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JUNIOR FAIR RABBITS

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1. Entry Day – **NEW – Tuesday, August 25, from noon-7pm and Wednesday, August 26, from 1pm-5pm in the Poultry and Rabbit Building.** All exhibits must be in place by 5pm. **Identification paperwork must be completed and submitted to the superintendent prior to placement of animals in cages.**
2. Judging Day (Individual Conference Judging) – **Thursday, August 27, starting at 9am, Showmanship of breeds to follow. Doors will open at 8am. No parent(s) or other adult other than the superintendent(s) are permitted in the judging ring.**
3. Release Day – **Sunday, August 30, from 5:30pm to 8pm.** Claim checks will be required to have your rabbits released. Dismantling of decorations and food clean out begins at 5pm, animals must remain in cage. Cages must be completely cleaned at the conclusion of fair. Failure to do so could result in loss of premium.
4. **Only one (1) entry per lot number per class per exhibitor.**
5. **Maximum of fourteen (14) entries in the department, not to include Showmanship or Market Class. No more than four (4) entries per species in classes 105-108. No more than six (6) entries per species in classes 109-114.**
6. Pen Rent – A pen rent of \$.50 per rabbit will be charged and must be paid at the time of registration.
7. **Please contact the superintendent by August 1, if exhibitor has a large breed that requires a double cage. ANY EXHIBITOR THAT MAKES CAGE ALTERATIONS WITHOUT APPROVAL FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT WILL FORFEIT THEIR PREMIUMS.**
8. **Exhibitor MUST notify the superintendent by August 1, the number of rabbits and their breeds.**
9. **All rabbits must be in possession of the exhibitor by June 1 of the fair year to receive the fair premium.**
10. **HEALTH REGULATIONS:** See WI County, District, & State Fairs **2026** Animal Health Rules and Regulations located on the website. Any required health certificates/copies must remain in the Expo office during the fair.
11. Each exhibitor must furnish their own feed, provide bedding, as well as clean and care for their own rabbit on a daily basis. Please use shavings only as bedding in cages. Straw, hay or cedar shavings **MUST NOT** be used for bedding.
12. All rabbits exhibited must be raised and shown by the exhibitor. Any other youth exhibitor may show entry if approved by Superintendent. No changes will be allowed after registration forms are submitted.
13. No rabbit, of any type or class, showing any evidence of disease may be exhibited at the Fair. If, at any time, any animal in this group shows evidence of a contagious or infectious disease, the animal shall be removed from the exhibit and destroyed or returned to the owner, at the option of the State Department of Agriculture. All rabbits exhibited may be subject to quarantine and destroy if any infectious or contagious diseases is discovered among any of the rabbits.
14. The American Standard of Perfection shall govern all specimens entered in this department and will be judged by comparison. Any entries not fitting the class will be placed down.
15. Exhibitors are encouraged to secure cages to prevent vandalism.
16. Only open to members enrolled in the Rabbit Project or doing equivalent work who have kept a record of their project for at least three (3) months.
17. Exhibitors entered in the Market Classes and participating in the auction are required to send letters to potential buyers inviting them to bid on your Blue Ribbon winners at the Auction on **Thursday, August 27.**
18. **Tiny Tots:** DO NOT ENTER THROUGH 4-H. Enter by completing the online registration form at [Poultry and Rabbit Registration](#).
19. **NO ANIMAL(S) SHALL BE SOLD IN OR FROM THE POULTRY AND RABBIT BUILDING DURING THE FAIR. A BULLETIN BOARD IS PROVIDED FOR ADVERTISING OF ANIMALS. ANY ANIMAL SELLING CAN BE DONE ON SUNDAY AFTER 6PM.**
20. **JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITORS MUST WEAR THEIR EXHIBITOR NUMBER WHILE SHOWING. FAILURE TO WEAR THE EXHIBITOR NUMBER WILL RESULT IN PREMIUM MONEY FORFEITURE!**
21. The Poultry and Rabbit Building will be open: Wednesday through Friday at 8am; Saturday and Sunday at 9am.
22. No crossbred rabbits in breed classes.
23. **Exhibitors entering in poultry are required to complete the YQCA Training and attend two (2) small animal educational meetings.**
24. Showmanship is Class D. All exhibitors must participate and register in showmanship.

