

RABBITS

17 - Junior Rabbit Show

Superintendent: Jerry Hicks (#217-415-2610)

Junior Class Premiums Offered: \$698.00

INFORMATION

Entries

Entry Fees \$1.00 per head; \$3.00 for Market Pens, and \$9.50 per exhibitor supply chain surcharge. Entries in all classes shall be made through the online fair entry system at the Illinois State Fair website. Payment must be made via credit card at the time of entry. No other type of entry will be accepted. Assistance with entries is available at the Competitive Events Office, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All entries must be submitted online on or before July 15, 2026. Fees will not be refunded.

Deadlines and Check-in

Animals May Arrive	Saturday, August 15, 7:30 a.m.
Animals must be checked in by	Saturday, August 15, 9:00 a.m.
Show begins	Saturday, August 15, 9:30 a.m.
Animals Released	
Junior Show Exhibitors Only	Saturday, August 15, immediately following Junior Show
Open and Junior Exhibitors	Sunday, August 16, immediately following Open Show

Show Schedule

Show will be held in Barn 26. Show order will be as classes are listed in the premium book. Show order is subject to change. Exhibitors should watch and listen for announcements.

Department Rules

1. Each exhibitor must comply with the Illinois Exhibition Health Requirements; Animal Care, Drug, Testing and Welfare Policies; and General Rules of the Junior Livestock Division as previously stated.
2. There are no requirements governing the movement of rabbits within the State of Illinois.
3. Junior Show exhibitors are reminded they must adhere to the Junior Show registration requirements in order to exhibit in the Junior Show and are encouraged to enter their animals in the Open Rabbit Show. Junior Show registration does not fulfill Open Show requirements.
4. Junior Show exhibitors may enter more than one (1) breed.
5. Tattoo or ear number will be required at the time of entry.
6. Exhibitors are allowed substitution within a class up to 9:00 a.m. the day of the show. Entry into additional classes is not allowed after July 15, 2026.
7. All Other Breed (AOB) classes are for animals in breeds not separately listed.
8. Each exhibitor is required to pre-enter Showmanship classes online by the published Junior Department entry deadline. Showmanship age will be the exhibitors age as of August 13, 2026.
9. Each exhibitor must be present to show their own animals unless exempted in advance by Superintendent due to an identified, eligible conflict.
10. Rabbits should be brought to the fairgrounds in appropriate carriers and animals will be shown out of those carriers. All carriers must have a solid, leak proof bottom. Animals are not to be placed in State Fair pens unless directed by the Superintendent.

11. All appropriate paperwork must be completed and submitted to the Superintendent by 9:00 a.m. on show day.
12. All rabbits exhibited must be recognized breeds of the ARBA as listed in the Standard of Perfection. No crossbreds are allowed. Breeds and varieties that have not been fully approved by the ARBA are not eligible to show at the Illinois State Fair.
13. Rabbits shown must be the property of the exhibitor, a part of his/her project, and must have a permanent, legible tattoo in the left ear. Animals with illegible tattoos or unhealed tattoos are ineligible to show. Additionally, exhibitors are responsible for having the ears of his/her animals clean and knowing the tattoo can be read by officials at the time of check-in and judging.
14. Any rabbit exhibiting signs of poor health and condition, or a pronounced defect or abnormality will be ineligible to show and receive premiums at the discretion of the Superintendent.

Special Awards

Breed Awards: In Divisions 1701 to 1714, Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex will be awarded. Champions will receive additional premium awards with the Best of Breed receiving an additional \$3.00 and Best Opposite Sex an additional \$2.00.

Best in Show: An award will be given to the exhibitor of the Best in Show. An additional monetary award of \$15.00 will be given to the exhibitor of the Best in Show Rabbit and an additional \$10.00 award will be given to the exhibitor of the rabbit judged Reserve Best in Show

Grand Champion Market Meat Pen: An award will be given to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Market Meat Pen. Additionally, the Grand Champion Junior Show Rabbit Market Meat Pen will sell at the livestock auction of the Governor's Sale of Champions.

Junior and Senior Showmanship Champions: An award will be given to the Junior and Senior Showmanship Champions.

Premiums will be paid as follows:

Class Description	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Single Classes	\$3	\$2	\$1	-
Market Pen Classes	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8
Fryer Classes	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$2

CLASSES

Division 1701 – Four-Class – Dutch

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Dutch	001	002	003	004

Division 1702 – Four-Class – Dwarf Hotot

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Dwarf Hotot	001	002	003	004

Division 1703 – Four-Class – Havana

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Havana	001	002	003	004

Division 1704 – Four-Class – Himalayan

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Himalayan	001	002	003	004

Division 1705 – Four-Class – Holland Lop

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Holland Lop	001	002	003	004

Division 1706 – Four-Class – Mini Lop

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Havana	001	002	003	004

Division 1707 – Four-Class – Mini Rex

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Mini Rex - Solid	001	002	003	004
Mini Rex – Broken	005	006	007	008

Division 1708 – Four-Class – Netherland Dwarf

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Netherland Dwarf	001	002	003	004

Division 1709 – Four-Class – AOB

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
All Other Breeds	001	002	003	004

Division 1710 – Six Class Breed – Champagne D’Argent

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Inter. Buck	Inter. Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Champagne D ’Argent	001	002	003	004	005	006

Division 1711 – Six Class Breed – Californian

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Inter. Buck	Inter. Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Californian	001	002	003	004	005	006

Division 1712 – Six Class Breed – New Zealand

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Inter. Buck	Inter. Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
New Zealand	001	002	003	004	005	006

Division 1713 – Six Class Breed – Satin

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Inter. Buck	Inter. Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Satin	001	002	003	004	005	006

Division 1714 – Six Class Breed – AOB

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Inter. Buck	Inter. Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
All Other Breeds	001	002	003	004	005	006

Division 1715 – Market Meat

Breed/Variety	Open Class
Meat Pen – Californian	001
Meat Pen – All Other Breeds	002
Single Fryer – Californian	003
Single Fryer – All Other Breeds	004

Division 1716– Showmanship

Class	Class Description	Open Class
Junior Showmanship	Exhibitors Ages 10-12	001
Senior Showmanship	Exhibitors Ages 13 and Older	002