

2017-2018 CITRUS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
Youth Pen of Meat Rabbit Rules & Regulations

1. (A) All Exhibitors must be 8 years of age as of September 1, 2017 to show a Pen of Meat Rabbit. Exhibitor must register their animal with the Citrus County Fair Association. All exhibitors must be a Citrus County 4-H or FFA member for the duration of their project. The 4-H Club or FFA Chapter must be recognized by the 4-H office or School to register to show a sale animal.


(B) Entry form and Entry fee of \$5.00 non-refundable must be in the fair office by 5:00 pm Friday, December 1, 2017. No post marked or metered mail will be accepted after this date.

(C) **MANDATORY TO ATTEND (1) EDUCATIONAL MEETING TO SHOW AND SELL**
Educational Meeting - Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 2 pm at the Main Gate Bldg

A \$5.00 (Non-Refundable) Entry Fee due at Registration.

A \$5.00 (Non-Refundable) Showmanship Fee due at Registration, Showmanship is optional.


2. (A) **All animals will be weighed at check-in. Any animal not meeting the minimum weight requirement will be disqualified and must be removed from the fairgrounds.**


 (B) A pen of meat consists of three rabbits of the same breed and variety. All Rabbits must weigh **between 3 1/2 to 5 1/2 lbs** and not be over 70 days of age at Fair time. They should be of equal size, **littermates** and weigh **between 3 1/2 and 5 1/2** pounds to participate for Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion and not over **70 days old** at Fair time. They can be opposite or same sex and at registration exhibitor needs to provide the tattoo identification that will be used on the Pen of Meat rabbits. All rabbits must be brought to the Citrus County Fairgrounds on the date designated by the Livestock Committee for marking of the animal for identification if requested. If rabbits already have markings, then they will be verified on that date. **THIS IS MANDATORY** - the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Meat Rabbits (3 to a pen) will be auctioned off; this is for 4-H and FFA members only. This is a project for you to raise and sell at the Fair. Silent Auction Pen of Meat Rabbit may remain until close of fair. Exhibitors will be responsible for the care of their rabbits until they leave the fair.

3. NO SICK OR DISEASED ANIMALS WILL BE ALLOWED. They will be checked for ear mites. All animals will be inspected. **ONLY accepting ARBA recognized breeds from the 2016-2020 ARBA Standards of Perfection Book (available for purchase online @ ARBA.net) or any rabbit that has a current Certificate of Development (COD) with ARBA. If showing a rabbit that has a current COD the exhibitor will be responsible for obtaining and supplying the current COD to the Rabbit Superintendent upon registration.**

4. The Livestock Committee will present at least one educational meeting during the project period (September through February). The Exhibitor and a Parent or Guardian, 4-H Leader, Agriculture Teacher or responsible Adult, **WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TOGETHER**, in order to SHOW. Exhibitor and Parent/Guardian, 4-H Leader, Agriculture Teacher or responsible Adult must sign in and out to receive credit for attending.

5. Two separate Buyer Letters (ONE TO A PREVIOUS BUYER AND ONE TO A NEW BUYER), addressed, stamped and unsealed with your return address will be required for sale animal exhibitors, and must be turned in to the Fair Office no later than by 5:00 PM on Friday, January 19, 2018. Only two (2) letters will be accepted at the Fair Office; however you are encouraged to send more on your own. Postmarked or metered mail that arrives after this date will not be accepted. All exhibitors must use the current list of previous buyers posted online at citruscountyfair.com or you can pickup a list from the Fair office.

 Proof of "Project Work" for Youth 4-H or FFA exhibitors will be your completed record book. If entering more than one animal, then each animal will need to have a separate information page included in the record book. **All completed record books are due at check-in.**

 All rabbits must be delivered to the Fairgrounds on Sunday, March 25, 2018 between the hours of 3:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. **All exhibitors will be admitted Free during their program through the Livestock Gate. ALL OTHERS MUST PAY GATE PRICE OR SHOW FAIR MEMBERSHIP CARD.**

8. Exhibitors must be present and able to handle their animals during the fair.
9. Exhibitors cannot compete against themselves.
10. Thank you letters for Buyers, Trophy / Plaque Sponsors, Add-Ons and Belt Buckles must be in the Fair Office before a check will be issued to the Exhibitor. Bring your letters to Barn Clean-up Saturday April 14, 2018 or to the Fair Office before the Barn Clean-up date. Letters must be stamped, addressed and unsealed with your return address on the envelope. Letters must be turned in to the designated person who will be posted, so your name will be removed from the list. All money will be withheld until letters are written. Should deadline be missed there will be a \$25.00 forfeit. (There is a sponsor address label on the bottom of the trophy / plaque.)
11. Exhibitors and their parents or guardian will be required to sign a drug certificate which must be turned in to the Rabbit Superintendant at the Exhibitors meeting. Their animal must not have been given any medications that are not past the proper withdrawal period of time.
12. Limitation of entries may be enforced by the show superintendent due to limited space.



