

**Saturday, July 21**

7:00 a.m. – Noon      **Enter Rabbits**

**Tuesday, July 24**

9:00 a.m.      **Rabbit Show – Rabbit Barn Clover Kid Show will take place before the 4-H**

## **RABBIT**

**Superintendent:** Jim Olson

Other rules and regulations may be found in the General Rules and Regulations section.

1. **EXHIBITORS WITH ANY RABBIT EXHIBIT MUST BE FOOD SAFETY QUALITY ASSURANCE (FSQA) CERTIFIED. THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS RABBIT HOPPING.**
2. Only purebred rabbits may be shown in individual classes. Mixed breed rabbits or purebred rabbits may be shown in meat pen and single fryer classes.
3. Individual rabbits will be divided into two major classes; six class rabbits and four class rabbits. A description of each class follows:

**FOUR CLASS RABBITS** are divided into four classes as follows:

Senior Bucks, Senior Does

Junior Bucks, Junior Does

**SENIOR:** A senior rabbit is defined as a rabbit over the age of six months or one that has exceeded the maximum weight for a junior of its breed if applicable.

**JUNIOR:** A junior rabbit is defined as a rabbit under the age of six months and under the maximum weight limit for a junior of its breed if applicable.

**FOUR CLASS RABBITS ARE AS FOLLOWS:** American Fuzzy Lop, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English Angora, English Spot, French Angora, Florida White, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Jersey Wooly, Lilac, Lion Head, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Rhinelander, Silver, Silver Marten, Standard Chinchilla, Tan, Thrianta and Other Breeds.

**FOUR CLASS RABBITS ARE THOSE BREEDS HAVING AN IDEAL SENIOR WEIGHT OF NINE (9) POUNDS OR LESS.**

**SIX CLASS RABBITS** are divided into six classes as follows:

Senior Bucks, Senior Does,

Intermediate Bucks, Intermediate Does

Junior Bucks, Junior Does

**SENIOR:** A senior rabbit is defined as a rabbit over the age of 8 months, or having exceeded the minimum Intermediate breed weight.

**INTERMEDIATE:** An intermediate rabbit is defined as a rabbit between the ages of 6 to 8 months or over the weight limit for junior rabbits.

**JUNIOR:** A junior rabbit is defined as a rabbit less than six months of age and not over the weight limit for the juniors of that breed.

**SIX CLASS BREEDS ARE AS FOLLOWS:** American, American Chinchilla, American Sable, Beyeren, Blanc de Hotot, Californian, Champagne, Checkered Giant, Cinnamon, Crème d'Argent, English Lop, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Giant Angora, Giant Chinchilla, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox, and Other Breeds.

**SIX CLASS RABBITS ARE THOSE BREEDS HAVING AN IDEAL SENIOR WEIGHT OF 9 LBS OR MORE.**

**MEAT PENS** are shown as a pen of three. They should weigh between 3.5 and 5.5 pounds and cannot be over 10 weeks of age on the day of the show. The judge will look at the uniformity of those three rabbits (i.e. size of animal).

4. Rabbits will be housed in the Poultry/Rabbit barn.
5. Rabbit exhibits must come from a properly enrolled rabbit project. The exhibitor must be a 4-H or FFA member by May 15 of the current year and enrolled in the project by June 15. The exhibit is meant to be a sampling of an exhibitor's rabbit herd. Therefore, **exhibitors will be limited to a total of 10 rabbits.**
6. Rabbits shown must agree with the entry made in <http://storyia.fairentry.com> due June 15.
7. Rabbits may be entered beginning at 7:00 a.m. Saturday, July 21 and must be in place by 12:00 noon.

