

**Please be aware that
Exhibitors entering
into these classes
must also be familiar
with the General
Rules and Livestock
Rules.**

(Anything highlighted in grey is new)



DEPARTMENT 14 RABBITS

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SUPERINTENDENT: FRED MACHOLTZ

**ASST. SUPERINTENDENTS: RUSS SCOTT & MARTY
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Registration Deadline: July 1, 2025

Pre fair barn set up dates: Thursday, July 31 & Aug. 7 @ 7 p.m.

**ALL RABBIT JUDGING WILL BE HELD UNDER THE
TENT BETWEEN BUILDINGS 10 AND 11**

FAIR WEEK SCHEDULE:

Health Check --Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Animal Cert. Form turned in at Health Check
Entry --Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Judging --Monday: 9:00 a.m. - Showmanship,
Table A: Single Market,
Table B: Doe and Litter, Crossbreeds &
Pets, Pen of Two Market
--Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - Rabbits: Show
Rabbits
--Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - Rabbit Costume
Auction --Thursday: 9:30 a.m. Auctioning first
(Between Buildings 10 & 11)
Sweepstakes --Friday: 10:30 a.m. (Building #34)
Small Animal Sweepstakes
Release --Saturday: 11:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

***Exhibitor must take responsibility of referring to BCYF
General Rules, Regulations & Policies of Procedure, as
well as, BCYF Youth Exhibits Gen. Rules & BCYF
Livestock Rules (if applicable).***

- A. Rabbits are major exhibits.
- B. San Juan rabbits are not permitted at Fair.
- C. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to have their animal in proper class. **IMPROPER ENTRY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
- D. Max. of 5 entries per exhibitor in classes, 525 - 620. Only 1 market entry, only 1 doe & litter.
- E. Rabbits that have been spayed or neutered **must** be entered in class 525, Crossbreeds and Pets.
- F. All entries must be free of disease.
- G. Junior buck or doe under 6 months.
- H. Senior buck or doe 6 months or over.
- I. Market Classes judged mainly on conformation, health, finish and uniformity as suggested by the ARBA Standard of Perfection.

- A pen of 2 market rabbits should be of the same breed and variety, and uniform in size.
- Market Rabbits cannot be over 10 weeks; Min. wt. 3 1/2 lbs., Max. wt., 5 1/2 lbs.; ideal weight 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 lbs.
- Exhibits should be kept in cage until time of judging.
- J. No adults allowed in the judging area during judging without prior permission.
- K. Decision of the judge is final.
- L. To ensure correct comments and placing, each rabbit shall be accompanied by an exhibitor displaying the exhibitor number of the owner. If an exhibitor has more than one rabbit entry in a class, additional exhibitors must be recruited. Exception: Pen of two market rabbits.
- M. No exhibit will be judged after the class judging is completed. Rabbits may be judged for ribbon only if a class is missed.
- N. Show classes judged mainly on conformation, health and breed characteristics as suggested by ARBA Standard of Perfection.
- O. Crossbred classes judged primarily on conformation, health and condition.
- P. Animals displayed at the discretion of the Supt.
- Q. No rabbit shipping crates stored in barn or under exhibit cages.
- R. Appropriately sized heavy crocks, clamp-on dishes or water bottles must be used for water. Use of cans or light weight metal bowls for water is prohibited. Appropriately sized heavy crocks, bowls or clamp-on dishes must be used for feed. All dishes/bowls to be provided by exhibitor. No glass dishes or bowls are permitted.
- S. No rabbits to be taken out of barn without Superintendent's approval.
- T. Animals must be fed, watered and the cages cleaned daily.
- U. Animals entered in a market class or a doe and litter class may not show as show rabbits.
- V. **It is strongly recommended that all rabbits have an identification mark in an ear.**
- W. Large Rosettes awarded to 1st & 2nd place winners in all Championship Classes unless stated otherwise.
- X. Exhibitor must be present during judging of Best in Show class to be eligible to win.
- Y. Failure to comply with BCYF rules could result in the loss of premiums.
- Z. Exhibitors in costume class must be able to carry their rabbit and props in the judging area.
- AA. Exhibitor **must** have their entry form to remove rabbits Saturday. **Tack boxes will be inspected upon removal from barn.**
- BB. Clubs who reserve cages prior to fair must be represented Sunday morning after fair at 8 am to help clean barn or they will lose the right to reserve cages. Cages reserved until 11:00 a.m. on entry day.
- CC. Exhibitor numbers must be displayed in a manner clearly visible to the judge.

- DD. Exhibitors **shall not** use cell phones or other electronic devices during judging.
- EE. Doe & Litter entry must be verified by Aug. 1st. To ensure proper cage is reserved, include breed and number of kits. Doe and litter cages are reserved/assigned by Rabbit Committee members only.

Rabbits must be entered and shown in at least one of the following classes (515-620) to be eligible for a showmanship or costume class.

SHOWMANSHIP

Dept. 14 - Div. 1

Grand Champion Showmanship winner shall represent the department in the Small Animal Sweepstakes on Friday morning of Fair Week.

- A. Showmanship judged in accordance with the Berrien County Youth Fair Rabbit Showmanship Score Card.
- B. To be eligible for a showmanship class, the rabbit must be shown in a show class (classes 515-620)

Premiums for showmanship classes are as follows:

1st.-Trophy \$5.00, 2nd-\$4.00, 3rd-\$3.00, 4th-\$2.00, 5th-\$2.00, placing rosettes will be awarded to all winners.

