

RABBITS - SECTION 010

Superintendent: Jessica Powers
4-H Rabbit Judging – Wednesday, 7/31/24 9 a.m. - Rabbit Barn
Judge Derek A. Poole

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. NO WATER HOSES TO TOUCH THE GROUND, INCLUDES BARN AND WASH RACK
2. Backflow devices MUST be used on all hoses
 - a. Any gated connector or Y connector must have a backflow preventer before and after the connection.
 - b. If you do not have a backflow preventer please go to the Fair office and sign one out.
3. Wheelbarrows, buckets, any open containers cannot be left with manure where it can collect rainwater.
4. If you have any questions about Health Department Requirements please reach out to the fair office.

Rules and Regulations:

- 1 Show Attire – dark pants; long-sleeved white shirt.
- 2 Each exhibitor and parent/guardian should read and be familiar with the rules.
- 3 All rabbits will be judged on the group award basis -- excellent, good, worthy (Danish System) This rabbit show is not sanctioned but ARBA Standards will be followed as best as possible.
- 4 Animals showing signs of sickness or disease will be removed from the show.
- 5 All rabbits must be in place by 7 p.m. Monday night and remain until 8 p.m. Sunday. Exhibitors removing rabbits before 8 p.m. will forfeit all premiums. Exceptions will be made if all animals are released early by the Fair Board. The superintendent will notify all exhibitors if this happens.
- 6 All cages will be cleaned by exhibitor, or all premiums will be forfeited.
- 7 Cages will be furnished by the Fair Association and 4-H members and leaders.
- 8 The fair will not be responsible for loss or damage. The rabbits being entered are done so at the sole risk of the owner.
- 9 Best of Breed and Best Opposite will be selected from class winners. Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show will be awarded amongst all Best of Breed winners. No premiums are given for Best of Variety or Reserve Best of Variety. Rabbits in the Crossbreed class or Meat/Auction Class are not eligible for Best of Breed, Best Opposite, Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show.
- 10 Animals may be sold during the fair; however may NOT be removed until 8 p.m. on Sunday
- 11 All rabbits must be owned and cared for by June 1.
- 12 All rabbits should have a permanent tattoo in their left ear. Temporary tattoos may be accepted based on the situation. Contact the superintendent if there are issues with getting tattoos.
- 13 Mixed Breed is reserved for those animals that are not eligible to compete in Pure Bred animal classes. Animals will be judged on their condition. Best Mixed Breed will be chosen but will not be eligible to compete for Best in Show.
- 14 Classes will be divided by varieties if enough entries warrant, This will be at the judge's and superintendent's discretion.
- 15 All rabbit exhibitors will be required to show in showmanship on Wednesday at 9 a.m. If an exhibitor is not present for Showmanship, his or her rabbits will not be judged.
- 16 The rabbit shown in Showmanship must also be shown in its breed class.
- 17 Rabbit exhibitors must be present at the Rabbit Judging. Exhibitors are expected to present their rabbit(s) to the judge. If there is a judging conflict a 4-H exhibitor may be appointed to show.
- 18 Classes will be judged in the order determined by the superintendent.
- 19 To be eligible to compete for Best of Breed an animal must have received a blue ribbon in their class.
- 20 Rabbit owners are responsible for the complete **care** of their animals while they are at the fairgrounds.
- 21 Rabbit entries are limited to two (2) animals per class and a total of 10 animals. Auction animals count

towards the total count of animals,
22. No new awards will be accepted or presented the day of the show without the superintendent's and the Otsego County 4-H office's approval.

Herdsmanship Classes - MANDATORY

To encourage 4-H animal exhibitors to maintain clean, attractive, educational displays. Using the Danish System, all animal exhibits will be evaluated daily on cleanliness and neatness of the area, availability of food and water to the animal, and the 4-H exhibitor's appearance and availability to the public. Decorations and ornaments will not be evaluated as part of these classes.

Class No.

- 005 Cloverbud 5 through 8-year-old members Receives a ribbon.
007 Junior-ages at least 9 and less than 14 years as of January 1st of the current year.
008 Senior- ages must be at least 14 years old as of January 1st of the current year.

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP **Wednesday, 8 a.m. – Rabbit Barn**

Each exhibitor will present his or her own rabbit to the judge on an individual basis. Each exhibitor will be judged on appearance, handling of the animal and presentation to the judge. Questions will be asked on the exhibitor's breed also on grooming and parts of the rabbit. **Showmanship will be required of all exhibitors.** The rabbit shown in Showmanship must also be shown in its breed class. For exhibitor's to be considered for Master Showman, a score of 95 or above must be achieved. If there are no exhibitors who meet this requirement, then there will not be a Master Showman for that year.

