

## 4-H/FFA RABBIT

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Clark County Fair Exhibitor Guide <http://www.clarkcofair.com/exhibitors.html#guides>

Each 4-H member showing in this department is responsible for reading and complying with the General Rules for the Fair, the 4-H rules and regulations (both the Fair General Rules and 4-H General Rules documents are available on the Fair's site and the special rules and regulations of this department.

### RULES & REGULATIONS

1. To exhibit in any of the classes in the 4-H Rabbit Project at the Clark County Fair, the exhibitor must be enrolled in the 4-H Rabbit Project by the first business day of May the current 4-H year.
2. 4-H members showing in the Rabbit Project must select one of the following options:
  - A. Enter a record book in Class 010 and compete for both ribbons & premiums. OR
  - B. Submit the completed Rabbit Project add sheets from the record book (C0832 – <http://ext100.wsu.edu/clark/4hyouthfamilies/recordbooks/> ) to the Rabbit Superintendent upon check-in, and compete for ribbons & premiums. OR
  - C. In the absence of a Record Book, compete for ribbons only. Exhibitors choosing this option will not receive premiums.
3. Eligibility to compete for the 4-H Lucky Rabbit's Foot award are as follows:
  - A. Enter a record book in Division 010.
  - B. Enter an Educational poster in Division 030.
  - C. Enter at least one rabbit in the Rabbit Breed and Variety Show.
  - D. Must compete in Showmanship Division 474.
  - E. Must compete in the Judging Contest Division 472.
4. Rabbits to be exhibited with the exception of Market and Commercial Pre-Juniors shall be at least 12 weeks old. Market and Commercial Pre-Juniors shall be less than 10 weeks old.
5. All rabbits are to be shown by Breed and Variety as recognized by ARBA.
6. All rabbits exhibited must have a permanent ear number tattooed in the left ear for identification purposes.
7. In case of too many pre entries a limit may be imposed.
8. To exhibit rabbits, still life, crafts, etc., the 4-H member must do showmanship.
9. Scheduled events may change due to hot weather.

#### 10. Entry Forms:

The 2017 4-H Animal Entry Form (Rabbits) can be picked up at the

- WSU/Clark County Extension office 1919 NE 78 Street Vancouver WA
- Clark County 4-H web site  
<http://ext100.wsu.edu/clark/4hyouthfamilies/clarkcountyfair/>

- A. Entry forms are due in the WSU/Clark County Extension - 4-H Office by 5 pm, the last business day of June. After this date the only reason for substitutions or additions of animals will be for a single entry rabbit, which has been injured or destroyed, and approval given by the 4-H Rabbit Superintendent.

- B. Entry forms must be filled out **completely** for each animal exhibited with ear number, sex, age, breed and variety.
- C. Market sale entries are to be listed on a separate form. Label form as “Market Sale” at the top. Leave the ear numbers blank. These will be entered at check-in from the chosen rabbits.
- D. Commercial Pre-Juniors need to be listed by breed on the entry form. Ear numbers will be filled in at check in on day of entry, Wednesday, August 9. Limit of six (6) pre-Juniors per exhibitor. Unless otherwise stated by the superintendent.
- E. Craft entries in divisions 508 through 518 will be listed on a separate entry form (Clark County Fair Form). This will be turned in at check-in along with the crafts.

**11. Check-in:**

- A. Rabbits will be accepted on Wednesday, August 9 from 7 - 9 a.m. (Market animals must check in from 7-8 a.m.)
- B. Rabbits will be health checked and rejected for any of the following reasons: signs or symptoms of parasites or disease, open sores or inflamed areas, dirty vents or ears, long nails, or matted fur.
- C. No pregnant or lactating Does will be exhibited.
- D. No tattooing will be done at the Fair

**12. Judging:**

- a. Rabbits will be judged according to the standards of perfection published by the American Rabbit Breeders Association, with the exception of Market and Commercial Pre Juniors. All market rabbits and commercial pre juniors will be judged using the American Rabbit Breeders Association market standard except cross breeds will be accepted and will not be held to breed specific standards.
- b. Rabbits will be judged according to the Danish System.
- c. The decision of the judge shall be final in all cases
- d. It is recommended that the exhibitors be present when their animals are being judged.

**13.** The State Fair meeting is Sunday, August 13. Time will be posted in the Rabbit Barn at Clark County Fair. Exhibitors who qualify and choose to participate at State Fair must attend this meeting. If neither parent nor 4-H'er can attend, the 4-H'er must make arrangements with the Superintendent prior to the meeting.

