



Jr. Market & Youth Breeding Rabbits

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Check In: Tuesday, September 24, 2025 7am-12pm

Jr. Market Show: Wednesday, September 25, 2025 – 8:00am

Youth Breeding Show: Wednesday, September 25, 2025 – 1:30pm

****Entry Deadline: Saturday September 6, 10:59pm****

Division Rules

This is an unsanctioned rabbit show, however, an attempt to secure a licensed ARBA judge will be made but not guaranteed. 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.

See General Livestock Rules

Health: See General Rules: Livestock Health Requirements

Ownership:

Any animal shown in this department must continuously have been owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor since June 30th of the current year. Exhibitors entering Meat Pens/Fryers in the Junior Market Rabbit (JMR) division must have owned and cared for the DOE of those entries at least 90 consecutive days immediately prior to the opening day of the fair. Each rabbit shall be tattooed at least one week prior to the show. Tattoos must be legible, permanent and in the left ear. ARBA rules for tattooing will apply. If there is a tattoo issue, please see the Superintendent on check-in day.

YQCA Certification:

All Exhibitors of Junior Market Animals are required to submit a YQCA Certificate number at entry. No Junior Market animal will be allowed to show without the number.

Entries:

The entry deadline is 11:00 pm (mst) on the first Friday of September of the current year. Entries will only be accepted on-line through the Southern New Mexico State Fair website. The fee is \$8.00 per class. Each rabbit can only be entered in one division, then in a single class in that division. Rabbit date of birth is required. The opening date of the show shall govern the age of the rabbit. The entry fee for the Showmanship Class is \$5 and must be completed online. Late Entry Fee: Late Entries will be accepted until September 15 of the current year with a late fee of \$25 per animal. ALL ENTRIES WILL BE ENTERED & PAID ONLINE. JMR Classes: Limit of 3 entries per exhibitor in each of the Fryer, Pen of Three (considered a single entry), Roaster and Stewer classes.

Any rabbit that has been previously sold in a non-premium sale (including SNMSF&R) CANNOT be entered in the SNMSF&R rabbit show. No entry limits for YBR.

Arrival:

Rabbit entries must be on the grounds by 12pm on Tuesday of Fair week. All rabbits must be checked in with the Superintendent or Assistant. Once checked-in no rabbits can be removed from the fair until permission is obtained from the Superintendent. Rabbits showing signs of disease, infection, parasite, runny noses, or open sores will not be accepted and/or will be released if issues arise anytime during fair week. Cages will be assigned by the Superintendent and rabbits are not to be moved once assigned. Zip ties are required on all cages. Locks are discouraged for emergency reasons. Rabbits that have been determined to be neutered or spayed will be disqualified.

Show Entry Confirmation:

It is the responsibility of the exhibitor at check-in to confirm that the superintendent has the correct entry information. Any and all changes or substitutions must be made at check-in. Failure on the part of the exhibitor to make these changes at check-in could result in disqualification of the rabbit. All rabbits will weigh in at check-in and need to be in the correct weight class according to DOB for JMR or as specified by the standard of perfection of the breed for the YBR. Changes can be made if the rabbit still falls within the rules. The scale at check-in will be the same scale the judge will have access to during the show and he/she is allowed to check weights during the show.

Barn:

Feeding equipment and shavings will be provided by the Fair Management but the exhibitor is responsible for the care of their animals. Exhibitors will be required to clean under their pens by Friday of fair week and again when checking out. Each exhibitor's family is required to sign up to monitor the barn for a 2-hour block.

