



# Department 10

## 4-H/FFA



4H/FFA & OPEN Rabbit Show  
Sunday, August 9, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Superintendent:  
Lynda Swan 609-408-8939  
Rabbit Committee: Lisa Banik, Alexis Banik, Kelly  
Dean, Meghan Deming, Jolene Meisner

Health Check-In and Cooping for 4H/FFA and Open Cloverbuds  
Note: (Cloverbud cooping is optional)

**All 4H/FFA Rabbits, including Meat Pens MUST be Checked in on Saturday, August 8th,  
2026. Between 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
No animals will be released 8:00 p.m. on Saturday August 15, 2026**

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### **RULES & REGULATIONS**

(Refer to General Rules)

1. 4-H members must be enrolled in the 4-H rabbit project by program enrollment deadlines. Breeding Rabbits and Market Meat Pens must be enrolled by June 1, 2026. Refer to the 4-H Rabbit Project Requirements from the Extension Office for class details. See Open Show Rules and Regulations for other entry deadlines. An official entry form must also be submitted on or before July 20, 2026.
2. 4-H Project and Record Books must be up-to-date and judged at 4-H Roundup.
3. Breed classes for the 4-H and FFA show are the same as listed in Open Dept. 9 - Please refer there for more information.
4. 4-H Cloverbuds are only entered in the Open Show Dept. 9 per 4-H policy. Cloverbuds are welcome and encouraged to coop their rabbits with their 4-H Club for the week of the fair. Please simply write "COOPING REQUESTED" on the top of the entry form and follow check in and cooping times listed.
5. The 4-H Pet rabbit class is only in the 4-H/FFA show. Pet rabbits may not be entered in any other classes but they can be used for Showmanship. (They do not qualify for Best of Breed or Best of Show)
6. All rabbits must be permanently and legibly tattooed in left ear prior to arriving to the fair grounds for all classes including 4-H Pet Class.
7. All rabbits are judged according to the latest ARBA standard of perfection book. Judges decisions are final.
8. 4-H and FFA exhibitors are required to coop & display all entered rabbits, as cage space allows, for the entire week of the fair. No rabbits will be released before 8:00 p.m. Saturday, August 15th, unless pre-approved by the barn superintendent. Prior to leaving, please check out with barn superintendent.
9. All rabbits must be in the showroom by 8:30 a.m. Show starts at 9:30 a.m. Please see check in and cooping times listed.
10. Each exhibitor must sign the owner endorsed "Veterinary Client Patient Relationship Statement" provided on the entry form. All rabbits will be health checked upon arrival. Any rabbits displaying clinical signs of contagious or infectious disease or appear ill must be removed from the fairgrounds and the entry fee will be forfeited. Out of state rabbits require a veterinarian signed Health Certificate. (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.)
11. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their animals and immediate area as clean and neat as possible. Exhibitors (or a representative) are responsible for the care of their own animals. Exhibitors must supply their own feed, bowls, bottles and supplies.
12. Upon release of animals on Saturday evening - exhibitors are required to clean out bedding and waste, remove anything attached to the cage including signs, tags, ribbons, zip ties and staples, except for Market Meat Pens until picked up by the buyers and released by the superintendent.
13. All rabbit exhibitors (or a representative) are expected to help clean up the barn and take down pens. Clean up will be Sunday, August 16th at 8:00 a.m. If you have a conflict and are not able to help clean up, please contact the barn superintendent at check in prior to fair.
14. Exhibitors are responsible for carrying their own rabbits to the judging table, help from an adult or another youth is permitted if needed. No adult may show a rabbit for a youth. Horse exhibitors and fair queen participants with conflicts at the time of their rabbit classes can have another youth show their rabbits for them in all classes except showmanship, with prior approval of the barn superintendent.



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15. Exhibitors are allowed to show and sell 2 meat pens.

16. Meat Pen Rabbits MUST be raised by the exhibitor and born on their premises. The bred doe must be in the exhibitors possession and preregistered with the 4-H Extension Office by the June 1, 2026 deadline. Exhibitors may register up to 6 bred does, that will kindle on their premises and be raised by the exhibitor. Selection of your meat pen rabbits must be from the kits produced out of any of the preregistered does. Ear numbers on meat pen rabbits must match both the pre-registration form and tattoo on the day of check in. A meat pen consists of 3 rabbits per pen, each rabbit will be officially weighed at the time of check in and must meet the weight requirements of 3½ - 5½ lbs. in order to show and sell in the Jr. Livestock Auction. Those not making weight will be dismissed. An option will be given for the Youth to enter meat pen rabbits that don't make weight into an Open Only, Day of Show Meat Class with a \$2.50 entry fee per rabbit and be eligible for ribbons and premiums but NOT be eligible to be sold at the Jr. Livestock Auction. Any questions please contact the barn superintendent.

17. 4-H and FFA Market Rabbit Pens that qualify to show and sell at the Jr. Livestock Auction are a terminal project. These animals are sold with the intention they are going to slaughter.

### SECTION 1: 4-H and FFA Breeding Rabbit Classes

(4 and 6 class breeds are listed in Dept. 9)

### PREMIUM

1. Individual 4 Class Breeds	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1
2. Individual 6 Class Breeds	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1
Best in Show	\$15				
Reserve Best in Show	\$10				
3. 4-H/FFA Pet Rabbit Class	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1

### SECTION 2: 4-H and FFA Meat Classes

### PREMIUM

1. Stewer: One Rabbit (6 months of age and over, min. weight 8 lbs)	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1
2. Roaster: One rabbit (under 6 months, 5 ½ lbs to 9 lbs)	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1
3. Single Fryer: One Rabbit (not over 10 weeks (70 days) old, 3½ to 5½ lbs)	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1
4. Market Rabbit Meat Pens	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$2
Grand Champion Meat Pen	Rosette				
Reserve Champion Meat Pen	Rosette				

*\*Each pen consists of 3 rabbits, all the same variety (color), not over 10 weeks old (70 days). Each rabbit must be 3.5-5.5 pounds in weight for each rabbit. Official weigh-in will be done at the time of check in.*

### SECTION 3: Rabbit Showmanship Class

### PREMIUM

1. Youth Showmanship - Ages 8-10	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$2
2. Junior Showmanship - Ages 11-13	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$2
3. Intermediate Showmanship -Ages 14-16	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$2
4. Senior Showmanship - Ages 17 & UP	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$2
Champion Showman	Rosette				
Reserve Champion Showman	Rosette				