**14.** Awards will be given out Sunday August 13; location will be posted in the 4-H Rabbit Barn.

**15.** Animals/exhibits will be released on Sunday, August 13 at 9 pm for carry out, 10 pm for drive on and after the barn has been cleaned.

**16.** Curriculum to aid in learning can be located at:

WSU publication site: <https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=rabbit>

4-H National Source <http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/curriculum/>

**DIVISION: 470 RABBIT HERDSMANSHIP**

Each individual is required to do herdsmanship. Failure to do so means premiums will be withheld.

**Points on Club Basis: Blue 30, Red 15, White 7**

The following program will be used:

- 1. A herdsmanship schedule will be available for signups beginning in person at the Clark County Fairground set up day July 29, 2017. Starting time for cleanup will be announced through club leaders. Beginning at noon on Saturday, July 29, 2017 members not attending clean up may sign up by calling the 4-H Rabbit Superintendent.
- 2. The number of shifts needed per 4-H exhibitor will be determined based on the total number of entries received and will be clearly marked on the sign up poster.
- 3. 4-Hers will be judged on attitude, appearance and participation.

4. Read the 4-H rules for small animal Herdsmanship.

#### **DIVISION 472: RABBIT JUDGING CONTEST**

**Friday, August 11, 8:00 am**

**Points: Blue 20, Red 15, White 10.**

CLASS:

|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| A. Juniors       | 3, 4, 5 grade completed |
| B. Intermediates | 6, 7, 8 grade completed |
| C. Seniors       | 9th grade and over      |

1. Only four animals or other items shall be judged in a class.
2. Judging will be in accordance with the 2016-2020 “Standard of Perfection” of the American Rabbit Breeders Association.
3. Seniors and Intermediates will judge two to three classes of live animals. Other classes may include a class of four tanned rabbit pelts, five or more live rabbits or photos for identification of breed and variety, classes for keep or cull, feed identification, appropriate equipment and rabbit identification chart.
4. Oral reasons will be given on one class as announced by the superintendent at the time. A “Best Oral Reasons” Rosette ribbon will be awarded at Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels.
5. Time limits for each class will be announced at the beginning of the contest.
6. No written or printed materials will be allowed at the judging contest.
7. No conferring or comparing of answers will be allowed during the contest.
8. Curriculum for rabbit judging:

<https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=Judging%20Rabbits>

#### **DIVISION 474: 4-H/FFA RABBIT FITTING & SHOWING**

**Thursday, August 10– 9:00 am**

**Points: Blue 40, Red 30, White 15**

CLASS:

|                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1. Junior, Novice       | 3, 4, 5 grade completed       |
| A2. Junior               | 3, 4, 5 grade completed       |
| B1. Intermediate, Novice | 6, 7, 8 grade completed       |
| B2. Intermediate         | 6, 7, 8 grade completed       |
| C1. Senior, Novice       | 9, 10, 11, 12 grade completed |
| C2. Seniors              | 9, 10, 11, 12 grade completed |

Novice designation is for 4-H and FFA members in their first year of the rabbit project. 4-H and FFA members entering under this designation cannot qualify for champion or reserve champion status.

#### **RABBIT BREED AND VARIETY SHOW**

**Wednesday, August 9, will start following Market Rabbit Weigh In/Judging**

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>DIVISION 476:</b> | <b>CALIFORNIAN</b>  |
| <b>DIVISION 477:</b> | <b>NEW ZEALAND</b>  |
| <b>DIVISION 478:</b> | <b>SATIN</b>        |
| <b>DIVISION 479:</b> | <b>REX</b>          |
| <b>DIVISION 481:</b> | <b>MINI REX</b>     |
| <b>DIVISION 482:</b> | <b>ENGLISH SPOT</b> |
| <b>DIVISION 483:</b> | <b>HAVANA</b>       |
| <b>DIVISION 484:</b> | <b>DUTCH</b>        |
| <b>DIVISION 485:</b> | <b>PALOMIINO</b>    |

- DIVISION 486: HIMALAYAN**  
**DIVISION 487: POLISH**  
**DIVISION 488: HOLLAND LOP**  
**DIVISION 489: MINI LOP**  
**DIVISION 490: NETHERLAND DWARF**  
**DIVISION 493: OTHER BREEDS**  
**DIVISION 494: MIXED BREED/PET/DISQUALIFIED PUREBRED–This class will be judged solely on General Care, Health, Cleanliness and Grooming of the rabbit and will not be Eligible for the Best in Show award.**  
(Write in Breed and Variety on Fair entry form)