8. Each exhibitor is responsible for properly entering and placing rabbits in pens. Rabbit pens will be assigned. **Bedding will be provided at a cost of \$0.50 per animal to be paid with entry fees.** All rabbits have to be checked in before they are put into their assigned cages.
9. Pens, **ground** below the pen, and alleyways must be cleaned and manure deposited, where instructed by the superintendent, by no later than 7:30 a.m. each day. Exhibitors are expected to feed, care for animals and clean their pens during the fair. Water should be available at all times. Exhibitor's pens must pass inspection before checking out. Poor herdsmanship will disqualify an exhibitor from the show and loss of premium money. One important responsibility in caring for rabbits is providing adequate ventilation on hot days. A small fan is permissible, but needs to be used only when temperatures are abnormally warm. Fans must be covered with wire mesh as a safety measure. In addition, exhibitors will need to bring necessary equipment to maintain good herdsmanship. Stiff brooms and shovels are necessary equipment.
10. Rabbits entered in the meat pen and single fryer class **MUST** weigh between 3.5 and 5.5 pounds at the fair to meet the meat quality standard of judging. Meat pen rabbit entries are ineligible to be entered in other rabbit classes. Meat pen rabbits will be weighed upon entry at the fair, for eligibility in the meat pen classes.
11. No painting, dyeing and use of color agents on animals is allowed except for horses. All first and second place animals will be wiped down except horses. Any evidence of coloring, painting or dyeing the animal will result in disqualification, loss of premium for that animal, and not participate in the ribbon auction with that animal if the animal was previously eligible.
12. Ribbons, Rosettes, and Trophies will be awarded. Ribbons will be awarded on quality of exhibits. Therefore, no class, even those with one or two entries, will automatically receive any of the ribbons offered. The result of this is that though unlikely some classes may not contain rabbits of sufficient quality to merit a champion or reserve champion award.
13. Champions/Reserve Champions will be chosen from the following divisions: Meat Pen – Single Fryer, Meat Pen – Mixed Breed Pen of Three, Meat Pen – Purebred Pen of Three, Six Class Senior Buck, Six Class Senior Doe, Six Class Junior Buck, Six Class Junior Doe, Four Class Senior Buck, Four Class Senior Doe, Four Class Intermediate Buck, Four Class Intermediate Doe, Four Class Junior Buck, and Four Class Junior Doe.
14. We will also choose a Grand Champion/Reserve Champion Meat Pen, Best of Show/Reserve Best of Show Six Class Rabbit, Best of Show/Reserve Best of Show Four Class Rabbit, and a Grand Champion/Reserve Grand Champion Best of Show Rabbit.
15. **Rabbits are not to be shown in more than one class unless exhibitor chooses to participate in Showmanship.**
16. No "For Sale" signs will be allowed on the cages.
17. Rabbits cannot be spayed or neutered.
18. Rabbits should be at least **12** weeks old by fair time, **except single fryers and meat pens.**
19. **No glass containers or light plastic cups are to be used for feed or water dishes.**
20. **Rabbits will stay in the building until checked-out by Superintendent.**

### **DIVISION – MEAT PEN - SINGLE FRYERS**

**Class**

Single Fryer

### **DIVISION – MEAT PEN – PEN OF 3**

**Class**

Mixed Breed Pen of Three

Purebred Meat Pen of Three

### **DIVISION – SIX CLASS RABBITS**

#### **Breeds**

American	Blanc de Hotot	French Lop	Other Breeds
American Chinchilla	Checked Giant	Flemish Giant	Palomino
American Sable	Champagne Cinnamon	Giant Angora	Satin
Californian	Crème d'Argent	Giant Chinchilla	Silver Fox
Beveren	English Lop	New Zealand	

**Class**

Senior Buck  
Senior Doe  
Intermediate Buck  
Intermediate Doe  
Junior Buck  
Junior Doe

**DIVISION – FOUR CLASS RABBITS**

**Breeds**

American	Florida White	Lion Head	Mini Lop	Rex
Britannia Petite	French Angora	<b>*only the following</b>	Mini Rex	Rhineland
Dutch	Harlequin	<b>colors will be</b>	Mini Satin	Satin Angora
Dwarf Hotot	Havana	<b>accepted:</b>	Netherland Dwarf	Silver
English Angora	Himalayan	Ruby Eyed White	Other Breeds	Silver Marten
English Spot	Holland Lop	Black	Polish	Standard Chinchilla
	Jersey Woolly	Blue		Tan
	Lilac	Chocolate		Thrianta
		Lilac (Tort)		

**Class**

Senior Buck  
Senior Doe  
Junior Buck  
Junior Doe

**RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP**

Please refer to Showmanship Rules on page 59.

**Class**

Senior Showmanship  
Intermediate Showmanship  
Junior Showmanship

**CLOVER KID RABBIT**

1. Clover Kids must be enrolled in [iowa.4honline.com](http://iowa.4honline.com) by May 15
2. Clover Kids may participate with one purebred rabbit in the Clover Kid rabbit show.
3. The rabbits do not need to be identified in 4HOnline, but a county fair entry must be made at <http://storyia.fairentry.com> by June 15.
4. The rabbit will stay at the fair and you must care for it throughout each day of the fair.
5. Clover Kids will show his/her rabbit at **9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 24 in the Rabbit Barn.**
6. Clovers kids will take their rabbit home on Wednesday, July 25 at 6:30 pm.