

RABBIT DEPARTMENT
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Refer to Livestock Rules and Regulations/Health Requirements for additional information.

Exhibitors will need to be Food Safety and Quality Assurance (FSQA) certified.

1. **All RABBITS** must be permanently tattooed in the left ear. Tattoo must be on the fair entry form with proper Class Number and the Rabbit's Tattoo.
2. All rabbit and covies will be health checked at the time of check-in by the Fair Veterinarian for a total cost of \$1.00 per family. Any animal found in poor health or vicious will not be allowed to show and will have to leave the fairgrounds.
3. A rabbit showing evidence of the following conditions, at any time during the fair, will not be allowed to remain on the fair grounds.
 - a) Snuffels - thick white or yellow discharge from the nose
 - b) Runny Eyes
 - c) Ear Mites
 - d) Diarrhea
 - e) Abscesses
 - f) Coccidiosis
 - g) Other health problems that could endanger any other animal.
4. RABBIT AND CAVIES (GUINEA PIGS) MUST BE CHECKED-IN THURSDAY BETWEEN 4:00 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M. Only Rabbits and Covies entered in the show may be on the grounds.
5. ALL LIVESTOCK MUST BE IN PLACE BY 8:00 P.M. THURSDAY. (Exception: open class/Clover kids Saturday 9AM.)
6. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST BE PRESENT AT 9:30 A.M. SATURDAY FOR THE EXHIBITOR'S MEETING which will be held by the show ring.
7. **Only Meat Pen and Single Fryer entries can be sold in the livestock auction.** If entered in the auction the 4-H or FFA member must move the rabbits to the auction ring and tear down the cages and tables after the auction.
8. A copy of the American Rabbit Breeders Assn. (ARBA) STANDARD OF PERFECTION is available at the Polk County Extension Office and current publications will be used as the guide for judging our show.
9. Bring your own feeders, water containers, cleaning supplies, shavings, feed, fans and drop cords. Drop cords **must be** duct taped to the floor.
10. Exhibitors may decorate their cages on top and/or by skirting the tables. All decorations **must be** safe for rabbits and leave aisle clear.
11. "For Sale" Rabbits and Covies may be identified on the cages, but must remain until 4:00 P.M. release on Sunday.
12. ALL Rabbits and Covies **MUST STAY** in their cages until 4:00 P.M. release time on SUNDAY whether they are sold or not.
13. **DRESS CODE:** Only white 4-H, white FFA, or white county fair T-shirts (exception: if exhibitor is showing horse or dairy at the time). Jeans must be worn by exhibitors the day of show. Exhibitor Number must be worn on the back of the shirt, blue jean pants and close

toed shoes **must** be worn by exhibitors during the show.

No hats of **any** kind are allowed

13. SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

- a. Exhibitors showing their own livestock in all classes including showmanship are eligible to compete for showmanship awards.
- b. Previous winners are not eligible for this competition in the age divisions they have previously won.
- c. Showmanship will be broken into three age divisions, as of September 1, previous year:
 - i. Junior - grades 4 – 6
 - ii. Intermediate - grades 7 – 8
 - iii. Senior - grades 9 - 12

Standard Bred Rabbit Show Classifications
 (Commercial and Fancy)

1. Each exhibitor may enter two animals per class per breed and variety.
2. Entries are limited to purebred rabbits of recognized breeds by the A.R.B.A. and will be judged accordingly.
3. Rabbits will be shown in alphabetical order by breed and variety (color) within each breed. Best and Best Opposite sex of variety and/or group will be picked.
4. The following special awards will be given:
 - a) Best Commercial Rabbit will receive a trophy
 - b) Best Fancy Rabbit will receive a trophy
 - c) Best in Show will receive a trophy
 - d) Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex will receive a Rosette
 - e) Ribbons are awarded for all placements.

Class Numbers for rabbit entry are determined by:

Breed #	Variety Letter	Age	Sex
100 - 143	A thru Z	S - Senior I - Intermediate J - Junior	B - Buck D - Doe

For example: a Mini Rex (136), variety is chocolate (G), age is Junior (J) and is a Buck (B), the class number would be 136GJB.

