

RABBITS

18 - Open Rabbit Show

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

Open Class Premiums Offered: \$4,000.00

Sanctioned by the American Rabbit Breeders Association and ARBA rules will govern show.

INFORMATION

Entries

Entry Fees \$3.00 per head; \$9.00 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. Late entries will be accepted through July 31, 2026, with an additional \$50.00/exhibitor charge assessed.

Deadlines and Check-in

Animals May Arrive	Sunday, August 16, 7:30 a.m.
Animals must be checked in by	Sunday, August 16, 9:00 a.m.
Show begins	Sunday, August 16, 9:30 a.m.
Animals Released	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 Open Livestock Division as previously stated.
2. There are no requirements governing the movement of rabbits within Illinois.
3. Open Show exhibitors are reminded they must adhere to the Open Show registration requirements in order to exhibit in the Open Show. Junior Show registration does not fulfill Open Show requirements.
4. Open Show exhibitors may enter more than one (1) breed. All rabbits must be entered in the name of the owner.
5. Tattoo ear number will be required at time of entry.
6. All Other Breed (AOB) classes are for animals in breeds not separately listed. AOC refers to Any Other Color recognized by the ARBA and not listed. In all instances, if entering 4-Class or 6-Class AOB or AOC classes, please indicate the Breed and/or Variety entered for exhibition.
7. Exhibitors are allowed substitution within a class up to 9:00 am the day of the show. Entry into additional classes is not allowed after July 31, 2026.
8. The Youth Division is open to exhibitors ages 18 and under as of the first day of the Fair, August 13, 2026. Rabbits entered in the Youth Division may not be entered in the Open Division.
9. Late arrivals will not be eligible to show.
10. Rabbits should be brought to the fairgrounds in appropriate carriers. All carriers must have a solid, leakproof 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 am 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 State Fair.
13. Rabbits shown must be the property of the exhibitor 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 Rules and Rules Associated with ARBA Sanctioning

15. The show will be run by the latest ARBA rules and filing an entry indicates acceptance of the same.
16. Exhibitors can win only two premiums per class. However, sweepstake points would still count in the order animal's place.
17. Every attempt will be made to have a registrar available. Exhibitors are responsible for bringing necessary papers.
18. No breeding of animals is allowed without the expressed permission of both owners and the Superintendent.
19. Exhibitors wishing to have a breed sanctioned that is not, may do so on their own.

Special Awards

Best in Show: An award will be given to the exhibitor of the Best in Show in the Open and Youth Divisions. An additional monetary award of \$100.00 will be given to the exhibitors of Best in Show Rabbit in Open and Youth Divisions, and an additional monetary award of \$50.00 will be given to the exhibitors of the rabbits judged Reserve Best in Show animals in each of the Open and Youth Divisions.

Best of Breed: Champions will receive additional premium awards with the Best of Breed receiving an additional \$10.00 and Best Opposite Sex an additional \$5.00.

Largest Number of Rabbits: An additional monetary award of \$20.00 will be given to the exhibitor showing the largest number of rabbits in each of the Open and Youth Divisions.

Premiums will be paid as follows:

Class Description	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Single Classes	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2	-	-	-	-
Market Pen Classes	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5

CLASSES

Division 1801 – Four-Class – Dutch

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Black	001	002	003	004
Blue	005	006	007	008
Chocolate	009	010	011	012
Tortoise Shell	013	014	015	016
AOC	017	018	019	020

Division 1802 – Four-Class – English Spot

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Black	001	002	003	004
Blue	005	006	007	008
Chocolate	009	010	011	012
Gold	013	014	015	016
Gray	017	018	019	020
Lilac	021	022	023	024
Tortoise	025	026	027	028

Division 1803 – Four-Class – Florida White

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Florida White	001	002	003	004

Division 1804 – Four-Class – Havana

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Black	001	002	003	004
Broken	005	006	007	008
AOC	009	010	011	012

Division 1805 – Four-Class – Himalayan

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Black	001	002	003	004
Blue	005	006	007	008
Chocolate	009	010	011	012
Lilac	013	014	015	016

Division 1806 – Four-Class – Holland Lop

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

Division 1807 – Four-Class – Mini Lop

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

Division 1808 – Four-Class – Mini Rex

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Group 1 (Self)	001	002	003	004
Group 2 (Shaded)	005	006	007	008
Group 3 (Agouti)	009	010	011	012
Group 4 (Tan)	013	014	015	016
Group 5 (Broken)	017	018	019	020
Group 6 (AOV)	021	022	023	024