Sale:

Only Junior Market Rabbits (JMR) will be eligible for the Junior Livestock Sale. A total of 10 JMR will be eligible for the sale. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit are required to sell. The remaining 8 slots are as follows:

- JMR Fryer - 2 placings go to sale
- JMR Pen of Three - 2 placings go to sale
- JMR Roasters - 2 placings go to sale
- JMR Stewers - 2 placings go to sale

****New for 2025** Exhibitors are allowed to sell 2 animals in the Livestock Sale, but they must be of different species.**

Releases:

Rabbits will remain in place until the official check-out time (see schedule of events.) Rabbits MUST be picked up by 3 pm on Sunday of the fair week. To be released, the exhibitor must clean under all cages their rabbits have occupied. Also, all equipment needs to be returned to appropriate storage tubs. The exhibitor must be checked off by the Superintendent or the Assistant before the exhibitor can remove the rabbits from the barn. Rabbits that have been sold to an outside buyer or to another exhibitor still cannot be released until Sunday.

Showmanship

A showmanship contest will be held following the Junior Market Rabbit show and is open to all entered exhibitors. Champion showmanship buckles will be presented in Novice, Junior, and Senior age groups. A showmanship class fee of \$5 must be paid at time of entry.

Champion Showman:

Novice.....Buckle & Banner
Junior.....Buckle & Banner
Senior.....Buckle & Banner

Reserve Champion Showman:

Novice.....Banner
Junior.....Banner
Senior.....Banner

RABBIT SHOW SPECIAL RULES

Exhibitors who meet the division requirements can show in more than one division. Divisions are classified as follows:

- A. Division JMR (Junior Market Rabbits) – Current/active 4-H and FFA Members must have passed his/her 9th birthday or be 8 years old in the third grade but cannot be in 6th grade and have not passed his/her 12th birthday prior to January 1 of the current year.
- B. Division YBR (Youth Breeding Rabbits) - Current/active 4-H and FFA Members must have passed his/her 9th birthday or be 8 years old in the third grade but cannot be in 6th grade and have not passed his/her 12th birthday prior to January 1 of the current year.
- C. Division PWS (Pee Wee Showmanship) - Exhibitors from 3-8 years of age (unless eligible for the JMR). No entry or fee required, just inform the Superintendent of intent. There will be PWS opportunities following both the JMR and YBR shows. Rabbits can be borrowed. No buckles are awarded; this is a learning opportunity. Everyone will receive a ribbon.

Jr. Market Rabbit Classes

The exhibitor will put his/her own rabbit on the table for the Judge. Exhibitors may have help if showing another market animal at the same time or under special circumstances by another 4-H or FFA exhibitor.

Fryer

One rabbit not over 70 days of age. 3 ½ lbs to 5 ½ lbs

Pen of Three

Pen shall consist of three rabbits all the same breed and variety, under 70 days of age. 3 ½ lbs to 5 ½ lbs

Roaster

One rabbit under 6 months of age. 5 ½ lbs to 9 lbs

Stewer

One rabbit 6 to 8 months old. Over 8 lbs.

1st & 2nd placings will be brought back for the Grand Drive

JMR Awards

Awards

- Classes
 - 1st – 6th place in class.....Ribbons
- Grand Champion Drive
 - Grand Champion.....Buckle, Rosette, Banner
 - Reserve Grand Champion.....Buckle, Rosette, Banner

A 3rd, 4th and 5th overall JMR will be selected after the grand and reserve are chosen.

3rd-5th overall.....Banner



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Youth Breeding Rabbit Classes

Rabbits are required to be an ARBA recognized breed and include variety/group (if applicable). Breeds can be found at ARBA.net. The Superintendent is not responsible for determining a rabbit's sex, breed, variety, or class. The following information will be needed for online entries in the YBR:

Ear tattoo #: permanent identification in the left ear

Breed: ARBA recognized

Variety, if applicable: a division within a breed or group determined by color

Class: Senior – Junior – Pre-Junior – Intermediate 6/8, determined by the ARBA breed standard

Sex: Buck or Doe

Rabbits in YBR determined to be of mixed breed or not recognized by ARBA will be placed in a separate class and judged on the health and care of the rabbit. This class is NOT eligible for Best of Breed, Best of Show, or Reserve Best of Show ribbons, buckles, banners, or any ribbons.

YBR Awards

Champion of Show

Best of Show.....Buckle, Rosette & Banner

Reserve Best of Show.....Buckle, Rosette & Banner



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