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Premiums for Classes AA through C are as Follows:

Blue Ribbon - \$2.00 Red Ribbon - \$1.75 White Ribbon - \$1.50 Pink Ribbon - \$1.25

CLASSES:

CLASS AA: American Fuzzy Lop	CLASS AM: English Spot	CLASS AY: Netherland Dwarf
CLASS AB: American Sable	CLASS AN: Florida White	CLASS AZ: Polish
CLASS AC: Angora (English)	CLASS AO: Harlequin	CLASS AZA: Rex
CLASS AD: Angora (French)	CLASS AP: Havana	CLASS AZB: Mini Rex (Solid)
CLASS AE: Angora (Satin)	CLASS AQ: Himalayan	CLASS AZC: Mini Rex (Broken)
CLASS AF: Belgian Hare	CLASS AR: Jersey Wooley	CLASS AZD: Mini Satins
CLASS AG: Brittannie Petite	CLASS AS: Lilac	CLASS AZE: Rhinelander
CLASS AH: Chinchilla (Standard)	CLASS AT: Lionheads	CLASS AZF: Silver
CLASS AI: Dutch (Black)	CLASS AU: Holland Lop (Solid)	CLASS AZG: Silver Martin
CLASS AJ: Dutch (Other Colors)	CLASS AV: Holland Lop (Broken)	CLASS AZH: Tan
CLASS AK: Dwarf Hotot	CLASS AW: Mini Lop (Solid)	CLASS AZI: Thrianta
CLASS AL: Dwarf Papillon	CLASS AX: Mini Lop (Broken)	

1. Maximum of four (4) entries per species.

2. Maximum of fourteen (14) entries for the department not to include showmanship or market class.

Lot Numbers for Classes AA-AZH:

105. Buck over 6 months 106. Doe over 6 months 107. Buck under 6 months 108. Doe under 6 month

CLASSES:

CLASS BA: American	CLASS BH: Chinchilla (American)	CLASS BO: Lop (English)
CLASS BB: Angora (Giant)	CLASS BI: Chinchilla (Giant)	CLASS BP: New Zealand
CLASS BC: Beveran	CLASS BJ: Cinnamon	CLASS BQ: Palomino
CLASS BD: Blanc de Hotot	CLASS BK: Crème D' Argent	CLASS BR: Satin
CLASS BE: California	CLASS BL: Flemish (Giant)	CLASS BS: Silver Fox
CLASS BF: Champagne D'Argent	CLASS BM: French Lop (Solid)	
CLASS BG: Checkered Giant	CLASS BN: French Lop (Broken)	

1. Maximum of six (6) entries per species.

2. Maximum of fourteen (14) entries for the department not to include showmanship or market class.

Lot Numbers for Classes BA-BS:

109. Buck over 8 months 111. Buck 6-8 months 113. Buck under 6 months
110. Doe over 8 months 112. Doe 6-8 months 114. Doe under 6 months

There will be a Champion and Reserve for Classes AA-BS with the following combined classes:

Dutch Black vs. Dutch Colors
Holland Lop (Solid vs. Broken)
Mini Lop (Solid vs. Broken)
Mini Rex (Solid vs. Broken)
French Lop (Solid vs. Broken)

There must be at least six (6) entries and two (2) exhibitors entered and exhibited per breed for awards.

CLASS C: MARKET CLASS

1. Judging Day – Wednesday, August 26 starting at 6pm.

Lot Numbers:

120. Fryer, not over 69 days old, should be 3 to 5 lbs	123. Meat Pen, to consist of three (3) rabbits. All rabbits shall be of the same breed & variety. No rabbits shall be over 69 days old or entered in another class. Each rabbit should be between 3 to 5 lbs.
121. Roasters, between 70-180 days old & over 5 lbs	
122. Stewers, over 181 days old & 8 lbs	

There will be a champion in each of the lot numbers. Top blue will be champion.

