

Arkansas State Fair Rabbit Handbook



Section 1: Meat Pens

Superintendent: Scharidi Barber

Meat Pen is defined as three rabbits of the same color, preferably of the same breed, but mixed breeds will be acceptable. The animals must weigh at least 3 ½ pounds and no more than 5 ½ pounds each. Rabbits cannot be over ten weeks old. Animals may come from different litters. The trio should be uniform.

Rabbits entered in the Single Fryer Competition cannot be entered as part of a Meat Pen trio.

Exception: A meat pen entered that has a mortality that would disqualify the entry, may have one rabbit designated by owner and signed by agent/advisor to be moved to single fryer. Only one meat pen entry is eligible for this exception. This must be done two days prior to show date.

There is no limit to the number of entries an exhibitor can submit for the meat pen contest.

There will be an official sift during check-in. Each exhibitor must bring their meat pen trio to be weighed by an official Arkansas State Fair rabbit committee member. Each rabbit must weigh at least 3 ½ pounds and no more than 5 ½ pounds.

Section 2: Single Fryers

Superintendent: Scharidi Barber

Single Fryer is defined as one rabbit, not over 10 weeks of age. Rabbit must weigh at least 3 ½ pounds and no more than 5 ½ pounds.

Rabbits entered in the single fryer competition can not be entered as part of a meat pen trio.

There is no limit to the number of entries an exhibitor can submit for single fryer contests.

There will be an official sift during check-in. Each exhibitor must bring their single fryer to be weighed by an official Arkansas State Fair rabbit committee member. Each rabbit must weigh at least 3 ½ pounds and no more than 5 ½ pounds.

Section 3: Rabbit Show

Superintendent: Morgan Ruff

The Arkansas State Fair rabbit shows are official American Rabbit Breeders Association sanctioned shows.

The following rules will be enforced for both the Junior and Open Rabbit Shows

- Registration papers and veterinarian health certificates are not required, however, health screening may be done by show management. Any animal showing signs or symptoms of disease will be removed from the grounds promptly.
- All rabbits must be placed on the judging table by the exhibitor. Only authorized show personnel will be allowed behind the judging table.
- When entering, rabbits age should be based on how old they will be October 1 of current year.

Breed Show Requirements: All breeds recognized in the handbook for the current year fair will have a breed show at the state fair regardless of number of entries. Superintendent will review entry information each year and determine eligible breeds.

2022 Arkansas State Fair Recognized Rabbit Breed 4-Class Shows		
American Chinchilla	American Fuzzy Lop	American Sable
Belgian Hare	Britannia Petite	Dutch
Dwarf Hotot	Dwarf Papillon	English Angora
English Spot	Florida White	French Angora
Harlequin	Havana	Himalayan
Holland Lop	Jersey Wooly	Lilac
Lionhead	Mini Lop	Mini Rex
Mini Satin	Netherland Dwarf	Polish
Standard Rex	Rhineland	Satin Angora
Silver	Silver Marten	Standard Chinchilla
Tan	Thrianta	

Junior and Open Rabbit Show 4-Class Breed Classes

Rabbits		
1	Jr Doe (does 3-6 months of age)	Premium
3	Sr Doe (does 6 months or older)	Premium
4	Jr Buck (bucks 3-6 months of age)	Premium
6	Sr Buck (bucks 6 months or older)	Premium
7	Best of Breed	Banner
8	Best of Opposite Sex	Banner
9	Best in Show	Banner

2022 Arkansas State Fair Recognized Rabbit Breed 6-Class Shows		
American	American Chinchilla	Beveren
Blanc de Hotot	Californian	Champagne d'Argent
Checkered Giant	Cinnamon	Crème d'Argent
English Lop	Flemish Giant	French Lop
Giant Angora	Giant Chinchilla	New Zealand
Satin	Silver Fox	

Junior and Open Rabbit Show 6-Class Breed Classes

Rabbits		
1	Jr Doe (does 3-6 months of age)	Premium
2	Intermediate Doe (does 6-8 months of age – commercial breeds)	Premium
3	Sr Doe (does 8 months or older)	Premium
4	Jr Buck (bucks 3-6 months of age)	Premium
5	Intermediate Buck (bucks 6-8 months of age – commercial breeds)	Premium
6	Sr Buck (bucks 8 months or older)	Premium
7	Best of Breed	Banner
8	Best of Opposite Sex	Banner
9	Best in Show	Banner

Rabbit Show Premiums

Payouts will be based on percentages of entries.

Junior Show

The Arkansas State Fair will host two junior rabbit shows. Show A will be the official Arkansas State Fair Junior Show. Premiums will be awarded for Show A only. Show B will be a prize show only.

Both shows will be ARBA sanctioned shows.

Open Show

The Arkansas State Fair will host two open rabbit shows. Show A will be the official Arkansas State Fair Junior Show. Premiums will be awarded for Show A only. Show B will be a prize show only.

Both shows will be ARBA sanctioned shows.