RABBITS
Department 8

Check-In: Tuesday, 1 - 8 p.m., Barn 3

Judging: Barn 3: **Thursday, 8:30 a.m., Table 1,** Conference Judging Class A, Commercial and Best Commercial followed by Class B, Market Rabbits followed by Class D Fancy Breeds and Best Fancy **Thursday, 9:00 a.m., Table 2,** Individual Conference Judging, Class C, Pet Rabbits followed by Class E, Showmanship.

Department Chairperson: Brenda Reilly, 212-4419

Superintendents: Justin Cimaroli, Steve Reilly, Patrick Reilly, Christi (phone number: 577-3924) & Gary Ringelstetter

Eligible 4-H Project Areas: Animal Sciences - Rabbits

Regulations:

1. All exhibitors must read and adhere to the Youth Exhibitor Code of Practice as stated on page 10.
2. This fair will be judged under the latest show rules of the American Rabbit Breeders Association. Ask any superintendent for information on how to obtain a copy of these rules.
3. Showmanship is recommended for all exhibitors. Be sure to enter the appropriate grade category. Judging is individual conference and will be done on a first come basis. A sign up sheet will be posted and judging will start at 9 a.m.
4. Up to 15 lots may be entered per exhibitor, excluding Showmanship.
5. All entries must be owned by the exhibitor by April 15 of the exhibit year.
6. An exhibitor enrolled in the rabbit project may show two managerial animals. Exhibitors or their family members, showing managerial animals, may not own or show any other rabbits. A rabbit managerial form is available through the Extension Office and must be filled out and on file at the Extension Office by April 15 of the exhibit year.
7. Commercial, Market and Fancy breeds must be purebred. Breed must be written on the Fair entry form.
8. Pet rabbits may be crossbreds.
9. If unsure of rabbit's sex or breed, call the department chair. **Try to purchase rabbits with pedigree papers**. This can be important. Junior rabbits must be at least 12 weeks old to exhibit. Any animal(s) of questionable age will be accepted at the discretion of the committee. **Showing animals younger than 12 weeks is very stressful and could stunt future growth.**
10. Exhibitors are responsible for the daily feeding and care of entries. Exhibitors are required to provide crocks or bottles for water and feed. Rabbits with improper dishes may be sent home. In addition, exhibitors are responsible for bringing their own bedding such as wood shavings.
11. **All exhibitors** are responsible for the general housekeeping and clean-up in their area. Exhibitors must clean-up after their animals and regularly dispose of waste in an appropriate manner. Exhibitors must completely clean out their spaces at release time. Example: cages, clean off boards, fold cages, and stack in a pile. **Please provide your own tools and equipment for clean-up.** Department superintendents will explain proper procedure for the department.
12. Exhibitors must be present for judging. See a superintendent for any judging conflicts.
13. All rabbits must be permanently and legibly tattooed. Tattoo number must be listed on a Dane County Fair Rabbit I.D. Form and the exhibitor's Dane County Fair entry form. The Rabbit I.D. Form must be turned in at check-in to the superintendent. All tattoos should be done before the Fair; contact Small Animal Committee members with any questions.
14. All Market Rabbits must be raised from birth by the exhibitor.
15. All Market Rabbits will be weighed on check-in day. This weight will be used for judging. Any animal not making weight or over weight by more than 1/4 lbs. will not be eligible to sell in the Small Animal Market Sale. It is an honor to sell quality meat and this will keep sale animals of the highest quality.
16. Any rabbit or cavy showing signs of disease and/or colds will be removed from the show and sent home promptly. If one or more entries are showing signs of a highly contagious disease (ear mites, lice, snuffles, etc.), the superintendents have the right to send home all animals in that entry for the protection of the other animals.
17. Superintendents have the right to carefully check the tattoo, condition, behavior or welfare of any animal as is necessary and bring any questions to the owner's attention.