All champions will be sold at the auction on Thursday evening along with the large animal auction.

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CLASS D: SHOWMANSHIP

Rabbit used in Showmanship must be one entered in one of the breed classes.

Premiums for Lot Numbers 101-103 as Follows:

Blue Ribbon - \$3.00 Red Ribbon - \$2.50 White Ribbon - \$2.00 Pink Ribbon - \$1.50

Lot Numbers:

101. Beginners, Grades 3-5 102. Intermediate, Grades 6-8 103. Senior, Grades 9 & Over

Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Showperson

A Supreme Champion Showperson and a Reserve Supreme Champion Showperson will be selected from the above showmanship age Blue Ribbon winners. Ribbon Award Only.

HERDSMANSHIP

Poultry and Rabbit Herdsmanship is judged as one (1) entry as they are set up together in one (1) area. Each club (4-H, FFA, etc.) is expected to judge every other club, except their own. **If someone from your club does not participate in judging, your club may be excluded from being awarded any prize money or a trophy.** Herdsmanship papers are available from the superintendent.

Herdsmanship ribbons will be given to the ten (10) top clubs and/or youth groups in the Rabbit area. The following items will be considered in making the final decision: Preparation of the Exhibit, Appearance and Attitude of Exhibitors and Care of Exhibit (food & water, cleanliness of cage), Decorations (fair theme and fair colors), storage of supplies. Donated Herdsmanship Awards paid for by the Manitowoc Poultry and Rabbit Committee.

Premiums as Follows:

Blue Ribbon - \$12.00 Red Ribbon - \$8.00 White Ribbon - \$5.00 Pink Ribbon - \$3.00

HERDSMANSHIP SCORE CARD

Animal & Living Space	40 points
Exhibitors	15 points
Club Sign, Decorations & Cards	15 points
Aisles	20 points
Storage & Feed	<u>10 points</u>
Total	100 points

TINY TOT SHOWMANSHIP

Each Exhibitor must bring his or her own animal. Exhibitor cannot use a poultry entered in another class by another exhibitor. Rosette ribbons will be awarded along with Champion and Reserve Champion Trophies. No cash prizes. Enter by completing the Poultry and Rabbit Online Registration form at [Poultry and Rabbits Registration](#). If you have any additional questions, call **Mclain Gill at 920-901-3747**.

Exhibitors entering into Tiny Tot Showmanship may not enter the same animal into Open Class.

Entry must be brought in on **Wednesday, August 26** by 5pm. The animal must stay the duration of the fair. **Do Not** send your entry to the 4-H office or the Expo office.

POULTRY AND RABBIT MARKET SALE

OBJECTIVES

1. To provide Junior Fair Poultry and Rabbit Exhibitors an opportunity to sell top quality poultry and rabbits at the Manitowoc County Fair.
2. To provide incentive and encourage a stronger development of white meat animal project.
3. To recognize members who do quality work in breeding, selecting, feeding, and showing the market poultry & rabbits.
4. Processing of Market Animals – if assistance is required, please contact the Poultry and Rabbit committee. Any cost for processing will be deducted from sale winnings.

WHAT WILL BE OFFERED

1. Poultry to be auctioned will be the Champion winners in each of the poultry market classes (lot numbers 117-121).
2. Rabbits to be auctioned will be the Champion winners in each of the rabbit market classes (lot numbers 120-123).
3. Note: Please enter your animals in the market classes and Poultry and Rabbit Market Sale Only if you intend for the animal to be sold and processed. Since only the Champion entries in each market class are eligible for the Auction, it is not fair to the other exhibitors if you enter a market class without intending to sell your animal. Any exhibitor who decides not to sell their animals in the Poultry & Rabbit Market Sale, if eligible, will be barred from the Market Classes & Sale for the next two (2) years.
4. If the exhibitor enters into the market class and the animal is selected, the animal **MUST** be sold at the auction.
5. There will be a Grand Champion market animal and a Reserve Champion for the Poultry and the Rabbits.