**Points: Blue 10, Red 7, White 4**

**CLASS:**

- A. Senior Buck
- B. Intermediate Buck
- C. Junior Buck
- D. Senior Doe
- E. Intermediate Doe
- F. Junior Doe
- G. Commercial Pre-Junior Buck
- H. Commercial Pre-Junior Doe

(Commercial Pre-Juniors cannot compete in Best of Breed or Best of Show)

**HEAVY BREEDS (OVER 9 POUNDS)**

- |               |                             |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Seniors       | 8 Months of Age or Older    |
| Intermediates | 6 Months and Under 8 Months |
| Juniors       | Under 6 Months of Age       |

**LIGHT BREEDS**

- |        |                           |
|--------|---------------------------|
| Senior | 6 Months of Age and Older |
| Junior | Under 6 Months Old        |

Best of breed in each class will be awarded a Rosette. Best Opposite will be awarded when there are five (5) or more animals in a class.

**DIVISION 502: FUR & WOOL**

To be eligible for this class, all entries must be entered in the regular class. Disqualified or eliminated rabbits from regular class will not be judged for this class (Animals in poor fur condition will not be judged even though entered).

Points: Blue 10, Red 7, White 4.

**LOTS:**

- A. Normal white
- B. Normal colored
- C. Satin white
- D. Satin colored
- E. Rex White
- F. Rex colored
- G. Wool White
- H. Wool colored

## **MARKET RABBITS**

Only two Divisions per exhibitor may be entered under Division 504 and Division 506 combined. All others need to be listed under Commercial Pre-Juniors. Crossbreeds are acceptable. Market animals must be checked in between 7- 8 am on day of entry. Market animals will be judged Wednesday, August 9 at 9 am. To qualify for the Junior Livestock Auction, rabbits must be entered under Division 504 or Division 506 and weigh a minimum of 4 pounds and a maximum of 5 pounds 8 ounces. The maximum weight is in accordance with the ARBA standard, the minimum weight is higher than the ARBA standard to ensure animals are of an appropriate sale size. The rabbit(s) must be in the possession of the 4-H member (kindled and raised) during the rabbit(s) entire life. An expense report must accompany the entry the day of check in. Market sale entries must be entered on a separate entry form. Leave the tattoo spaces blank, which will be filled in on the day of check in. Have all animals tattooed prior to arrival at the Clark County Fair. Exhibitor is responsible for reading all rules and regulations pertaining to the Junior Livestock Auction listed in the 4-H/Junior Livestock Auction sections.

## **Participation in the Junior Livestock Auction**

Participation in the Junior Livestock Auction is an option (not a requirement) for youth in the 4-H and FFA programs. All Animals sold at the Junior Livestock Auction shall have passed the withdrawal period for administration for medicines, whether under veterinary care or not. It is the responsibility of each market animal exhibitor to insure compliance with this rule. This rule exists for public health reasons. Violators are subject to disqualification of all prizes, awards, and premiums with potential suspension from 4-H activities for a period determined by the Clark County Fair 4-H Grievance committee and potential civil or criminal legal action.

To qualify, a single fryer must be less than 70 days of age and weigh a minimum of 4 pounds and a maximum of 5 pounds 8 ounces. A rabbit fryer pen must consist of three (3) rabbits less than 70 days of age and each weigh a minimum of 4 pounds and a maximum of 5 pounds 8 ounces. The maximum weight is in accordance with the ARBA standard, the minimum weight is higher than the ARBA standard to ensure animals are of an appropriate sale size. The rabbit(s) must be in the possession of the 4-H and FFA member (kindled and raised during the rabbit(s) entire life). All single fryer rabbits and fryer pens will be judged using the ARBA market standard except cross breeds will be accepted and will not be held to breed specific standards. All the blue ribbon fryers and fryer pens are eligible for sale

## **DIVISION 504: 4-H/FFA MEAT PEN**

**Points: Blue 20, Red 15, White 10**

Meat Pens consist of three rabbits of the same breed and variety or the same breed cross. Rabbits must be less than 70 days of age and each weigh a minimum of 4 pounds and a maximum of 5 pounds 8 ounces.