Recommendations:

1. **A long sleeve shirt or show coat should be worn when handling or showing your rabbit.**
2. Exhibitors are encouraged to enter appropriate lots in Animal & Vet Sciences, Department 10.
3. Clubs or individuals are encouraged to decorate their area and cages, display their club signs, and keep their area clean. Please use displays that are informative and educational to the general public. Please remove all decorations at the end of the Fair.
4. Terms

   Commercial Breeds - used mainly for meat and fur.
   Fancy Breeds - used mainly for pet and show.

   A. Two classes are provided for all breeds under 9 lbs. senior ideal weight.
      1. **Junior Rabbit -** under 6 months of age on Fair check-in day or not over maximum junior weight.
      2. **Senior Rabbit -** over 6 months of age on check-in day.

   B. Three classes are provided for all breeds having 9 lbs. or over minimum senior weight.
      1. **Junior Rabbit -** under 6 months of age on check-in day or not over maximum junior weight (If over weight, must be entered as 6-8).
      2. **6 - 8 Rabbit -** 6 months of age and under 8 months of age on check-in day.
      3. **Senior Rabbit -** 8 months of age or over on check-in day or having attained minimum senior weight.

Premiums:	Blue	Red	White	Pink
Class E	$3	$2.50	$2	$1.50
Class A, B, C, D	$2	$1.75	$1.50	$1.25

CLASS A. Commercial Breeds

Sr Buck	Sr Doe	6-8 Buck	6-8 Doe	Jr Buck	Jr Doe	
1)	2)	3)	4)	5)	6)	Californian
7)	8)	9)	10)	11)	12)	New Zealand (All colors)
13)	14)	15)	16)	17)	18)	Satins (All colors)
19)	20)	21)	22)	23)	24)	*Any other commercial breed

***Note:** Be sure to state breed on entry form. Flemish Giant has been moved to any other fancy breed.

CLASS B. Market Rabbits

(Must be purebred, raised by exhibitor and sold in the sale. Showmanship participation is mandatory.)

1) Meat Pen - To consist of three rabbits, all the same breed and variety of either sex. No rabbit may be over 69 days old and may not be under 3 1/2 lbs. or over 5 lbs. Rabbits may not be entered in any other lot.

2) Single Fryer - A single rabbit, either sex, not over 69 days old and not under 3 1/2 lbs. or over 5 lbs. Rabbit may not be entered in any other lot.

3) Roaster Rabbit - A single rabbit, either sex, between 69 and 180 days old and over 5 lbs, but not over 8 lbs. Rabbit may not be entered in any other lot.

CLASS C. Pet Rabbit

Single rabbit entries of either sex must have been in exhibitor's possession since April 15. Pet Rabbit lots must be shown by owner. **A rabbit cannot be shown in both a pet and a breed class. The exhibitor of a Pet Rabbit can only show in 1 Pet Class and 1 lot of Showmanship.** Pet Rabbit lots do not compete for Best in Show.

Lots:
1) Exhibitor - Grades 3 - 4
2) Exhibitor - Grades 5 - 6
3) Exhibitor - Grades 7 - 8
4) Exhibitor - Grades 9+

CLASS D. Fancy Breeds

Sr Buck	Sr Doe	6-8 Buck	6-8 Doe	Jr Buck	Jr Doe	
1)	2)	--	--	3)	4)	Dutch - all colors
5)	6)	7)	8)	9)	10)	French Lop
11)	12)	--	--	13)	14)	Holland Lop
15)	16)	--	--	17)	18)	Mini Lop
19)	20)	--	--	21)	22)	N. Dwarf - Self/Shaded
23)	24)	--	--	25)	26)	N. Dwarf - Agouti/AOV
27)	28)	--	--	29)	30)	N. Dwarf - Tan
31)	32)	--	--	33)	34)	Mini Rex - Castor Color
35)	36)	--	--	37)	38)	Mini Rex - Broken
39)	40)	--	--	41)	42)	Mini Rex - Any other reg. color
43)	44)	--	--	45)	46)	Polish - All colors
47)	48)	49)	50)	51)	52)	*Any other Fancy Breed
53)	54)	55)	56)	57)	58)	*Any other Wool Breed

***Note:** Be sure to state breed on entry form.

CLASS E. Showmanship

1) Exhibitor - Grade 3 - 4
2) Exhibitor - Grade 5 - 6
3) Exhibitor - Grade 7 - 8
4) Exhibitor - Grade 9+

Special Awards:
Badger Rabbit Club - Trophy to best in each Showmanship Class.

