

Arkansas State Fair Rabbit Handbook



Section 1: Meat Pens

Superintendent: Kristy Caswell-Mogish

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

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

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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.

2023 Arkansas State Fair Recognized Rabbit Breeds		
American	English Angora	Mini Rex
American Chinchilla	English Lop	Mini Satin
American Fuzzy Lop	English Spot	Netherland Dwarf
American Sable	Flemish Giant	New Zealand
Argente Brun	Florida White	Palamino
Belgian Hare	French Angora	Polish
Beveren	French Lop	Rex
Blanc De Hotot	Giant Angora	Satin
Britannia Petite	Giant Chinchilla	Satin Angora
Californian	Harleguin	Silver
Champagne d'Argent	Himalayan	Silver Fox
Checkered Giant	Hivana	Silver Marten
Cinnamon	Holland Lop	Standard Chinchilla
Crème d'Argent	Jersey Wooley	Tan
Dutch	Lilac	Thrianta
Dwarf Hotot	Lionhead	
Dwarf Pappillon	Mini Lop	

Junior and Open Rabbit Show 4-Class (Mini) 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

Junior and Open Rabbit Show 6-Class (Large) 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.