## **DIVISION 506: 4-H/FFA SINGLE FRYER**

**Points: Blue 10, Red 7, White 4**

Single Fryers must be less than 70 days of age and each weigh a minimum of 4 pounds and a maximum of 5 pounds 8 ounces.

## **DIVISION 508: RABBIT EQUIPMENT**

**Entries will be accepted on Wednesday August 9, 7-9 AM**

All still entries listed below will be put on a separate entry form from the rabbits and entered at check-in time. Exhibits will be accepted on Wednesday, August 9, from 7 am – 9 am. Handmade equipment relating to rabbits, Items must be handmade and building plans on a 3"x 5" card must be attached. Item will be judged on originality, workmanship, neatness, and safety for species. Age experience level will be considered. To segregate age groups, please put a

"J" (Junior-3, 4, 5 grade completed), "I" (Intermediate-6, 7, 8 grade completed) or "S" (Senior-9th grade and over) before the Lot Number. Example: A Junior exhibitor entering a Carrying Cage Kit would list on the entry form as "J1."

**Points:**

**CLASS 1 through 3: Blue, 7; Red, 5; White, 3**

**CLASS 4 through 9 Blue, 10; Red, 8; White, 6**

**CLASS:**

1. Carrying Cage Kit
2. Rabbit Grooming Kit
3. Rabbit Health Kit
4. Carrying Cage, metal
5. Carrying Cage, wooden
6. Nest Box, metal
7. Nest Box, wooden
8. Tattoo Box
9. Other

**DIVISION 510: FUR PRODUCTS**

**Entries will be accepted on Wednesday August 9, 7-9 am**

All items must be made within the current 4-H year.

Each entry must be accompanied by an attached 3" x 5" card, to explain what it is, where it is to be used, and why it was made. Include technique of how it was made.

**Points: Blue 10, Red 8, White 6.**

**CLASS:**

- A. Garments
- B. Toys
- C. Other

**DIVISION 512: 4-H/FFA PELTS**

**Entries will be accepted on Wednesday, August 9, 7-9 am**

Limit three per class. An attached 3x5 card explaining method of tanning or preserving must accompany pelt.

**Points: CLASS A: Blue 10, Red 7, White 4**

**CLASS B: Blue 5, Red 3, White 2**

**CLASS:**

- A. Hides, tanned
- B. Hides, untanned (4-H member must have done own skinning.)

**DIVISION 514: RABBIT ARTS & CRAFTS**

**Entries will be accepted on Wednesday August 9, 7-9 am**

To exhibit rabbits, still and/or rabbit crafts, 4-H member must do Rabbit Fitting and Showing.

Limit two per class. To be made during the current 4-H year by the 4-H member. Craft item must depict species. A 3"x 5" card is to be filled out by the exhibitor. Information on the card

will be:

- Description of the item
- What it is
- Where & how it is going to be used
- How does it relate to species
- Identify craft techniques used

To segregate age groups, please put a "J" (Junior-3, 4, 5 grade completed) "I" (Intermediate-6, 7, 8 grade completed) or "S" (Senior-9th grade and over) before the Class Number. Example: A Junior entering Lot 1 would list on the entry form as "J1."

**Points: Blue 10, Red 8, White 6**

**CLASS:**

1. Embroidery
2. Cross Stitch
3. Painting
4. Wood craft
5. Dough Art
6. Sewing
7. Photography
8. Fur product
9. Other

**DIVISION 516: CLUB ENTRY**

**Entries will be accepted on Wednesday August 9, 7-9 am**

The following items are club projects and must be completed by three or more members. Premiums are to be paid to club. The project should have been completed during the current 4-H club year.

**Points given to club: Blue 15, Red 10, White 5**

**CLASS:**

- A. Club scrapbook or photo album
- B. Club banner or flag
  1. 30 inches wide x 48 inches long
  2. Both sides decorated
  3. Must be newly constructed during current 4-H year.
- C. Educational floor display (subject to space and approval)
- D. Other (Subject to space and approval)

**DIVISION 518: SELF-DETERMINED ANIMAL SCIENCE**

**Entries will be accepted on Wednesday August 9, 7-9 am**

To enter this class 4-Her' must be enrolled in the Self-Determined Animal Science Project. Entries subject to superintendent approval and space allowed.

**Points: Blue 10, Red 8, White 6**

**LIMIT: One per CLASS**

**CLASS:**

- A. Still Life
- B. Mobile
- C. Animal
- D. Other