

Small Animals

1. The term “small animals” refers to all rabbits and poultry.
2. All small animals are subject to the Santa Fe County 4-H/FFA Livestock Show General Rules and Policies.
3. Cages for small animals will be provided by the fair.
4. The fair will try to provide containers for water and food, but the exhibitors may substitute their own if not obtrusive. Exhibitors will be responsible for feeding and watering. All small animals must have water at all times and food for, at least, several hours a day.
5. Small animals will be released at the designated time in the schedule after clean-up. Exhibitors not participating in clean-up may be assessed a \$25 clean-up fee. **The Santa Fe County Fair management may refuse entry in future years to an exhibitor who fails to give proper care to his/her animals until release or fails to properly clean pens and grounds.**
6. All small animal exhibitors will need to complete a declaration form **NO later than July 7**. Exhibitors need to declare any animals which they plan to exhibit at the county fair. The declaration form will include breed, species, age, general coloring; rabbits need to include their ear tattoo. Exhibit sex is required on the declaration form. Meat pens will also need to be declared at this time.
7. All exhibitors will need to upload a picture of each entry in the Fair Entry system during the registration process. For poultry a basic broad side picture is what we are looking for. On rabbits a broad side picture as well as the best picture you can get of the ear tattoo is what will be needed. Meat pen pictures will be required of all three (3) animals, tattoo pictures for rabbit meat pens will also be required.
8. Exhibitors of small animals that are selected for the Junior Livestock Auction will be required to complete a Livestock Terms of Agreement Form prior to the sale.

Rabbit

1. Exhibitors will be required to determine the classification of their rabbit project at the time of registration or declaration. The rabbit superintendent will not classify rabbits upon check-in. The judge will examine your project based on the ARBA standards for the class of rabbit presented.
2. No substitutions are allowed once the rabbits are entered. Show rabbits will be at least three (3) months old at time of judging except Single Fryers and Meat Pens.
3. Rabbits are to be entered in accordance with the class list provided. Fur and wool classes are entered first in the regular show. See fur and wool class for details.
4. Rabbits will be judged in accordance with the American Rabbit Breeders Association’s Standard of Perfection. Modifications in judging order will vary from the Standard in variety, but rabbits themselves will be judged to the Standard. Crossbreeds have no standard to be judged by, so will be left up to the discretion of the judge.
5. Rabbits will be judged by breed, sex, and age. Best of Show/Grand Champion will be taken from the Best of Breed. Single rabbits in a breed will be considered “Best of Breed”. Reserve Grand Champion and all lower ranked animals may be selected by the judge from all animals in the show. The decision of the judge is final.
6. Classifying rabbits: at time of check-in, rabbits will be checked for proper breed, sex, and variety. At the time, the exhibitor has the option of entering the rabbit in the correct class, or leaving it as entered.
7. Rabbits used in showmanship must be exhibited in the show and owned by the showman/exhibitor. Cloverbuds are the only exception to this rule. **Official dress code applies** see item 7 in Livestock General Rules and Policies.
8. All rabbits must have a permanent tattoo in the left ear. All rabbit ear tattoos must match the tattoo listed

on the registration form. This applies to meat pens and individual entries.

9. Any 4-H member may place a rabbit on the show table, if the owner is not able to do so themselves.

Wool and Fur Rabbits—Working

Any rabbit entered in the Fur or Wool classes must be entered in the regular show. Rabbits will be judged by breed, then by coat type to determine the winner in either Fur or Wool. Rabbit entries will be limited to only one (1) rabbit per breed per exhibitor. Example: if an exhibitor has Mini Rexes, they may show only one in fur. If an exhibitor has Mini Rexes and Satins, then the exhibitor may show one Mini Rex and one Satin. All prospective rabbits shown in the fur or wool class must be entered with the other entries; the rabbit that will be shown can be chosen on judging day and entered at the time the class is judged.