**** Fancy breeds do not have an intermediate class.**

Commercial Rabbits

Commercial Classes:

Senior = over 8 months

Intermediate = 6 to 8 months

Junior = less than 6 months

CLASS AND DESCRIPTION

100 – American A – Blue B – White	108 – Cinnamon A – Standard
101 – American Chinchilla A – Standard	109 – Creme D'Argent A – Standard
102 – Argent Brun A – Standard	110 – English Lop A – Broken Pattern B – Solid Pattern
103 – Beveren A – Black B – Blue C – White	111 – Flemish Giant A – Black B – Blue C – Fawn D – Light Grey E – Sandy F – Steel Grey G – White
104 – Blanc de Hotot A – Standard	112 – French Lop A – Broken Pattern B – Solid Pattern
105 – California A – Standard	113 – Giant Angora A – Ruby Eyed White
106 – Champagne D-Argent A – Standard	
107 – Checkered Giant A – Black B – Blue	

114 – Giant Chinchilla

A – Standard

115 – New ZealandA – Black
B – Blue
C – Broken
D – Red
E – White**116 – Palomino**A – Golden
B – Lynx**117 – Satin**A – Black
B – Blue
C – Broken Group
D – Californian
E – Chinchilla
F – Chocolate
G – Copper
H – Otter
I – Red
J – Siamese
K – White**118 – Silver Fox**

A – Standard

139 – Netherland DwarfA – Self
B – Shaded
C – Agouti
D – Tan Pattern
E – Any Other Variety**140 – Polish**A – Black
B – Blue
C – Broken
D – Chocolate
E – Blue Eyed White
F – Ruby Eyed White**141 – Rex**A – Amber
B – Black
C – Black Otter
D – Blue
E – Broken Group
F – Californian
G – Castor
H – Chinchilla
I – Chocolate
J – Lilac
K – Lynx
L – Opal
M – Red
N – Sable
O – Seal
P – White**142 – Rhinelander**

A – Standard

143 – Satin AngoraA – Colored
B – White**144 – Silver**A – Black
B – Brown
C – Fawn**145 – Silver Marten**A – Black
B – Blue
C – Chocolate
D – Lilac**146 – Standard Chinchilla**

A – Standard

147 – TanA – Black
B – Blue**148 – Thrianta**

A – Standard

Fancy Rabbits

Fancy Classes:

Senior = over 6 months

Junior = 3 to 6 months

No Intermediate Classes in Fancy Rabbits*119 – American Fuzzy Lop**A – Broken Pattern
B – Solid Pattern**120 – American Sable**

A – Standard

121 – Belgian Hare

A – Standard

122 – Britannia PetiteA – Black
B – Black Otter
C – Blue Eyed White
D – Broken
E – Chestnut Agouti
F – Ruby Eyed White
G – Sable Martin**123 – Dutch**A – Black
B – Blue
C – Chinchilla
D – Chocolate
E – Gray
F – Steel
G – Tortoise**124 – Dwarf Hotot**

A – Standard

125 – English AngoraA – White
B – Colored**126 – English Spot**A – Black
B – Blue
C – Chocolate
D – Gold
E – Gray
F – Lilac
G – Tortoise**127 – Florida White**

A – Standard

128 – French AngoraA – Colored
B – White**129 – Harlequin**A – Japanese
B – Magpie**130 – Havana**A – Black
B – Blue
C – Broken
D – Chocolate**E – Lilac****131 – Himalayan**A – Black
B – Blue
C – Chocolate
D – Lilac**132 – Holland Lop**A – Broken Pattern
B – Solid Pattern**133 – Jersey Woolly**A – Agouti
B – Any other variety
C – Broken
D – Self
E – Shaded
F – Tan Pattern**134 – Lilac**

A – Standard

135 – LionheadA – Chocolate
B – Ruby-Eyed White
C – Seal
D – Tortoise**136 – Mini Lop**A – Solid Pattern
B – Broken Pattern**137 – Mini Rex**A – Black
B – Blue
C – Blue Eyed White
D – Broken Group
E – Castor
F – Chinchilla
G – Chocolate
H – Himalayan
I – Lilac
J – Lynx
K – Opal
L – Otter
M – Red
N – Sable Point
O – Seal
P – Silver Martin
Q – Smoke Pearl
R – Tortoise**S – White****138 – Mini Satin**A – Black
B – Blue
C – Broken Group
D – Chocolate
E – Chocolate Agouti
F – Copper
G – Himalayan**H – Opal****I – Red**J – Siamese
K – Silver Marten
L – Squirrel
M – Tortoise
N – Otter
O – White**Meat Pens Classification**

1. Meat Pen to consist of three rabbits not over 10 weeks and 3.5-5.5 pounds each.
2. ALL rabbits **must be** of the same breed and variety.
3. **Each exhibitor** may have **one meat pen entry**.
4. The Best Meat Pen will receive – Rosette Ribbon.

CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

300	Meat Pen - Sex and age do not need to be specified
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Single Fryer Classification

1. Single Fryer to be one rabbit not over 10 weeks and 3.5-5.5 pounds.
2. **Each exhibitor** may enter **one single fryer entry**.
3. The Best Single Fryer rabbit will receive – rosette ribbon.

CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

400	Single Fryer - Sex and age do not need to be specified
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Roasters

1. Roaster Class is one rabbit and must be under 6 months of age and 5.5-9 pounds.
2. **Each exhibitor** may enter **one Roaster entry**.
3. The Best Roaster rabbit will receive a rosette Ribbon.

CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

500	Roaster – Sex and Age need not be specified
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Doe & Litter Class

1. Litter between 30-45 days of age
2. Will need to document at the fair Date of birth, size of litter, livekits.
3. Must have their nest box with them at fair.

600	Doe & Litter
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Rabbit Fur Classification

1. Each exhibitor may enter two rabbits per class.
2. The Best in each class will receive a ribbon.
3. Best overall fur will receive a Rosette Ribbon.

CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

600	<p>Rabbit Fur Class</p> <p>A - Normal Colored Fur - Any coloring on body</p> <p>B - Angora Colored Wool (judged by breed)</p> <p>C - Mini Rex Colored Fur</p> <p>D - Rex Colored Fur</p> <p>E - Satin Colored Fur</p> <p>F - Normal White Fur -white bodied animals (includes Californian and Himalayan marked animals)</p> <p>G - Angora White Wool (judged by breed)</p> <p>H - Mini Rex White Fur</p> <p>I - Rex White Fur</p> <p>J - Satin White Fur</p> <p>K -Lionhead Fur</p>
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Non-Standard Bred Rabbit Show Classifications

(Pet Rabbit)

1. Entries are limited to rabbits that do not **qualify** to show in the Standard Bred Show Classifications. Refer to the A.R.B.A. **STANDARD OF PERFECTION** at the Extension Office, or with any rabbit breeder that shows rabbits, for the information that would place your rabbits in any PET RABBIT classes (i.e., white toenails on colored rabbit; variety (color) not recognized by A.R.B.A.).
2. **Each exhibitor is limited to two entries in this class.** The animal will be judged according to the health of the animal and knowledge of the exhibitor.
3. The animal will be entered by sex and by the age as follows:
Buck (B), Doe (D), Junior (J), Intermediate (I), and Senior (S).
4. The Best Pet Rabbit receives a Rosette Ribbon.

CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

200	<p>Pet Rabbit (Breeds)</p> <p>A - Any Color</p>
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Showmanship Classifications

1. **No advance entry required.** Sign-up Saturday morning.
2. A copy of the 4-H Rabbit Showmanship Score Sheet is available at the Extension Office. This form will be used to judge showmanship classes. Showmanship consists of rabbit/cavy handling procedure, exhibitor appearance, exhibitor knowledge, and rabbit/cavy appearance.
3. **SHOWMANSHIP judging will be on Saturday following the show.**
4. Showmanship exhibitors may either use a rabbit or cavy for judging, but it must be entered in the Rabbit or Cavy Show.
5. To be eligible for any Showmanship awards, exhibitor **MUST SHOW** at least one Rabbit or Cavy in the Polk County 4-H/FFA Rabbit/Cavy Show.
6. Previous Showmanship Trophy Winners are eligible to compete in the Showmanship Class; however, any

exhibitor may win a showmanship trophy only ONCE IN EACH AGE GROUP.

7. The following awards will be given AFTER the judging is completed:
 - a) Junior Showmanship Trophy
 - b) Intermediate Showmanship Trophy
 - c) Senior Showmanship Trophy
 - d) Overall Showmanship Trophy

Showmanship

A - Junior Showmanship - Grades 4 - 6

B - Intermediate Showmanship – Grades 7 - 8

C - Senior Showmanship – Grades 9 -12 & FFA

CAVY (GUINEA PIG) DEPARTMENT

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Refer to Livestock Rules and Regulations and Health Requirements for additional information.