- **Young Jr. Division.** Ages 5 - 8 years
Lincoln Sobraliski & Deanna Sobraliski Trophy (ra10r)
- **Junior Division.** Ages 9 - 12 years
Sobraliski Family Trophy (ra09r)
- **Inter. Division.** Ages 13 - 15 years
Chelsey A.R. Sobraliski Trophy (ra08r)
- **Sr. Division.** Ages 16 - 20 yrs
Chelsey Sobraliski Trophy (ra07r)
- **Grand Champion Rabbit Showmanship**
Mr.&Mrs. Phil Woollet Trophy (ra14r)
- **Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit Showmanship**
Cory Sobraliski Trophy (ra01r)

RABBIT COSTUME

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Costumes on rabbits judged on originality and quality, with rabbit and child judged as one unit. Exhibitor may have only one rabbit in the class. Rabbit must have been shown in a show class (515-620). 1st - 5th ribbons awarded in each class.

****Exhibitors in costume class must be able to carry their rabbit and props in the judging area. Refer to Dept. Rule Z****
Adults not permitted in show area.

NO PREMIUMS FOR THESE CLASSES.

- 510. **Rabbit Costume**, ages 5 - 8
- 511. **Rabbit Costume**, ages 9 - 12
- 512. **Rabbit Costume**, ages 13 - 15
- 513. **Rabbit Costume**, ages 16 - 20
(Tees Family) Trophies and Rosettes to winners
- **Best Costume** - Don Byers Family Trophy
- Reserve** - Tee's Family of Bainbridge Twp. Trophy

MARKET RABBITS

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Min. weight 3 1/2 lbs. - Max. weight 5 1/2 lbs. each

Premiums for market classes are as listed

- 515. **Pen of 2 Market Rabbits** (8-10 wks.)
A-3.00, B-2.25, C-1.50
- **Grand Champion Pen of Market Rabbits**
Art & Ruth Covault Memorial Trophy (ra06r)

- **Res. Grand Champ. - Pen of 2 Market Rabbits**
Jim Miller Family Trophy (ra02r)
- 518. **Single Rabbit** (8-10 wks.)
A-3.00, B-2.25, C-1.50
- **Grand Champion Market Rabbit**
So. Lakers 4-H Rabbit Club Trophy (ra05c)
- **Reserve Grand Champion Market Rabbit**
Dan Zandarski Family Trophy (ra04r)
(Ribbons awarded for 3rd - 8th placing)

DOE AND LITTER

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Must verify Doe & Litter entry by Aug. 1st to Fair Office
(List total number of Rabbits on cage tag.)

- 522. **Doe and Litter** - Show or Crossbred
(Litter at least 4 weeks old, but **not older than 6 wks.**)
A-2.25, B-1.50, C-1.00
- **Grand Champion Doe & Litter**
Frank & Shannon Hanks Trophy (ra12r)
- **Reserve Grand Champion Doe & Litter**
Janet & Russ Scott Trophy (ra16r)

CROSSBREEDS

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- 525. **Crossbreeds and Pets** - A-2.00, B-1.50, C-1.25
- **Grand Champion Crossbred Rabbit**
Louis Stelter Family Trophy (ra03r) & Rosette
- **Res. Grand Champion Crossbred Rabbit** - Rosette

SHOW RABBITS

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Show rabbits will be judged by breed in classes 530 thru 617. Trophy and Rosette will be awarded to each Best of Breed winner and a Rosette to each Best Opposite of Breed winner in classes **530-617**. Show Rabbits must meet standards of the breed to be considered for a trophy. **Best of Breed and Best Opposite of Breed to be exhibited in Championship Row. Classes 530-617.**

Premiums for the following classes are:

- A-2.75, B-2.00, C-1.25 (except Championships)
- 530. **Flemish Giant** - Sponsor: *Greene Family*
- 533. **French Lop** - Sponsor: *Russell & Janet Scott*
- 539. **Champagne** - Sponsor: *Greene Family*
- 542. **New Zealand** - Sponsor: *Louis Stelter*
- 551. **Californian** - Sponsor: *Ruth Heidinger/Cathy Jarman*
- 554. **Satin** - Sponsor: *Greene Family*
- 557. **Mini Lop** - Sponsor: *Russell & Janet Scott*
- 560. **Fuzzy Lop** - Sponsor: *Ruth Heidinger*
- 566. **English Lop** - Sponsor: *Russell & Janet Scott*
- 569. **Himalayan** - Sponsor: *Memory of Jim Walter*
- 572. **Silver Marten** - Sponsor: *Janke Family of Millburg*
- 575. **Harlequin** - Sponsor: *Greene Family*
- 578. **Rex** - Sponsor: *Greg Orchards*
- 581. **English Spot** - Sponsor: *Brian Zimmerman*
- 584. **Holland Lop** - Sponsor: *Robert Rowen Family*
- 587. **Thrianta** - Sponsor: *Janke Family of Millburg*
- 590. **Havana** - Sponsor: *Memory of Hethe J. Janke*
- 596. **Dutch** - Sponsor: *Memory of Dick & Julie Skinner*
- 599. **Mini Rex** - Sponsor: *Memory of John J. Janke*
- 602. **Dwarf Hotot** - Sponsor: *Greene Family*
- 605. **Polish** - Sponsor: *Greene Family*
- 608. **Netherland Dwarf** - Sponsor: *Don Byers Family*

611. Jersey Wooly - Sponsor: *Dave Nicely Family*

614. Tan - Sponsor: *Fred Macholtz*

617. Lionhead

620. Any other recognized breed not listed - *Rosette*

BEST OF SHOW

**Best of Breed Rabbits in Classes 530 - 620 will
compete for Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show.**

Best of Show

Jon Totzke Memorial Trophy (ra11a) & Rosette

Reserve Best of Show

Frank & Shannon Hanks Trophy (ra15a) & Rosette