Miller & Sons Supermarket - All ribbons. Trophies: Best Commercial Rabbit, Best Fancy Rabbit, Best Market Rabbit, Best Pet Rabbit. Rosettes: Best Meat Pen Rabbits, Best Single Fryer Rabbits, Best Roaster Rabbits, Reserve Champion Showmanship Rosettes, Best Rabbit of each Breed Division.

Interested in Rabbits???

The Sunday **FREE** Rabbit Raffle is an excellent opportunity for youth interested in exhibiting Rabbits to get involved with the project.

Details:
1. The Free Rabbit Raffle is open to any 4-H or FFA member not in the project or who only has one rabbit.
2. If you participate in the Raffle and are selected for a Rabbit, you must show the rabbit in 2014.
3. Raffle participants must have their parent's permission. Parents **MUST** sign the raffle tickets.

The rabbits will be on display on Sunday. The drawing will be held at 4 p.m. All rabbits must stay in the barn until animal release at 7:30 p.m. Raffle participants must be present to win.

SMALL ANIMAL MARKET SALE

Check-In: Tuesday, 1 - 8 p.m., Barn 3

Sale: Friday, 7 p.m., Barn 3

Committee Chairperson: David Johnson, 516-8418

Superintendents/Committee: David & Laura Johnson, Greg Wolff

Regulations:
1. All consignors must attend at least one educational seminar or clinic (provided by 4-H) for each species intended for sale in the Small Animal Market Sale. Seminars or clinics and their dates are set for the year by the Dane County 4-H Small Animal Committee and are posted on the Dane County Youth Development website. A sign-in sheet will be available at each meeting. Not attending one of these meetings makes the exhibitor ineligible to sell or show market animals. Additional requirements may be specified at these meetings, such as not mailing the "Buyer Contact" form by the required date. NOTE: It is not the responsibility of the Small Animal Sale Committee to track down missing forms or to process forms that are late.

2. Any exhibitor who is attending college or university and is unable to attend any one of the qualifying meetings will be required to write a 1000 word essay on a current industry topic in each species area (poultry, waterfowl, rabbits) in which there is intent to sell. This option and topic must have approval from the Small Animal Sale Committee. The essay is due to the 4-H Extension Office, 5201 Fen Oak Court, Rm. 138 Madison, WI 53718-8812 on or before June 15. In addition to the essay, a minimum of one year prior sale participation is required to be eligible to sell.

3. Upon check-in, all exhibitors and their parents with animals in the Market Sale will be required to sign a form stating proper withdrawal times have been observed for any drugs used. **Read and observe proper withdrawal times stated on drug labeling. To be safe, do not medicate your animals/birds.**

4. If at any time, prior to or after judging, an animal(s) shows signs of disease and/or colds, or neglect, said animals(s) will not be eligible to sell in the Small Animal Market Sale.

5. **Even if eligible, any exhibitor who decides not to sell an animal in the Small Animal Market Sale after showing in the Market Classes will be barred from the Market Classes and Sale for the next year.**

6. All exhibitors must be available one hour before the sale, during the sale and after the sale to sign their paperwork.

7. Market Rabbit and Poultry exhibitors must sign up for appropriate showmanship class to be eligible to sell.

8. Small Animal Market Sale Committee reserves the right to limit sale animal lots based on number of entries. The Small Animal Sale will consist of no more than 100 qualifying lots. If the sale exceeds 100 lots, an exhibitor meeting will take place after judging to explain how lots will be eliminated from the sale.

Objectives:
1. To provide small animal exhibitors an opportunity to raise and sell top quality poultry and rabbits at the Dane County Fair.

2. To provide incentive and encourage a stronger development of white meat animal projects.

3. To recognize members who do quality work in breeding, selecting, feeding and showing their market poultry and rabbits.