

# DEPARTMENT 9 — RABBITS

## RULES & REGULATIONS for Open Rabbit Classes

1. **Eligibility:** Open to all rabbit exhibitors.
2. A pen fee of \$4 per head is required with registration. If a rabbit entry becomes ill prior to the fair, a refund may be granted or it may be replaced by another rabbit if a slip is obtained by a vet.
3. No rabbit may compete in more than one conformation class within Department 9 Rabbits.
4. Each exhibitor will be limited to no more than a total of four entries in this department.
5. **All entries must be pre-registered by August 1.**
6. All entries will be accepted in the order they are received, according to their postmark, until all pens are filled.
7. **Rabbits are to arrive on Monday, August 21 between 1pm and 6pm in the rabbit barn.**
8. All rabbits must be checked in by the rabbit chairman.
9. Rabbits must remain in their pens at all times while on exhibit, except during judging.
10. Rabbit exhibitors are responsible for their own feed and care of their rabbits during fair week (only bedding will be provided).
11. Classes 100 through 500 will be judged as grade stock. All breeds recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) are eligible for competition and will be judged according to the latest standard of perfection.
12. Classes 600 through 1000 will be judged as pedigreed stock--pedigrees showing three generations of purebred history, must be provided at check in on Monday.
13. Junior rabbits must be at least 12 weeks old and under 6 months by 1<sup>st</sup> day of the fair.
14. For Classes 600-1000 all Litters must be between 4 to 6 weeks old by 1<sup>st</sup> day of the fair.
15. In Pedigree Classes 600-1000 all rabbits should be tattooed in the left ear.
16. Rabbits are released to exhibitors at 10pm on Saturday, August 26.

### Section 1 – OPEN RABBITS

Class .....	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
100. Sr. Adult Doe 6 mo & over — Grade.....	6	5	4	3	2
200. Sr. Adult Buck 6 mo & over — Grade.....	6	5	4	3	2
300. Jr. Young Doe under 6 mo — Grade.....	6	5	4	3	2
400. Jr. Young Buck under 6 mo — Grade.....	6	5	4	3	2
500. Doe & Litter — Grade .....	10	8	6	5	3
600. Sr. Adult Doe 6 mo & over — Pedigree....	6	5	4	3	2
700. Sr. Adult Buck 6 mo & over — Pedigree...	6	5	4	3	2
800. Jr. Young Doe under 6 mo — Pedigree.....	6	5	4	3	2
900. Jr. Young Buck under 6 mo — Pedigree.....	6	5	4	3	2
1000. Doe & Litter — Pedigree.....	10	8	6	5	3
1100. Champion & Reserve Doe.....	ROSETTE				
1200. Champion & Reserve Buck.....	ROSETTE				
1300. Champion & Reserve Doe & Litter.....	ROSETTE				

### Section 2 – OPEN RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Class .....	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
100. Adult Exhibitors.....	RIBBONS ONLY				

### Section 3 – OPEN YOUTH MARKET MEAT PEN RABBITS

**THE OPEN YOUTH MARKET LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE IS OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS WHO ARE 7 TO 21 YEARS OF AGE ON JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> OF THE YEAR OF THE SHOW AND SALE.**

1. A pen fee of \$2 per head is required with registration. No refunds for no show rabbit exhibits. If an animal to be exhibited becomes sick a refund may be granted if a slip is obtained from a vet.
2. Rabbits must be pre-registered by August 1. Limited space is available. All rabbit entries will be accepted in the order they are received according to their postmark until all pens are filled. Rabbits are to arrive on Monday, Aug. 21 between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. They must remain on exhibit until released at 10:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 26.
3. Exhibitors must read and refer to the Open Youth Market Animal General Rules. Rules 8 through 14 list the limits of market animal projects to be shown and sold. Entries may be limited due to space availability.
4. Rabbits to be entered in a meat pen must be owned and raised by the Youth entering the project.
5. Only the following commercial breeds or crosses of these 2 breeds will be accepted:  
New Zealand and Californian
6. Meat pens must consist of three (3) rabbits of the same breed and variety. Rabbits may be different sexes.
7. Does and breeding buck(s) of litters to be verified for meat pens must be designated project animals owned by the Youth entering the pen. Rabbit project designation forms, including ear tattoo numbers, identifying does and bucks bred for the production of meat pen litters must be submitted to the Youth's respective club by the close of business on May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
8. Meat pen entries must be at least 8 weeks (54 days) of age, but not more than 12 weeks (70 days) of age by opening day for the Hookstown Fair.
9. Meat pens entries must weigh more than 12 pounds and not more than 25 pounds on weigh-in date at the Hookstown Fair.
10. Individual rabbits do not have to be litter mates, but must be from verified, approved litters. Litter verification must take place within two (2) weeks of birth. Litter verification may be made by a leader of the Youth's respective club.
11. Litter verification sheets must accompany each entry. Entries will not be accepted without approved paper work.
12. Entries showing signs of illness or disease at weigh-in will not be accepted. They must be removed from the grounds.
13. **RABBIT EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN FEED AND CARE OF THEIR ANIMALS THE WEEK OF THE FAIR. ONLY BEDDING WILL BE PROVIDED.**
14. Animals must remain in cages at all times while on exhibition, except during judging.

Class .....	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
100. Light Light Weight Meat Pen .....	6	5	4	3	2
200. Light Medium Weight Meat Pen.....	6	5	4	3	2
300. Light Heavy Weight Meat Pen .....	6	5	4	3	2
400. Medium Light Weight Meat Pen .....	6	5	4	3	2
500. Medium Medium Weight Meat Pen .....	6	5	4	3	2
600. Medium Heavy Weight Meat Pen.....	6	5	4	3	2
700. Heavy Light Weight Meat Pen .....	6	5	4	3	2
800. Heavy Medium Weight Meat Pen .....	6	5	4	3	2
900. Heavy Heavy Weight Meat Pen.....	6	5	4	3	2
1000. Champion / Reserve - Light Champion .....	ROSETTE ONLY				
1100. Champion / Reserve - Medium Champion.....	ROSETTE ONLY				
1200. Champion / Reserve - Heavy Champion .....	ROSETTE ONLY				
1300. Grand / Reserve Grand Champion .....	ROSETTE OT TROPHY				

#### Section 4 – OPEN YOUTH MARKET MEAT PEN RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Open Youth Market Rabbit members may show in the showmanship contest provided the animal has been carried as a project and was exhibited in Section 1.

<b>Class</b> .....	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>
100. Exhibitors Age 15 & Over .....	10	8	6	4	2
200. Exhibitors Age 12, 13 & 14.....	8	6	4	3	2
300. Exhibitors Age 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11.....	7	5	4	3	2
400. Grand Champion Showman .....	ROSETTE				