

2024-2025 Citrus County Fair Association Youth Rabbit Show Rules & Regulations

1. (A) All Exhibitors must be between the ages of 8 and 18 as of September 1, 2024 to show in the Youth program. Anyone dropping out of school shall be **ineligible** to enter or show. 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 an animal.

(B) Entry form and Entry fee must be in the fair office on or before 5:00 pm Friday, February 7, 2025. No post marked or metered mail will be accepted after this date. There will be 1 class of cavies. **You may enter 4 rabbits and 1 cavy.**

\$5.00 per rabbit and cavy. Maximum cost not exceeds \$25.00 per exhibitor.
\$5.00 Youth Showmanship (Participation is optional).

(C) MANDATORY TO ATTEND ONE EDUCATIONAL MEETING. The Livestock Committee will present at least **two** educational meetings during the project period (August through February). **REFER TO THE IMPORTANT DATES AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING INFO SHEET.** The Exhibitor and a Parent or Legal Guardian **WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TOGETHER**, at least ONE of these to SHOW. **Exhibitor and Parent or Legal Guardian, must STAY for the meeting AND sign in and sign out to receive credit for attending. If you and your parent or legal guardians are unable to attend one of these meetings, the intended exhibitor should not register an animal to show.**
2. It is recommended but not required that your rabbits be tattooed prior to Fair check-in. Go to ARBA.net for list of breeders available in Florida.
3. Exhibitors must own their animal and all animals must be **3 months of age** by the Registration date. Youth exhibitors are expected to care for, prepare and show their own animals during the rabbits stay at the Citrus County Fair.
4. **Exhibitors cannot compete against themselves, only 1 animal per class / per breed with a total of 4 rabbits and 1 cavy. (Cavies will not stay at the fair and are day of show arrivals).**
5. 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.**
6. There will be no advertising or “For Sale” signs for animals at the educational meeting, registration or during the Fair.
7. Rabbits may not be bred while at the Fair. Expecting doe will not be allowed in the show.
8. Exhibitors must be present for showing, to assist in handling their animals if asked by the judge.
9. The show superintendent, due to limited space available, may need to enforce limitation of entries.
10. (A) All rabbits must be delivered to the Fairgrounds on Thursday, March 27, 2025 between the hours of 8:00 am and 10:00 am. Exhibitor’s responsibility to check Fair website for updated information. Show schedule subject to change. All exhibitors must bring enough feed for the duration of the animals stay at the fair. All Livestock Exhibitors will be admitted Free for the duration of your project through the Livestock Gate. **ALL OTHERS MUST PAY GATE PRICE OR SHOW A FAIR MEMBERSHIP CARD. THE MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE IS ON THE IMPORTANT DATES AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING INFO SHEET.**

(B) **Normal release time is Saturday, March 29, 2025 at the designated time by the Rabbit Superintendent. It is the EXHIBITORS responsibility to follow up for any changes. WE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ANIMAL LEFT AFTER 10:00 PM. Other arrangements must be made in advance and approved by the show superintendent.**
11. The show superintendent will create the classes upon final Registration. In the event the exhibitor does not know what breed of rabbit they have or a rabbit that does not conform to the ARBA Standards of Perfection it is recommended that they enter the rabbit under the Pet Class. The Pet Class winner however will not be eligible for Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion.

12. NO SICK OR DISEASED ANIMALS WILL BE ALLOWED. They will be checked for ear mites and additional health issues. All animals will be inspected.
13. Any exhibitor winning an award is required to write a Thank you letter to the sponsor. Thank you letters can be given to show superintendent, prior to picking up your animals or you may bring your letters to the Fair Office. Thank you letters for Award Sponsors, Skill-a-thon or Belt Buckle must be in the Fair Office before a check will be issued to the Exhibitor. Thank You letter deadline is on the Important Dates and Educational Meeting Info sheet. **(No Letters will be taken at Barn Clean-up)**. Letters must be stamped, addressed and **unsealed with your return address on the envelope**. All money will be withheld until letters are written. Should deadline be missed your premium money will be forfeit and Exhibitor will become ineligible to Show for the following Fair year. Sponsor address label is on the bottom of all awards and a list of Sponsors with addresses is on file in the Fair Office.

14. **AWARDS & PREMIUMS** - RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED 1st- 6th
1st \$10, 2nd \$5.00, 3rd \$4.00, 4th \$3.00, 5th \$2.00, 6th \$1.00

Youth Rabbit Grand Champion.....\$25.00 Youth Rabbit Reserve Grand Champion.....\$15.00

AWARDS

Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and Class Winners - awards will not be given out if animal isn't awarded a blue ribbon. Class Winner award will be for classes with 3 or more entries in a class. In the event that there are single or double entries then they will be combined to one class and winner will be selected from them.

Youth Exhibitors wishing to compete in the optional showmanship must designate so at time of Registration and pay a Non-Refundable fee of \$5.00.

Payout for Showmanship will be a % of Entry Fees Collected. Ribbons will be awarded for places 1ST - 6TH

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

15. 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, 2024. Classes will be divided into Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13) and Senior (14 and older).
16. Mandatory to attend Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-Up - **REFER TO THE IMPORTANT DATES AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING INFO SHEET. Exhibitor must sign in and sign out to receive credit for attending.** Anyone unable to attend must contact the Livestock Committee Chairman, in writing, prior to Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-up. Failure to attend and participate in Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-up will result in a **\$150.00** fine or forfeit their 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 Youth Rabbit Show the following year.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. **Youth Rabbit Exhibitors Dress Code during Show and Showmanship will be as follows:**
(1) DARK BLACK SLACKS OR DARK BLACK JEANS WITHOUT HOLES.
(2) WHITE DRESS SHIRT OR WHITE BLOUSE WITH COLLAR, TUCKED INTO PANTS.
(3) DARK BOOTS OR LEATHER LACE -UP SHOES (6" UPPER)
(4) **4-H** JACKET OR VEST - IF NOT WEARING A 4-H JACKET OR VEST, A 4-H PATCH IS REQUIRED.
(5) **FFA** OFFICIAL DRESS IS REQUIRED INCLUDING A JACKET AND TIE OR SCARF, WHICH SHOULD BE TIED ON THE OUTSIDE OF A WHITE COLLARED SHIRT.
(6) SHOW, SHOWMANSHIP AND SALE NIGHT - NO HATS OF ANY KIND PERMITTED. NO GUM, CANDY OR OTHER MATERIALS IN THE MOUTH OF EXHIBITOR. YOUR ANIMAL MAY BE DECORATED BUT THE COSTUME MUST BE APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE SUPERINTENDENT.

20. All entries must be shown by their designated exhibitor unless otherwise approved by the Livestock Board, this includes showmanship classes.
21. All exhibitors must be able to safely handle animals by himself/herself at all times while at the Fair.
22. 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.
23. 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 NEGLIGENCE OF THEIR ANIMAL AND/OR EXHIBIT AREA, SHALL FORFEIT ALL PRIZE MONEY.
24. 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.
25. 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 AND NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS, AND UPDATED LIVESTOCK SCHEDULES AS THEY PERTAIN TO ALL LIVESTOCK SHOWS.

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