Wool Classes

Lionhead Jersey
Woollys
American
Fuzzy Lops

Fur Classes

Satin
Rex
Mini Rex

Meat Pens: are to be three (3) rabbits of the same breed and variety, same or mixed sex. They will weigh between 3-5 pounds each with a total pen weight of 9-15 pounds. Their maximum age should be no more than 69 days at the time of judging. Meat pen rabbits are only to be entered in the meat pen class. All meat pen entries will be weighed at the designated time set in the schedule. Any rabbit meat pen found to be over or under the weight range or the wrong mix of varieties will be disqualified, and the individual animals will be placed in the appropriate general breed class.

Meat Pen Class

Meat Pen

Rabbit Classes

Class 4 Rabbits (adult weight under six (6) pounds)

Sr. Bucks—6 months and older
Sr. Does—6 months and older
Jr. Bucks—6 months and older
Jr. Does—6 months and older

Class 4 Rabbit Breeds

American Fuzzy Lops
American Sable Angora
English Angora
French Angora
Satin Belgian Hare
Crossbreeds—under 10 pounds
Lionhead
Himalayan
Jersey Woolly Lop
Holland Lop
Mini Lop
Velveteen
Mini Rex

Dutch Dwarf
Hotot
Mini Satin
English Spot
Florida White
Harlequin
Havana
Polish Rex
Silver Marten
Tans
Thrianta
Netherland Dwarf

Class 6 Rabbits (adult weight six (6) pounds and over)

Sr. Bucks—8 months and older
Sr. Does—8 months and older
Intermediate Bucks—6-8 months
Intermediate Does—6-8 months
Jr. Bucks—3-6 months
Jr. Does—3-6 months
Rabbit Showmanship

Class 6 Rabbit Breeds

American	Champagne d'Argent	Lop, French
Angora, Giant	Crème d'Argent	New Zealand
Beveren	Crossbreeds—over 10 pounds	Palamino
Californian	Giant Checkered	Satin
Chinchilla, American	Flemish Giant	Silver Fox
Chinchilla, Giant	Lop, English	

Other Classes

Rabbit Showmanship
Booster Rabbit

Poultry

1. No substitutions are allowed once the poultry are entered.
2. Poultry will be judged by rules of the *American Poultry Association* and the *American Bantam Association*. Grand Champion will be selected from the Best of: Bantam Cock, Bantam Cockerel, Bantam Hen, Bantam Pellet, Standard Cock, Standard Cockerel, Standard Hen, Standard Pellet, and Best of All Other Fowl. Reserve Grand Champion and all lower ranked animals may be selected by the judge from all animals in the show. The decisions are final.
3. Leg bands are encouraged but not necessary to enter poultry.
4. Enter poultry breed, variety and grouping in accordance with the *New Mexico State Fair Premium Book*, then by sex and age. Refer to the *NM State Fair Premium Book* for lists of poultry breeds.
5. Poultry used in showmanship must be exhibited in the show and owned by the showman/exhibitor. Cloverbuds are the only exception to this rule.

Bantam Breed Chicken Classes

Cock—over 1 year
Hen—over 1 year
Cockerel—under 1 year
Pullet—under 1 year

Large Breed Chicken Classes

Cock—over 1 year
Hen—over 1 year
Cockerel—under 1 year
Pullet—under 1 year

Waterfowl Classes

Drake—over 1 year
Duck—over 1 year
Drake—under 1 year
Duck—under 1 year
Gander—over 1 year
Goose—over 1 year
Gander—under 1 year

Turkey Classes

Tom—under 1 year
Hen—under 1 year
Tom—over 1 year
Hen—over 1 year

Goose—under 1 year

Other Classes

- Pigeons, all entries are required to have seamless leg bands.
- Game Birds—Quail, Pheasants, etc. entries must have proper permits in accordance with the rules and regulations of the NM Department of Game & Fish.
- Others not above—doves, guineas, etc.
- Broiler Pens—three (3) chickens weighing 3-5 pounds each for a total of 9-15 pounds total weight. Birds must be same sex and same breed. All Broiler Pen entries will be weighed at the designated time set in the schedule. Any poultry broiler found to be over or under the weight range or the wrong mix of varieties will be disqualified, and the individual animals will be placed in the appropriate general breed class.
- Poultry Showmanship
- Booster Poultry