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WHEN IS THE SALE

The Poultry & Rabbit Market Sale will be held on **Thursday, August 27, at 6:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Building.**

WHO CAN BUY

1. Anyone interested in encouraging youth.
2. Anyone who enjoys and appreciates good quality meat.
3. Anyone who would gain beneficial advertising value.

SALE PROVISIONS

1. Potential bidders register at the Sales ring (no obligations).
2. Animal weights will be provided, but bidding will be based on an entry basis; i.e., meat pen, pair or single animal class entry.
3. All accounts are to be settled with the clerk immediately after sale. The buyer will assume ownership of the animal if taken live after 6pm on Sunday. All market animals should remain for the duration of the Fair.
4. Sale participants must be present when their animal is called to the auction block or they forfeit the right to sell. The only exception is if they must report to college on the day of the sale.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Entries open to all bona fide 4-H or FFA members or any other youth organization in Manitowoc County.
2. Make entries on regular County Fair Registration form under the respective market classes noted on the website at the [Fair Website](#)
3. The number of animals exhibited and the number of premiums given will follow County Fair regulations.
4. The sale will be conducted by the Manitowoc County Market Animal Committee on Thursday, **August 27**, at 6:30pm, in the Multi-Purpose Building. Ten (10) percent of the selling price will be deducted from the exhibitor's receipts to go into a fund to pay for advertising the sale and conducting the sale. Checks will be mailed to the exhibitors after the animals have been delivered to the buyers.

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JUNIOR FAIR RABBIT HOPPING

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**Rabbit Hopping
Camp will be held
from 5:30pm-7:00pm
at the Expo.**

Dates:

Thurs, May 28

Wed, June 24

Tues, July 21

Mon, August 17

1. Entry Day and Judging Day – **Friday, August 28**, starting at 3:30pm, in the Ice Center.
2. Rabbit does not need to be pedigreed and can be a mixed breed.
3. All rabbits must be at least five (5) months of age to compete.
4. Sick rabbits will not be allowed to compete or practice.
5. All rabbit breeds are welcomed but larger breeds and wool breeds are not recommended for the safety of the rabbit.
6. Handlers may only enter two (2) rabbits per class.
7. Any mistreatment of a rabbit will not be tolerated and may result in disqualification.
8. All rabbits must use the "H" style harness with clips or buckles and hook in the back. You will also need a 4'-6' lead.
9. The rabbit and handler are considered a team. You may not hand your rabbit over to anyone else during competition to compete in other events.
10. The rabbit must never be left unattended in the competition area.
11. A handler and rabbit may not advance in the next required class division until all necessary points are earned from previous course.
12. **HEALTH REGULATIONS:** See WI County, District, & State Fairs **2026** Animal Health Rules and Regulations located on the website. Any required health certificates/copies must remain in the Expo office during the fair.
13. **Please note:** The exhibitor should register for all three classes IF eligible. In order for the exhibitor to progress to the Medium Class, the rabbit must successfully hop the Easy Class without knocking over any rails. This would be the same to progress onto the Difficult Class.

Premiums for Classes F through J are as Follows:

Blue Ribbon - \$2.00

Red Ribbon - \$1.75

White Ribbon - \$1.50

Pink Ribbon - \$1.25

CLASS F: STRAIGHT LINE COURSE

Lot Numbers:

104. Easy Class

105. Medium Class

106. Difficult Class

CLASS G: CROOKED COURSE

Lot Numbers:

107. Easy Class

108. Medium Class

109. Difficult Class

CLASS H: TEAM RELAY RACES

1. Must have three handlers and rabbits to be a team. Every handler must have their own rabbit.

Lot Numbers:

110. Easy Class

111. Medium Class

112. Difficult Class

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