizance of any fraud, consummated or attempted, and to deal with all persons implicated therein, in such a manner within the limits of the power of the Fair Board as may, from the evidence relating to and deemed just and proper.

e) Interested parties will be duly notified of the time and place for considering protests and allowed to submit evidence.

13. There must be at least 3 entries in a category to be eligible for awards.

### **Junior Market Livestock**

Entry Fees: \$20 per head for all species and \$10 for Showmanship

#### **Market Swine:**

1. Classes will be broken by weight and breed.
2. Gilts and barrows are eligible. The minimum weight is 200lbs; there is no maximum. a) The Classifier will decide breed designation at weighing. All Classification decisions are final.

#### **Breeding Swine: Entry Fee \$10**

1. Classes will be broken by weight.
2. Gilts (Under 1 year of age)
3. Gilts entered in the Market Class may also show in the breeding class.

#### **Market Goats:**

1. Classes will be broken by weight.
2. Wethers and Does are eligible to show. The minimum weight is 50 lbs. There is no maximum.

#### **Breeding Goats: Entry Fee \$10**

1. Classes will be broken by weight.
2. Does are eligible to show in the Market Class. The minimum weight is 50 lbs. There is no maximum.

#### **Dairy Goats: Entry Fee \$10**

1. Classes will be broken by weight.

#### **Market Lambs**

1. Classes will be broken by weight.
2. Wethers and Ewes are eligible to show.
3. The minimum weight is **90lbs** for all.

#### **Breeding Sheep: Entry Fee \$10**

1. Ewes (under 1 year of age)

2. Ewes (over 1 year of age)
3. Rams (under 1 year of age)
4. Rams (over 1 year of age)
5. Ewe lambs entered in the Market Class may also show in the breeding class.

**\*All sheep and goats for exhibition must have USDA Scrapies I.D. Tags (REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW)**

#### **Market Steers/Heifers**

1. Market Beef classes will be broken by weight. There is a minimum weight of 1,000lbs.
2. Both Steers and Heifers are eligible to show.
3. Market heifers must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection dated within 30 days of the show stating heifer is open.
4. Market Beef Classes show light to heavy.

#### **Breeding Heifers: Entry Fee \$10**

1. Breeding heifer Classes will be broken by birthday into the following classes:
  - a) Heifers calved between September 1 and December 31 of the previous year.
  - b) Heifers calved between May 1 and August 31 of the previous year.
  - c) Heifers calved between January 1 and April 30 of the previous year.

#### **Dairy Heifer**

1. Tooth Rule: Any heifer having two sets of permanent incisors that have broken through the skin will not be eligible to show.
2. All dairy cattle over 4 months of age are required to have a negative TB test. Test is good for 120 days prior to showing.

## **Showmanship Contest: Entry Fee \$10**

1. Individuals exhibiting livestock (cattle, sheep, swine, and goats) will be eligible for the Showmanship Award. Exhibitors may only show animals that they exhibited in previous classes. The judge has the right to ask questions of the individuals. The contest will cover the following areas:
  - a. Care and fitting of the animal.
  - b. Showmanship in the ring.
  - c. Conduct in the show ring.
  - d. Cooperation with show officials.
  - e. Individual exhibitors' compliance with the dress code.
2. Individuals competing in showmanship classes will be called to the show ring by age group, starting with the JR booster, then novice, juniors, and seniors. Those exhibitors wishing to participate in the showmanship class must designate that online when entering the fair.
3. Exhibitors are required to enter showmanship classes based of 4-H age divisions **online** when entering their animals – late entries at the fair will not be allowed.

## **County Bred Animals General Rules (\$10 Entry Fee)**

- ï Entries will be online at the same time as you enter the animal for market shows.
- ï All animals must be birthed, raised, and or purchased from a Cibola/McKinley County breeder.
- ï All breeds will be shown together.
- ï All entries and awards will be subject to the Junior Livestock rules.
- ï Boosters are eligible to show only small hoof animals – no steers or heifers.
- ï Official weights used at weigh-in for the Market Show will be used to determine County-bred classes.
- ï The County-bred Animal Show awards will be presented.
- ï A county breeder certificate must be completed and uploaded to the system.

**JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE**  
**TIME 1:00 P.M. SUNDAY OF LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

1. **Animals chosen as grand and reserve grand champions in market steers, swine, lambs, goats, Meat Pen Rabbit, and Chickens must be sold through the junior livestock sale.** Other animals accepted for the sale must be sold through the Junior Livestock Sale unless the exhibitor notifies the Livestock Superintendent to the contrary within 30 minutes of the conclusion of All Market Shows on Saturday afternoon.
2. Each exhibitor must sell his/her own animal in the sale ring; you may not have another person sell the animal for you.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for the care and safe delivery of all animals after the sale. Sale animals will be released at noon for proper delivery to purchasers on Labor Day.
4. The Fair Board Treasurer will pay the money derived from the sale of market animals after the fair. **See rule #22 in the General Rules.**
5. Sale limited to two (2) animals per exhibitor. If the exhibitor has more than two (2) animals in sale and does not notify the Superintendent of which animal to pull the Superintendent will choose for you. Exhibitors must complete in Intent to Sell Form.
6. All livestock sold through the sale shall be charged 7% on total of sale price and add-ons defray judging and sale expenses.
7. The Fair Board will not be responsible for animals not listed in the auction.
8. Any exhibitor having an animal or animals entered in the sale is prohibited from seeking special privileges from the buyers, such as repurchasing the animal from the buyer or packer to be shown again or used for other purposes, including breeding. Exhibitors violating this rule will be subject to disciplinary action. The fair Board may withhold the sale proceeds or ban the exhibitor from showing for at least one year.
9. The exhibitor whose animal does not make the livestock sale is obligated to sell his or her own animal(s). The buyer will be responsible for arranging transportation for said animal and giving the packer instructions.
10. After the sale and fair is over, each exhibitor will have sufficient feed and water for their animals if necessary, and all paperwork must be completed at the fair office. The requirement to complete paperwork applies to "all" market animals. No animal will leave the fairgrounds or be left at the fairgrounds without the paperwork.
11. **Animals purchased through the sale may be donated to clubs or organizations. However, only those animals donated to the Bi-County Fair Board will be resold through the Junior Livestock Sale.**
12. 4-H and FFA exhibitors who sell through the Jr Livestock sale are required to send thank-you cards to all buyers and add-on people. If your cards are not received by January 1<sup>st</sup> following the sale, you will not be able to show at the next fair.

# 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. A 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 in accordance with Bi-County Jr. Livestock rules.
5. 4-H/FFA rabbit projects must be in the exhibitor's possession ninety (90) days prior to the 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 appear in separate categories for the show and showmanship. Booster ages for Rabbits and Cavies range from 3 to 8 years.
7. Jr. Boosters are youth 7 years of age and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and 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 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.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 the sole risk of

- the 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 covies may be staged in the show arena up to 30 minutes prior to the beginning of judging competition.
2. Rabbits can be moved within the classes above at the superintendent's discretion or upon the judge's request. 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, ARBA recognizes 53 rabbit breeds. 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 the time of judging.
4. A county-bred rabbit is any rabbit that has been born, weaned, and then 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 if 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 cavies will show in Show Ring**  
**Poultry will show in Small Animal Barn**

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

**Comments:**

## **JUNIOR POULTRY 4-H/FFA**

1. Entries will be accepted from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. on Thursday.
2. The cost will be \$3.00 (\$8.00 for meat pens) per specimen entered. A 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, with 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 from the building without the superintendent's permission. 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 feeding their exhibits and cleaning their pens. Exhibitor is required to supply their own feed. Each exhibitor is required to bring containers of their choice for feed and water, if they do not compromise the space allotted to the other exhibitors. Eggs become the 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 the sole risk of the 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and must have their own animals and follow all requirements, as other poultry exhibitors will be allowed to enter the meat pen and are eligible to sell. Boosters will show in a separate category for the show.
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 the 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 be in the exhibitor's possession 90 days prior to the 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 the same sex and the 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 members' 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 the time of judging.
17. Fryer and Broiler first-place Meat Pens will compete for the 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 returned to their containers. Cages and the 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

Show and judging will take place in the Small Animal Barn.

1. Judge, exhibitors and their parents only are allowed in the Barn during judging for safety purposes.
2. Awards will be given as described above.
3. 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 the showmanship competition.
3. Poultry used for showmanship must be owned by the showman.
4. 4-H Poultry Showmanship score sheet will be used. (See at the 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 the Fair Board's discretion. See the official schedule for the 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.

Rosettes will be awarded to the Best County Bred Poultry and the 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
<b>Total</b>			<b>/100</b>

#### 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?