The Champion Showman will compete in a separate class (Master Showman).

The rabbit must earn a blue to be eligible for the State Fair.

**NOTE: Only classes listed in this book will be judged.

Class No.

- 1000 Cloverbud – ages 5-8 years old
1001 Novice-Showmanship. First-year exhibitor (any age).
1002 Junior Showmanship – Exhibitors 13-years of age and under as of January 1
1003 Senior Showmanship – Exhibitors 14-years and over.
- 1010 **4-H Pet Care Project**
This class is for 4-H members who own no more than two (2) rabbits. Entries in this class will not be eligible for breed class, "Best of Show" or State Fair.
- 1011 **Exhibition Class**
Youth interested in EXHIBITING animals must pre-register on the entry form, for approval from the Superintendent. Animals will be for display, NOT judged

Ribbons will be awarded on the Danish System only. The following will be considered:

- (a) **Condition** – This class will be judged on flesh and fur condition, **not** on confirmation.
(b) **Knowledge** – Questions may be asked on general care of handling of rabbits.

WOOL BREEDS CLASSES

Senior Bucks – over 6 mos.

Senior Does – over 6 mos.

Junior Bucks – under 6 mos., but at least 3 mos.

Junior Does – under 6 mos., but at least 3 mos.

Wool Breed Classes	Sr. Buck	Sr. Doe	Jr. Buck	Jr. Doe
English Angora	1015	1016	1017	1018
French Angora	1023	1024	1025	1026
Giant Angora	1035	1036	1037	1038
Satin Angora	1039	1040	1041	1042
Jersey Woolly				
Self	1047	1048	1049	1050
Shaded	1051	1052	1053	1054
Agouti	1055	1056	1057	1058
AOV	1059	1060	1061	1062
Tan Patern	1063	1064	1065	1066
Broken	1067	1068	1069	1070
American Fuzzy Lop				
Broken	1071	1072	1073	1074
Solid	1075	1076	1077	1078
Lionhead	1079	1080	1081	1082

Meat Rabbit Classes

- Enrolled by June 1

-Minimum weight 3.5 lbs. – determined at Tuesday’s weigh-in.

Meat class exhibits may be either crossbred or purebred but may **NOT** have been shown in any other class. Any rabbit that is signed up to be in the 4-H Auction at the Otsego County Fair must show in a Meat Rabbit Class. They are not eligible to be shown in a breed class. Rabbits in the meat class are not eligible for Best of Breed, Best Opposite, Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show.

Classes are as follows:

Class No.

1771 **Roaster Class:** All rabbits entered in this class must be under six months of age; maximum weight eight pounds, minimum weight five and a half pounds. Exhibitors may show two rabbits in the roaster class

1772 **Stewer Class:** All rabbits entered in this class must be six months of age and over; minimum weight eight pounds. Exhibitors may show two rabbits in the stewer class

1773 **Single Fryer Class:** All rabbits entered in this class may not be over ten weeks of age; maximum weight 3.5-5.5 pounds. May come from your meat pens. Exhibitors may show two rabbits in the single fryer class.

1774 **Meat Pen Class:** Meat pens will consist of three rabbits - all the same breed and variety. Rabbits do not have to come from the same litter. Rabbits cannot be over ten weeks old and each rabbits weighs 3.5-5.5 pounds. All rabbits must be weighed in the presence of the judge. If one rabbit in the pen weighs more than the maximum weight, the entire pen is eliminated. If one rabbit in the pen is disqualified, the whole pen becomes disqualified. Exhibitors may show two meat pens.

SIX CLASS BREEDS

Senior Bucks – over 8 mos.

Senior Does – over 8 mos.

Intermediate Bucks – 6-8 mos.

Intermediate Does – 6-8 mos.

Junior Bucks – under 6 mos., but at least 3 mos.

Junior Does - under 6 mos., but at least 3 mos.

