



## Santa Fe County 4-H Livestock Santa Fe County Fair August 4-7, 2021

Dear Rabbit/Poultry Exhibitor,

Below are a few points to remember as we begin our summer season!

- Classifying Rabbits: Exhibitors will be required to determine the classification of their rabbit project at the time of registration/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.
- Poultry Show schedule: Poultry Judging 10:00am. Showmanship 2:30pm
- All small animal exhibitors will need to complete a declaration form **No Later Than June 15 2021**. Exhibitors need to declare any animals in 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 not required on the declaration form. Meat pens will only declare their interest in showing a meat pen at the fair.
- 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.

For a complete list of rules and regulations visit the 4-H Fair Book on our county website:

<http://santefeextension.nmsu.edu>. Go to the **4-H tab** and scroll to the bottom of the page. The fair book is listed under the **County Fair** section. In the book you will find a list of all the classes we offer at county fair for rabbits and poultry.

### Declaring Rabbits and Poultry

Santa Fe County requires that all rabbits and poultry be declared by **June 15<sup>th</sup>**. Included with this letter are your declaration forms. Please feel free to make copies if necessary. It is sometimes difficult to identify small animals (especially poultry) at this point in the year. This form is not intended to penalize, or constrict you in your small animal projects. It is merely a way of ensuring that small animals are owned in plenty of time for exhibitors to properly complete their projects. Below are a few items of discussion that usually come up:

- Poultry **DO NOT** need leg bands. We simply ask for a brief description of what type of birds you plan to exhibit.

- Baby poultry usually come in mass quantities. Example: If you have 24 of the exact same baby chick, there is no need to list them all separately. List them all on the same line; give us the number of animals that meet this description. Do the best you can!
- Rabbits **WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE TATTOOS**. If you don't have tattoo pliers, you may check a set out at the extension office.
- **Concerning Cloverbuds**
  - Cloverbuds should be enrolled in "Our Animal Friends"
  - They may exhibit small animals at county fair in the Booster Division
  - This is a non-competitive show
  - Boosters are not eligible for sale slots
  - Boosters may share small animals owned by another member
  - Boosters are encouraged to complete a declaration, but are not required to.

### **Family Declarations**

Santa Fe County uses "family declarations" when we declare rabbits and poultry. This means that when listing your animals, you will not be required to designate which family member they belong to. All members of the family should be included on the form with all the animals you list. Animals must reside and be cared for in the same household in order to be considered part of the family declaration. When you enter your animals for fair, you will be required to designate which child will exhibit which animal.

### **County Fair Entries**

**Please remember that declaring your animals IS NOT THE SAME THING AS ENTERING THEM FOR FAIR!!!** Entries for county fair are due July 21. All animals must be entered for fair. Cloverbuds must also enter their animals, even if those animals are being exhibited by an older member. The rule to remember; if you plan to step in front of a judge with that animal, you must enter it! The entry fee for all small animals is \$2 for each entry. Entry forms will be available on our website as we get closer to fair.

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