Rabbit will be released on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 10:00 P.M. Animals will not be released before this time. There will be no Sunday pick up. **ANIMALS WILL NOT BE RELEASED BEFORE THIS TIME.** We will not be responsible for any animal left after this time. Other arrangements must be made in advance and approved by the show superintendent.

EXCEPT for the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Animals. They will be released to the buyer. Other arrangements must be made in advance and approved by the show superintendent. Silent Auction Pen of Meat Rabbits may remain until close of fair.

14. SALES of Pen of Meat Rabbits other than the SILENT AUCTION are PROHIBITED and prize monies will be forfeited.
15. AWARDS & PREMIUMS - Entries will be judged by the Modified Danish System.

Blue Ribbon \$5.00

Red Ribbon \$3.00

White Ribbon \$1.00

TROPHIES

Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and Class Winners
Record Book 4-H (JR., INT. & SR) FFA (JR. & SR)

SHOWMANSHIP

Payout for Showmanship is a percentage of Entry Fees Collected:

1 ST	25% OF THE ENTRY FEES	4 TH	15% OF THE ENTRY FEES
2 ND	20% OF THE ENTRY FEES	5 TH	12 1/2% OF THE ENTRY FEES
3 RD	17 1/2% OF THE ENTRY FEES	6 TH	10% OF THE ENTRY FEES

RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED 1ST THROUGH 6TH



All exhibitors are encouraged to participate in the optional Rabbit Skill-a-thon during Fair Week. The age of skill-a-thon and record books will be determined by the Exhibitor's age, prior to September 1, 2017.

17. Failure to comply with any of the above rules and regulations will subject the exhibitor to disqualification and removal from the project or Fairgrounds.

18. ALL ANIMALS MUST CONFORM TO ALL STATE OF FLORIDA HEALTH RULES. During the FAIR at the Superintendents discretion may send home ANY Rabbit should they show signs of illness or become ill.
19. Barn Set-up is Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 9 AM **OR** you must attend Barn Clean-up which is Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 9 AM. Anyone unable to attend must contact the Livestock Committee Chairman, in writing, prior to set up or clean up. Failure to attend and participate in Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-up will result in a \$150.00 fine or premium monies, to be put into the Dr. Dumas Scholarship fund. If you do not attend Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-up you will not be allowed to show in the Open or Youth Rabbit Show the following year.
20. All show and sale animals will be cared for at the exhibitor's residence unless granted permission by the Livestock Board, in writing for the animal to be cared for at another location.
21. **PEN of MEAT Rabbit Exhibitors Dress Code during Show and Showmanship will be as follows:**
 - (1) DARK BLACK SLACKS OR DARK BLACK JEANS
 - (2) COLLARED WHITE DRESS SHIRT OR WHITE BLOUSE
 - (3) TIES OPTIONAL FOR 4-H, REQUIRED FOR FFA OFFICIAL DRESS
 - (4) DARK BOOTS OR LEATHER LACE-UP SHOES (NO TENNIS SHOES)
 - (5) 4-H JACKET OR VEST OPTIONAL - FFA OFFICIAL DRESS IS REQUIRED INCLUDING JACKET AND TIE OR FFA SCARF
 - (6) NO HATS, CAPS or BANDANNAS ARE TO BE WORN.
22. All entries must be shown by their designated exhibitor unless otherwise approved by the Livestock Board, this includes showmanship classes.
23. Grooming will be done by the Exhibitors **ONLY** in all Youth shows. No parents or guardians/leaders will be allowed in the rabbit barn prior to show.
24. Each exhibitor **must be** present during the entering of their animal and furnish feed and care for his/her animal while at the Fair. Each exhibitor is required to maintain clean and attractive quarters at all times. An Exhibitor showing neglect of their animal and/or exhibit area, shall forfeit all prize money.
25. The Modified Danish System will be used.
26. THE CITRUS COUNTY LIVESTOCK BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT OR ACCEPT CONDITIONALLY ANY ENTRY OR APPLICATION AT ANY TIME, OR REVOKE PREMIUMS EARNED FOR JUST CAUSE OR BAR EXHIBITOR FROM EXHIBITING. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS, WILL SUBJECT THE EXHIBITOR TO DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL FROM THE PROJECT AND THE FAIRGROUNDS.
27. The Citrus County Fair Livestock Addendum and the IAFE National Code of Show ring Ethics applies to all Shows. See Attached.

EXHIBITOR: FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BE SURE TO READ THE LIVESTOCK ADDENDUM, IAFE NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS, AND UPDATED LIVESTOCK SCHEDULES AS THEY PERTAIN TO ALL LIVESTOCK SHOWS.