All rules for rabbit department apply to Cavy entries, including the following:

1. Each exhibitor may enter two cavies per class per breed and variety.
2. It is recommended that cavies are ear tagged, but not required to exhibit at the Polk County Fair. All cavies must be identified on the Fair entry form by Breed, Class number (ear tag number if available).
3. Cavies will be entered and judged according to the A.R.B.A. Standard of Perfection. A copy of this book is available at the Polk County Extension Office for reference to disqualifications, breed standards and classes.
4. Any Cavy showing evidence of the following condition at anytime during the Fair will not be allowed to remain on the fairgrounds.
 - Abscesses
 - Cold-Nasal Discharge
 - Mange - dandruff or scale at base of hair
 - Mites, lice, or ticks
 - Runny Eyes
 - Other health problem that may endanger cavy or other exhibits.
5. Cavy cages are **NOT** available. The exhibitor is responsible for bringing their own cage(s), waterers, feeders and bedding. A cage table will be provided. **Please note the size of the cage/Space needed**

CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

201 - Abyssinian	208 - Silkie
202 - Abyssinian Satin	209 - Silkie Satin
203 - American	210 - Teddy
204 - American Satin	211 - Teddy Satin
205 - Coronet	212 - Texel
206 - Peruvian	213 – White Crested
207 - Peruvian Satin	

One of these breeds must be listed on entry form.

Classes are determined as follows:

Junior	Up to 4 months of age, minimum weight 12 ounces, maximum weight 22 ounces
Intermediate	Up to 6 months of age, or weight over 22 ounces with a maximum weight of 32 ounces
Senior	Over 6 months of age, over 32 ounces

Varieties (Colors)

A – Sells (Beige, Black, Chocolate, Cream, Lilac, Red Eyed Orange, Red, White)
B – Solids (Brindle, Roan, Solid Dilute, Solid Golden, Solid Silver)
C – Agoutis (Dilute Agouti, Golden Agouti, Silve Agouti)
D – Marked (Broken Color, Dalmatian, Dutch, Himalayan, Marten, Tortoise Shell, Tortoise Shell and White)

Non- Standard Bred Cavy Show Classifications (Pet Cavy)

1. Entries are limited to Cavies that do not **qualify** to show in the Standard Bred Show Classifications. Refer to the A.R.B.A. Standard of Perfection at the Extension Office, or with any Cavy breeder that shows cavies, for the information that would place your cavies in any PET CAVY classes (i.e., white toenails on a colored cavy; variety (color) not recognized by A.R.B.A.)
2. **Each Exhibitor is limited two entries in this class.** The animal will be judged according to the health of the animal and knowledge of the exhibitor.
3. The animal will be entered by sex and by the age as follows:
Boar(B), Sow(S), Junior(J), Intermediate (I), Senior(S).
4. The Best Pet Cavy receives a Rosette Ribbon

Class Number and Description

301	Pet / Crossbred A - Any Color
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Showmanship

See Showmanship Classification under Rabbit Department

OPEN CLASS RABBIT/CAVY

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1. **Entry fees due July 3rd at the Extension office**
Judging Time – Saturday morning prior to the 4-H/FFA Rabbit/Cavy Show.
2. **Rabbit/Cavy must belong to the Clover Kid and not be shown in the 4-H/FFA Show.**
3. Any Polk County youth K – 3rd grade (as of July 3) may exhibit in this class.
4. Check-in 9:00 A.M. Saturday before Rabbit/Cavy show. Exhibitor meeting will be at 9:30 AM by the showing.
5. Exhibitor must wear plain white or white county fair T-shirt and Jeans, close toe shoes and must attach their exhibitor number on their back.
6. Any healthy Rabbit or Cavy (Guinea Pig) of any breed, variety, sex, and class may be shown. **All entries MUST be Health Checked by Rabbit /Cavy Superintendent.**
7. The Rabbit or Cavy does not need to meet breed standard requirements, but must be a minimum of 10 weeks of age.
8. Exhibitors may enter 1 Rabbit and 1 Cavy for a total of 2 animals in this division.
9. The class may be divided into classes depending on the number of entries.
10. Each youth will be interviewed in regard to the management and care of their exhibit.
11. Judging to be based on:
 - a. What the exhibitor has learned about the care of the Rabbit or Cavy.
 - b. The grooming and cleanliness of the animal.
 - c. General health, condition and management of the animal.
12. No premium will be paid-Participation ribbons only.
13. Parent or guardian must be present during the show.
14. Fair board is not responsible for accidents or injuries.
15. Animals must be brought and kept in approved animal carriers and removed following the shows.

CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

1	Rabbit
2	Cavy (Guinea Pig)