

SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR & RODEO
Junior Market Rabbits

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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 to look at through the Superintendent.

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

SPECIAL RULES

Entries:

1. All entries and showmanship must be completed on-line. An entry fee of \$8.00 per entry will be charged in each class and a rabbit can only be entered in one class. A Pen of Three is considered a single entry. Showmanship entry fee is \$5.00. Date of birth is required for each rabbit. Breed of rabbit is required for YBR (Youth Breeding Rabbits).
2. No exhibitor will be allowed to enter more than 5 entries in each of the Fryer, Pen of Three, Roaster and Stewer classes.
3. Exhibitors will be classified into three categories:
 - A. Division JMR — Junior Market Rabbits (4-H/FFA 9-19 years of age).
 - B. Division YBR — Youth Breeding Rabbits. (Open to all ages of youth up to 19 years)
 - C. Pee Wee Showmanship Division - Exhibitors from 3-8 years of age. Showmanship will be held after the youth show. No entry required; just show up.
4. 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 in the JMR division, the exhibitor must have owned the doe of those entries at least 90 consecutive days prior to the opening of the fair.
5. Each rabbit shall be tattooed at least one week prior to the show. Tattoos must be legible, permanent and in the left ear. Non-tattooed rabbits are unacceptable for the show. ARBA rules for tattooing will apply.

Check-in:

1. All rabbits must be checked in with the superintendent. Once checked in no animal can be removed from the fair until a release is obtained from the superintendent.
2. **Any animal showing signs of disease, infection, parasite, or open sores will not be accepted.**
3. All rabbits will be weighed at check-in time. Any rabbit not meeting the weight requirement for the class they are entered will either be moved to a new class or disqualified.

Classes: (Opening date of show shall govern age of rabbits.)

- A. Youth Breeding Rabbits (YBR) - There shall be separate classes for Bucks/Does in each of the following classifications:
 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

B. Junior Market Rabbit (JMR)

1. Fryer – One rabbit not over 70 days of age, minimum 3 ½ lbs. & maximum weight not over 5 ½ lbs.
2. 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 3 ½ lbs. & maximum weight not over 5 ½ lbs.
3. Roaster – One rabbit under 6 months of age. Minimum 5 ½ lbs. & maximum weight of 8 lbs.
4. Stewer – One rabbit over 6 months of age. Minimum weight of 8 lbs.
4. Substitutions will be allowed in both market (JMR) and youth (YBR) with prior approval/notification of the Superintendent by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday of the fair week. Substitutions in YBR must be same age, breed, variety and class.
5. Feed and water containers will be provided by the Fair Management but the exhibitor is responsible for the care of their animals.
6. No breeding of rabbits will be allowed in the show room.

Judging & Showmanship:

1. 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.
2. Showmanship will be held on Wednesday of the fair week after the judging of Youth Breeding Rabbits. Time for Showmanship will be posted.
3. The superintendent may, at his/her discretion, disqualify any exhibitor for violations of the show. The disqualification may extend beyond the violated show.

Awards:

1. First Place rabbits from the Junior Market (JMR) Classes will compete for Grand Champion. Best of Breed winners in the Youth Breeding (YBR) Classes will compete for Best in Show. There are no premiums paid to JMR or YBR.
2. Only Junior Market Rabbits (JMR) will be eligible for the Junior Livestock Sale.
 - A. Junior Market Rabbits that will go to sale are as follows:
 1. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit
 2. JMR Fryer - 2 to sell
 3. JMR Pen of Three - 2 to sell
 4. JMR Roasters - 2 to sell
 5. JMR Stewers - 2 to sell

Check-Out:

1. Rabbits will remain in place until the official check-out time Sunday of the fair week. (see Livestock Show Schedule for your counties release time) Animals MUST be picked up by 5 p.m. on Sunday of the fair week. Starting at 4 pm a late fee will be charged of \$5.00.
2. IN ORDER TO BE RELEASED, THE EXHIBITOR MUST CLEAN UNDER AS MANY CAGES AS HIS/HER RABBITS HAVE OCCUPIED DURING THE WEEK.
3. A release form needs to be signed by the Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent before the exhibitor can remove the rabbits from the barn.