Division 1809 – Four-Class – Mini Satin

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Siamese	001	002	003	004
Tortoise	005	006	007	008
AOV	009	010	011	012

Division 1810 – Four-Class – Netherland Dwarf

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Group 1 (Self)	001	002	003	004
Group 2 (Shaded)	005	006	007	008
Group 3 (Agouti)	009	010	011	012
Group 4 (Tan)	013	014	015	016
Group 5 (AOV)	017	018	019	020

Division 1811 – Four-Class – Rex

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Black	001	002	003	004
Blue	005	006	007	008
Broken	009	010	011	012
Otter	013	014	015	016
AOC	017	018	019	020

Division 1812 – Four-Class – AOB

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

Division 1813 – 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 1814 – Six Class Breed – Checkered Giant

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

Division 1815 – Six Class Breed – Flemish Giant

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Inter. Buck	Inter. Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Sandy	001	002	003	004	005	006
AOC	007	008	009	010	011	012

Division 1816 – Six Class Breed – French Lop

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Inter. Buck	Inter. Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Broken	001	002	003	004	005	006
Solid	007	008	009	010	011	012

Division 1817 – Six Class Breed – New Zealand

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Inter. Buck	Inter. Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Black	001	002	003	004	005	006
Blue	007	008	009	010	011	012
Broken	013	014	015	016	017	018
Red	019	020	021	022	023	024
White	025	026	027	028	029	030

Division 1818 – Six Class Breed – Satin

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Inter. Buck	Inter. Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Blue	001	002	003	004	005	006
Broken	007	008	009	010	011	012
Otter	013	014	015	016	017	018
White	019	020	021	022	023	024
AOC	025	026	027	028	029	030

Division 1819 – Six Class Breed – Silver Fox

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

Division 1820 – 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 1821 – Market Meat

Breed/Variety	Open Class
Meat Pen – All Breeds	001
Single Fryer – All Breeds	002

Rabbit Costume Class

1. Show time to be announced. Watch and listen for announcements.
2. Entrants may be of any age and there is no entry fee.
3. Entries in all classes shall be made through the online fair entry system at the Illinois State Fair website by the published Department deadline. No other type of entry will be accepted.
4. The exhibit will be judged on the attractiveness and originality of the costume, theme and the manner in which it is presented. A live rabbit must be part of the exhibit.

Premiums will be paid as follows:

Division 1822 – Rabbit Costume Class

Class Description	Open Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Rabbit Costume Class	001	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10

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CLASSES

Division 1901 – Four-Class – Dutch

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Black	001	002	003	004
Blue	005	006	007	008
Chocolate	009	010	011	012
Tortoise	013	014	015	016
AOC	017	018	019	020

Division 1902 – Four-Class – Harlequin

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

Division 1903 – Four-Class – Havana

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

Division 1904 – Four-Class – Himalayan

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

Division 1905 – Four-Class – Holland Lop

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

Division 1906 – Four-Class – Mini Lop

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

Division 1907 – Four-Class – Mini Rex

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Group 1 (Self)	001	002	003	004
Group 2 (Shaded)	005	006	007	008
Group 3 (Agouti)	009	010	011	012
Group 4 (Tan)	013	014	015	016
Group 5 (Broken)	017	018	019	020
Group 6 (AOV)	021	022	023	024

Division 1908 – Four-Class – Netherland Dwarf

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Self	001	002	003	004
Tan Pattern	005	006	007	008
AOC	009	010	011	012

Division 1909 – Four-Class – Polish

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

Division 1910 – Four-Class – AOB

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

Division 1911 – 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 1912 – Six Class Breed – New Zealand

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Inter. Buck	Inter. Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Black	001	002	003	004	005	006
Blue	007	008	009	010	011	012
Broken	013	014	015	016	017	018
Red	019	020	021	022	023	024
White	025	026	027	028	029	030

Division 1913 – Six Class Breed – Satin

Breed/Variety	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Inter. Buck	Inter. Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Blue	001	002	003	004	005	006
Broken	007	008	009	010	011	012
AOC	013	014	015	016	017	018

Division 1914 – 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 1915 – Market Meat

Breed/Variety	Open Class
Meat Pen – All Breeds	001
Single Fryer – All Breeds	002