

DIVISION 6009 - 4-H RABBIT

Friday, August 15, 2025

Check-In: 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Show begins 11:00 AM

Location: Pavilion

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1. See General State Fair Rules applying to 4-H Club exhibitors and general rules applying to livestock exhibits. Rabbit division does not have a novice class.
2. 4-H rabbit and showmanship entries should be made electronically through the State Fair entry system by the July 10. **NO ENTRY FEE IS REQUIRED. Breed AND Tattoo # MUST be submitted with online entry (either in the identified field or the description line).** Rabbit entries without a tattoo number indicated through the State Fair entry system will be disqualified.
3. Exhibitor **MUST** bring a copy of their registration information when checking in at the Kentucky State Fair.
4. Health forms are not necessary but animals showing symptoms of disease or illness will be quarantined and not allowed to show.
5. Exhibitors limited to five rabbits for show. This includes a showmanship rabbit that may or may not be entered in the show. This rule will be strictly enforced.
6. Cages must meet the following criteria. If cages do not meet this criteria rabbits will be disqualified from class champion.
 - a. Cage must confine rabbit for travel.
 - b. Cage must have 50% or more openings for air circulation.
 - c. Cage must be constructed to contain waste.
 - d. Cages must be constructed so rabbit does not sit in waste.*Specifically, the following cage types will be disqualified from class champion: bird cages, cardboard boxes, milk crates, aquariums, bushel baskets. If rabbits are staying overnight, per Jefferson County Chapter 91 law, they must be properly cooped. Coops will be available by requesting advanced cooping at time of entry.*
7. No does with litters accepted.
8. Rabbits that have been spayed or neutered are permitted in the show.
9. The exhibitor is responsible for waste control.
10. All rabbits must be permanently tattooed. Rabbits will be disqualified if they are not permanently marked. Rabbits will be disqualified if there is more than one identification tattoo in the left ear. **ALL RABBITS MUST BE PERMANENTLY EAR MARKED (TATTOOED) IN THE RABBIT'S LEFT EAR. THIS NUMBER MUST BE SUBMITTED ON ELECTRONIC ENTRY FORM (Please use the description line for tattoo number if no tattoo field is available) OR THE RABBIT WILL NOT BE ENTERED. NO ENTRIES, INCLUDING SHOWMANSHIP, ARE PERMITTED ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW.**
11. There can be **NO** substitutions of rabbits from those which are originally registered on the Kentucky State Fair online entry system.
12. 4-Hers must be present during the show. 4-Hers must show their own rabbits or another 4-Her may show a rabbit for them if the exhibitor is showing in another class at the 4-H Rabbit Show. 4-Hers must bring rabbits to and from the show table. Only 4-H members can transport rabbits during the show.
13. Only varieties approved by ARBA may be shown. Additionally, we do offer a Mixed Breeds class. Any others will be disqualified at the show table.
14. Show order will be determined on the day of show and posted. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to watch the show order listing and to have their rabbit(s) at the appropriate table in time to show.
15. Check-in will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 10:30 a.m. Any rabbit not checked in at that time will not be allowed to show. 4-Hers are responsible for checking in their rabbits the day of the show.

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16. Per Kentucky State Fair suggested guidelines no rabbits may be sold during the Kentucky State Fair.
17. If registering for “open class” no rabbits may leave before 5pm on Sunday per open class guidelines.
18. Rabbit showmanship will be shown under Kentucky 4-H Guidelines, please see your respective county Extension agent. You must register for showmanship electronically through the State Fair entry system. **NO ENTRIES PERMITTED ON DAY OF SHOW.**
19. Only 4-H members are allowed at the show tables. Parents and volunteers are not allowed to communicate with the judge and must maintain a distance of 4ft from the show table. Parents and volunteers are not allowed in the showmanship area.
20. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to confirm their entries with county 4-H agent.

Class champions will be selected for all classes within each breed. For each breed, a champion and reserve champion (rosettes) will be awarded for Best of Breed and Best Opposite of Breed. Also, a champion and reserve champion (rosettes) will be selected from the Other 4 class and Other 6 class entries. A plaque or trophy will be awarded for Best 4-Class, Best 6-Class and then Best In Show and Reserve Best in Show. Mixed breed (Champ) rabbits cannot compete in Best of Show.

Class Information:

Showmanship classes: 401 A Junior Showmanship; 401 B Senior Showmanship

See table on next page for breed and class information.



BREEDS	SR. BUCK	SR. DOE	6-8 MO. BUCK	6-8 MO. DOE	JR. BUCK	JR. DOE
Dutch	300	301			302	303
Dwarf Hotot	304	305			306	307
English Spot	308	309			310	311
Harlequin	312	313			314	315
Holland Lop	316	317			318	319
Jersey Woolly	320	321			322	323
Lionheads	324	325			326	327
Mini Lop	328	329			330	331
Mini Rex	332	333			334	335
Netherland Dwarf	336	337			338	339
Polish	340	341			342	343
Rex	344	345			346	347
Tan	348	349			350	351
Other 4 Class	352	353	354	356	357	358
Californian	359	360	361	362	363	364
New Zealand	365	366	367	368	369	370
Palomino	371	372	373	374	375	376
Flemish Giant	377	378	379	380	381	382
French Lop	383	384	385	386	387	388
Other 6 Class	389	390	391	392	393	394

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Mixed Breed	395	396	397	398	399	400
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