

DIVISION 6009 - 4-H RABBIT

Friday, August 21, 2026

Check-In: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

4-H Rabbit Showmanship 10 AM

Show begins 11:00 AM

Location: Pavilion

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1. See General State Fair Rules applying to 4-H Club exhibitors and general rules applying to livestock exhibits. Rabbit division does not have a novice class.
2. 4-H rabbit and showmanship entries should be made electronically through the State Fair entry system by the July 10. **NO ENTRY FEE IS REQUIRED. Breed AND Tattoo # MUST be submitted with online entry (either in the identified field or the description line).** Rabbit entries without a tattoo number indicated through the State Fair entry system will be disqualified.
3. Exhibitor **MUST** bring a copy of their registration information when checking in at the Kentucky State Fair.
4. Health forms are not necessary but animals showing symptoms of disease or illness will be quarantined and not allowed to show.
5. Exhibitors limited to *seven* rabbits for show. This includes a showmanship rabbit that may or may not be entered in the show. This rule will be strictly enforced.
6. Cages must meet the following criteria. If cages do not meet this criteria rabbits will be disqualified from class champion.
 - a. Cage must confine rabbit for travel.
 - b. Cage must have 50% or more openings for air circulation.
 - c. Cage must be constructed to contain waste.
 - d. Cages must be constructed so rabbit does not sit in waste.*Specifically, the following cage types will be disqualified from class champion: bird cages, cardboard boxes, milk crates, aquariums, bushel baskets. If rabbits are staying overnight, per Jefferson County Chapter 91 law, they must be properly cooped. Coops will be available by requesting advanced cooping at time of entry.*
7. No does with litters accepted.
8. Rabbits that have been spayed or neutered are permitted in the show, *however they will show in the Mixed Breed/Altered Division. This show follows ARBA Breed Standards and will be disqualified in traditional breed classes.*
9. The exhibitor is responsible for waste control.
10. All rabbits must be permanently tattooed. Rabbits will be disqualified if they are not permanently marked. Rabbits will be disqualified if there is more than one identification tattoo in the left ear. **ALL RABBITS MUST BE PERMANENTLY EAR MARKED (TATTOOED) IN THE RABBIT'S LEFT EAR. THIS NUMBER MUST BE SUBMITTED ON ELECTRONIC ENTRY FORM (Please use the description line for tattoo number if no tattoo field is available) OR THE RABBIT WILL NOT BE ENTERED. NO ENTRIES, INCLUDING SHOWMANSHIP, ARE PERMITTED ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW.**
11. There can be NO substitutions of rabbits from those which are originally registered on the Kentucky State Fair online entry system.
12. 4-Hers must be present during the show. 4-Hers must show their own rabbits or another 4-Her may show a rabbit for them if the exhibitor is showing in another class at the 4-H Rabbit Show. 4-Hers must bring rabbits to and from the show table. Only 4-H members can transport rabbits during the show.
13. Only varieties approved by ARBA may be shown. Additionally, we do offer a Mixed Breeds class. Any others will be disqualified at the show table.
14. Show order will be determined on the day of show and posted. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to watch the show order listing and to have their rabbit(s) at the appropriate table in time to show.



15. Check-in will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 10:30 a.m. Any rabbit not checked in at that time will not be allowed to show. 4-Hers are responsible for checking in their rabbits the day of the show.
16. Per Kentucky State Fair suggested guidelines no rabbits may be sold during the Kentucky State Fair.
17. If registering for "open class" no rabbits may leave before 5pm on Sunday per open class guidelines.
18. Rabbit showmanship will be shown under Kentucky 4-H Guidelines, please see your respective county Extension agent. You must register for showmanship electronically through the State Fair entry system. NO ENTRIES PERMITTED ON DAY OF SHOW.
19. Only 4-H members are allowed at the show tables. Parents and volunteers are not allowed to communicate with the judge and must maintain a distance of 4ft from the show table. Parents and volunteers are not allowed in the showmanship area.
20. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to confirm their entries with county 4-H agent.

Class champions will be selected for all classes within each breed. For each breed, a champion and reserve champion (rosettes) will be awarded for Best of Breed and Best Opposite of Breed. Also, a champion and reserve champion (rosettes) will be selected from the Other 4 class and Other 6 class entries. A plaque or trophy will be awarded for Best 4-Class, Best 6-Class and then Best In Show and Reserve Best in Show. Mixed breed/*Altered Division* (Champ) rabbits cannot compete in Best of Show.

Class Information:

Showmanship classes: 401 A Junior Showmanship; 401 B Senior Showmanship

See table on next page for breed and class information.

Dutch

300 Senior Buck
301 Senior Doe
302 Junior Buck
303 Junior Doe

Dwarf Hotot

304 Senior Buck
305 Senior Doe
306 Junior Buck
307 Junior Doe

English Spot

308 Senior Buck
309 Senior Doe
310 Junior Buck
311 Junior Doe

Harlequin

312 Senior Buck
313 Senior Doe
314 Junior Buck
315 Junior Doe

Holland Lop

316 Senior Buck
317 Senior Doe
318 Junior Buck
319 Junior Doe

Jersey Wolly

320 Senior Buck
321 Senior Doe
322 Junior Buck
323 Junior Doe

Lionheads

324 Senior Buck
325 Senior Doe
326 Junior Buck
327 Junior Doe

Mini Lop

328 Senior Buck
329 Senior Doe
330 Junior Buck
331 Junior Doe

Mini Rex

332 Senior Buck
333 Senior Doe
334 Junior Buck
335 Junior Doe

Netherland Dwarf

336 Senior Buck
337 Senior Doe
338 Junior Buck
339 Junior Doe

Polish

340 Senior Buck
341 Senior Doe
342 Junior Buck
343 Junior Doe

Rex

344 Senior Buck
345 Senior Doe
346 Junior Buck
347 Junior Doe

Tan

348 Senior Buck
349 Senior Doe
350 Junior Buck
351 Junior Doe

Californian

359 Senior Buck
360 Senior Doe
361 6-8 Month Buck
362 6-8 Month Doe
363 Junior Buck
364 Junior Doe

New Zealand

365 Senior Buck
366 Senior Doe
367 6-8 Month Buck
368 6-8 Month Doe
369 Junior Buck
370 Junior Doe

Palomino

371 Senior Buck
372 Senior Doe
373 6-8 Month Buck
374 6-8 Month Doe
375 Junior Buck
376 Junior Doe

Flemish Giant

377 Senior Buck
378 Senior Doe
379 6-8 Month Buck
380 6-8 Month Doe
381 Junior Buck
382 Junior Doe

French Lop

383 Senior Buck
384 Senior Doe
385 6-8 Month Buck
386 6-8 Month Doe
387 Junior Buck
388 Junior Doe

Mixed Breed

389 Senior Buck
390 Senior Doe
391 6-8 Month Buck
392 6-8 Month Doe
393 Junior Buck
394 Junior Doe

Altered (spayed/neutered)

395 Senior Buck
396 Senior Doe
397 6-8 Month Buck
398 6-8 Month Doe
399 Junior Buck
400 Junior Doe