Six Class Breeds	Sr.	Sr.	Int.	Int.	Jr.	Jr.
	Buck	Doe	Buck	Doe	Buck	Doe
Beveren	1107	1108	1109	1110	1111	1112
Californian	1125	1126	1127	1128	1129	1130
Champagne d'Argent	1131	1132	1133	1134	1135	1136
Checkered Giant	1137	1138	1139	1140	1141	1142
Cinnamon	1161	1162	1163	1164	1165	1166
Flemish Giant						
Fawn	1185	1186	1187	1188	1189	1190
Light Gray	1191	1192	1193	1194	1195	1196
Sandy	1197	1198	1199	1200	1201	1202
AOV	1203	1204	1205	1206	1207	1208
English Lop						
Solid	1221	1222	1223	1224	1225	1226
Broken	1227	1228	1229	1230	1231	1232
French Lop						
Solid	1233	1234	1235	1236	1237	1238
Broken	1239	1240	1241	1242	1243	1244
New Zealand						
Black	1245	1246	1247	1248	1249	1250
Broken	1251	1252	1253	1254	1255	1256
White	1257	1258	1259	1260	1261	1262
AOV	1263	1264	1265	1266	1267	1268
Palomino	1269	1270	1271	1272	1273	1274
Satin						
Black	1281	1282	1283	1284	1285	1286
Blue	1287	1288	1289	1290	1291	1292
Broken	1293	1294	1295	1296	1297	1298
Copper	1317	1318	1319	1320	1321	1322
Siamese	1329	1330	1331	1332	1333	1334
White	1335	1336	1337	1338	1339	1340
AOV	1341	1342	1343	1344	1345	1346
Silver Fox	1347	1348	1349	1350	1351	1352
Argente Brun	1359	1360	1361	1362	1363	1364
Other six class breeds	1365	1366	1367	1368	1369	1370

FOUR CLASS BREEDS

Senior Bucks – over 6 mos.

Senior Does – over 6 mos.

Junior Bucks – under 6 mos., but at least 3 mos.

Junior Does – under 6 mos., but at least 3 mos.

Fancy Breed Classes	Sr. Buck	Sr. Doe	Jr. Buck	Jr. Doe
Belgian Hare	1371	1372	1373	1374
Britannia Petite	1375	1376	1377	1378
Dutch				
Black	1383	1384	1385	1386
Blue	1387	1388	1389	1390
AOV	1391	1392	1393	1394
Dwarf Hotot	1407	1408	1409	1410
English Spot				
Black	1411	1412	1413	1414
Chocolate	1415	1416	1417	1418
Lilac	1419	1420	1421	1422
AOV	1431	1432	1433	1434
Florida White	1439	1440	1441	1442
Harlequin	1443	1444	1445	1446
Havana	1451	1452	1453	1454
Himalayan	1471	1472	1473	1474
Holland Lop				
Broken	1487	1488	1489	1490
Solid	1491	1492	1493	1494
Mini Lop				
Broken	1495	1496	1497	1498
Solid	1499	1500	1501	1502
Mini Rex				
Black	1503	1504	1505	1506
Blue	1507	1508	1509	1510
Broken	1511	1512	1513	1514
Castor	1519	1520	1521	1522
Himalayan	1531	1532	1533	1534
Opal	1543	1544	1545	1546
Otter	1547	1548	1549	1550
Tortoise	1551	1552	1553	1554
AOV	1559	1560	1561	1562

Fancy Breed Classes	Sr. Buck	Sr. Doe	Jr. Buck	Jr. Doe
Mini Satin				
Black	1563	1564	1565	1566
Blue	1567	1568	1569	1570
Broken	1571	1572	1573	1574
White	1575	1576	1577	1578
AOV	1579	1480	1581	1582

Four Class Breeds	Sr. Buck	Sr. Doe	Jr. Buck	Jr. Doe
Netherland Dwarf				
<i>Self</i>				
Black	1583	1584	1585	1586
Ruby Eyed White	1587	1588	1589	1590
AOV	1591	1592	1593	1594
<i>Shaded</i>				
Siamese Sable	1595	1596	1597	1598
Siamese Smoke Pearl	1599	1600	1601	1602
AOV	1603	1604	1605	1606
<i>Agouti</i>				
Chestnut	1607	1608	1609	1610
Chinchilla	1611	1612	1613	1614
AOV	1615	1616	1617	1618
<i>Tan Pattern</i>				
Otter	1619	1620	1621	1622
Silver Marten	1623	1624	1625	1626
AO Tan	1627	1628	1629	1630
AOV				
Broken	1631	1632	1633	1634
Himalayan	1635	1636	1637	1638
AOV	1639	1640	1641	1642
Polish				
Black	1643	1644	1645	1646
Broken	1647	1648	1649	1650
AOV	1651	1652	1653	1654
Rex				
Black	1655	1656	1657	1658
1659	1660	1661	1662	1663
Broken	1664	1665	1666	1667
Castor	1668	1669	1670	1671
White	1672	1673	1674	1675
AOV	1676	1677	1678	1679

Four Class Breeds	Sr. Buck	Sr. Doe	Jr. Buck	Jr. Doe
Rhinelanders	1680	1681	1682	1683
Silver Martin	1684	1685	1686	1687
Tan	1688	1689	1690	1691
Black	1692	1693	1694	1695
Chocolate	1696	1697	1698	1699
AOV	1700	1701	1702	1703
Other Four Class Breeds	1705	1706	1707	1708