

# **SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR & RODEO**

## **Junior Market Rabbits**

Superintendent: Sandra Graves 575-640-0487

Assistant Superintendent: Mike Graves

The show will be governed by and run under the latest revised rules of the ARBA. All entries will be judged in accordance with the ARBA Standard of Perfection. A copy of the STANDARD is available through the Superintendent.

1. See General Livestock Rules
2. Health: See General Rules: Livestock Health Requirements

### **SPECIAL RULES**

ALL RABBITS WILL BE WEIGHED AT CHECK-IN TIME.

LATE RELEASE (STARTING AT 4 p.m Sunday.) WILL BE CHARGED A LATE FEE OF \$5.00.

1. Exhibitors will be classified into three categories:

A. Division JMR — Junior Market Rabbits (4-H and FFA students 9-19 years of age).

B. Division Jr. OBR — Open Breeding Rabbits.

C. Pee Wee Showmanship Division - Exhibitors from 11 county area 3-8 years of age. Held on Wednesday of fair week at 5:30 PM. No entry required just show up.

2. Only Junior Market Rabbits (JMR) will be eligible for the Junior Livestock Sale. All other 4-H and FFA Rabbit entries will compete in the Open Show.

3. Junior Market Rabbits that will go to sale are as follows:

Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Rabbits will sell plus:

A. JMR Fryer 2 to sell

B. JMR Pen of Three 2 to sell

C. JMR Roasters 2 to sell

D. JMR Stewers 2 to sell

4. No exhibitor will be allowed to enter more than 5 entries in each of the Fryer, Pen of Three, Roaster and Stewer classes.

5. PREMIUMS AND AWARDS.

A. There will be no premiums paid to exhibitors in the Junior Market Rabbit Division.

B. First Place rabbits from the Junior Market (JMR) Classes will compete for Grand Champion.

6. An entry fee of \$8.00 per entry will be charged in each division. A Pen of Three is considered a single entry. Showmanship entry fee is \$5.00 paid in the online entry process.

7. All rabbits must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor for 90 consecutive days prior to the opening of the fair. For Meat Pens and Fryers, the exhibitor must have owned the dam of those entries at least 90 consecutive days prior to the opening of the fair. This applies only to the Junior Market Rabbit Division. Date of birth for each rabbit is required when entering on-line.

**8. Any animal showing signs of disease, infection, parasite, or open sores will not be accepted.**

9. Animals will be exhibited as singles with the exception of Pen of Three.

10. Substitutions: Substitutions will be allowed in market (JMR) with prior approval/notification of the Superintendent. Substitutions in Jr. OBR must be same age, breed, variety and class and confirmed with the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday of the fair week.

11. Feed and water containers will be provided by the Fair Management but the exhibitor is responsible for the care of their animals.

12. No breeding of rabbits will be allowed in the show room.

13. Each rabbit shall be tattooed at least one week prior to the show. **Tattoos must be legible and in the left ear.** Non-tattooed rabbits are unacceptable for the show.

14. All entries and showmanship must be completed on-line. A rabbit can only be entered in one division.

15. All entries must be checked in and out with the Superintendent. No animal may be removed from the fair until a release is obtained from the superintendent.

16. Rabbits will remain in place until the official check-out time of 12:00 p.m. Sunday of the fair week. Animals MUST be picked up by 5 p.m. on Sunday of the fair week. Entries not picked up by 4 p.m. will be charged a fee of \$5.00.

17. The Superintendent may, at his/her discretion, disqualify any exhibitor for violations of the show. The disqualification may extend beyond the violated show.

18. CLASSES:

A. Junior Open Breeding Rabbits (OBR)

1. For all breeds under 9-pound (9 lb. is the maximum):

- a. Seniors - 6 months of age and older
- b. Juniors - under 6 months of age

2. For all breeds over 9-pound (9 lb. is minimum):

- a. Senior - 6 months of age and older
- b. Junior - under 6 months

3. There shall be separate classes for Bucks and Does in each of the above classifications.

4. Opening date of show shall govern age of rabbits.

B. Junior Market Rabbit (Meat Rabbits)

1. Fryer – one rabbit not over 70 days of age, minimum weight 3 lbs. and maximum weight not over 5 lbs.

2. Roaster - All rabbits in this class must be under 6 months of age. Maximum weight of 8 lbs. and minimum 6 lbs.

3. Stewer - All rabbits in this class must be 6 months of age or over. Minimum weight of 8 lbs.
4. Pen of Three - Pen shall consist of three rabbits all the same breed and variety. Each rabbit has to be under 70 days of age with a minimum weight of 3 lbs. and a maximum weight of 5 lbs.
19. Exhibitor will put his/her own rabbit on the table for the Judge. Exhibitor may have help if showing another market animal at the same time or under special circumstances by another 4-H or FFA exhibitor.
20. Showmanship will be held on Wednesday, of the fair week after the judging of Open Breeding Rabbits. Time for Showmanship will be posted.
- 21. IN ORDER TO BE RELEASED, THE EXHIBITOR MUST CLEAN UNDER AS MANY CAGES AS HIS/HER RABBITS HAVE OCCUPIED DURING THE WEEK.**