



MEAT PEN OF 3 RABBITS DIVISION RULES - 2025

Chairman: Scott Wieghat (832) 473-2961

Vice-Chair:

Rabbit Judge – Jennifer Schimpf

BREED DATE (SUGGESTED)	January 2-8, 2025	
On-line Entry:	Monday, March 17, 2025	
TATTOO/ENTRY DATE	Monday, March 24, 2025	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
LOCATION	NEEDVILLE YOUTH FAIR GROUNDS	
RABBIT CHECK-IN & SIFT	Wednesday, April 29, 2025	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
RABBIT SHOW	Wednesday, April 29, 2025	(Immediately following check-in)

1. Exhibitors must abide by all "Needville Youth Fair Livestock General Rules".
2. All meat pen rabbits **will** be judged as to meat type, flesh condition, fur, and uniformity. Toenails and Teeth will be disregarded. This is **NOT** an ARBA sanctioned show.
3. All meat pen rabbits may be either kindled & raised by the exhibitor or purchased from a breeder. Exhibitors purchasing rabbits from a breeder must buy and **take possession** of the rabbits prior to the Tattoo/Entry date. All Meat Pen Rabbits must be the legal property of the exhibitor.
4. The Official start date of the meat pen rabbit project will be the designated Tattoo/Entry date. Exhibitors must own, and be caring for, their rabbits at this time and throughout the feeding period. The feeding period ends upon check-out from the fair. Exhibitors are to care for their own rabbits at the fair.
5. The Needville Youth Fair Rabbit Committee will tattoo all eligible bunnies **on Monday, March 24, 2025 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.** The tattooing will be held at **Needville Youth Fairgrounds**. Tattooing establishes animal eligibility for individual and/or family tag-in. Rabbits with incorrect, altered, or no tattoo will be eliminated at the official Fair check-in.
6. **EACH EXHIBITOR WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO TATTOO AND VALIDATE A MAXIMUM OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) BUNNIES. THE FIRST 15 BUNNIES IS \$20.00, 16-20 BUNNIES IS \$30.00, 21-25 BUNNIES IS \$40.00.**
7. Meat Pen Rabbit Project Entry Form (1 form per exhibitor) and the entry fee(s) (\$20.00 per exhibitor) must be submitted online by March 23, 2025. Tattooing/Validations is the official starting date of the project. See Rule #8 of the General Rules.
8. Family tagging consists of "immediate family living in the same household".
9. Meat pen will consist of three (3) rabbits, all the same breed & variety. Eligible breeds are Californian, and New Zealand. **NO CROSS BREEDS** are allowed. The **suggested** age limit is: approximately 75 days old at show time. The weight limits are: (5 LBS. 8 OZ) five pounds & eight ounces maximum and (3 LBS. 8 OZ) three pounds & eight ounces minimum for each rabbit.
10. **At Check in and sift time at the fair, Rabbits will have one (1) weigh per rabbit, with a one (1) ounce variance given.**

11. All rabbits must be weighed by a member of the Needville Youth Fair Rabbit Committee in the presence of the Judge. If anyone (1) rabbit in the pen weighs more than the maximum allowable weight or less than the minimum allowable weight, the entire pen is disqualified. If anyone rabbit is deemed "unhealthy" or is disqualified by the Judge, the entire pen is disqualified. Examples of "unhealthy" include ear mites, conjunctivitis, sniffles, signs of diarrhea, and any sign of bacterial infection.
12. The rabbits presented to the Needville Youth Fair Rabbit Committee member and the Judge **will** be the exhibitor's "Official Entry". **NO ALTERNATES** allowed at official check-in time. Once rabbits are put in cages, only exhibitors are allowed in the arena.
13. Showmanship will be announced after the conclusion of the rabbit show by the rabbit judge. Only exhibitors showing their own project are eligible for showmanship. A Senior, Intermediate and Junior Showmanship Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be presented to the exhibitor who has the best presentation of their project, proper handling of their rabbit, following dress code, and answering the judge's questions.
14. The Judge's decision is final.
15. **The top twenty-two (22) placing Meat Pen Rabbits will remain caged at the fair until checkout on Sunday. Rabbits may not be removed from the fenced area for any reason once they have been checked in.** Exhibitor is to furnish his/her own water & feed "crock-type" containers and is responsible for providing feed and water for their rabbits throughout the duration of the fair. No outside hanging containers are allowed.
16. If your animals make the sale, you will be given a disposition sheet at the time of checkout. This will advise you to whom and where to deliver your processed or live animals. (Exhibitor is responsible for processing his/her own rabbits.)

AUCTION BUYERS SHALL NOT BE APPROACHED BY ANYONE TO BUY BACK OR ASKED THAT THEIR ANIMAL BE DONATED BACK TO EXHIBITOR.