

Rabbit

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State Fair Entry: Yes

Animal Check In: Saturday, July 5, 2025; 8:00AM-10:00AM, Rabbit Barn, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

Show Day: Monday, July 7, 2025; 9:00AM, Rabbit Barn, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

Each 4-H Rabbit Exhibitor will be charged a \$1.00 per cage rental fee that is to be paid by 5:00 PM the day of check-in, unless prior arrangements are made. Members will not be allowed to show if fees are not paid, unless prior arrangements are made.

1. A 4-H member may show a maximum of 20 entries with only one entry per show class. Class requirements must meet standard specification in ARBA Rule Standards.
2. Rabbits needing tattooed will be charged \$1.00 per rabbit by committee members at the designated tattoo dates. After last designated tattoo date, a charge of \$2.00 per rabbit tattoo fee will be assessed.
3. All 4-H rabbits must be permanently tattooed in the left ear and the tattoo must be legible. The tattoo must also match the entry in 4HOnline. Tattoo must be configured or either letters, numbers or a combination of the two. Failure to do so will result in the animal not being permitted to show.
4. 6 Class junior age rabbits-3 to 6 months of age, intermediate age rabbits-6 to 8 months of age and senior age rabbits-over 8 months of age. 4 Class junior-under 6 months of age, senior over 6 months of age.
5. 4-H RABBIT MEMBERS MUST EXHIBIT ONLY PUREBRED RABBITS.
6. A schedule of judging for the rabbit show will be posted the day of the show. Rabbits are judged by A.R.B.A. (American Rabbit Breeders Association) standards.
7. All rabbits will be judged at the assigned judge's table and be placed there by the 4-H member or another 4-H member of good standing enrolled in the Kosciusko County 4-H Program.
8. Rabbits in breeding classes may not be shown in meat pen or fryer classes.
9. All rabbits must be weaned and caged separately from breeding doe to be shown.
10. Absolutely no tattooing will be permitted on the fairgrounds during the week of the county fair. Tattoo number must be readable to committee at the time of check-in, and must match tattoo number listed on 4HOnline. If the tattoo number does not match 4HOnline at the time the rabbit is on the check-in table, the rabbit will not be permitted to show.
11. For day of show, 4-H Rabbit project members must wear a long-sleeved shirt or show coat, and either pants or skirt of appropriate length, and closed toed shoes. If a member does not have proper show attire on when they approach the show table, they will be dismissed from their current class. For day of sale, members must dress in proper attire according to the Auction Committee rules.
12. On the day of show by 8:30 AM, only 4-H Rabbit Project members, committee members and approved volunteers will be allowed in the staging area until the end of judging.
13. Check out time will be Thursday, July 10, 2025 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

4 Class: Juniors 3-6 months of age, Seniors over 6 months of age:

American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, English Angora, French Angora, Satin Angora, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Standard Chinchilla, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English Spot, Florida White, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Lilac, Holland Lop, Jersey Wooly, Mini Lop, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Mini Rex, Rex, Rhinelander, Silver, Silver Marten, Tan and all other recognized breeds.

6 Class: Juniors 3-6 months of age, Intermediate 6-8 months of age and Seniors over 8 months of age: American, Giant Angora, Beveren, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Creme D'Argent, Checkered Giant, American Chinchilla, Giant Chinchilla, Cinnamon, Flemish Giant, Hotot, English Lop, French Lop, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox and all other recognized breeds.

Meat Rabbits: (Meat Pen, Fryer, Stewer, Roaster)

1. Meat pens must be a pen of 3 and fryers are single. Meat pen rabbits will be divided into two (2) classes; lightweight and heavyweight. Lightweight class each rabbit will weigh 3 ½ to 4 ½ pounds. Heavyweight class each rabbit will weigh 4 ½ to 5 ½ pounds. They must be of the same breed and variety, and not more than 70 days old. Meat pens, fryers, stewers, or roasters eliminated for being underweight or disqualified by the judge for sickness or disease will be ineligible to sell in the 4-H Auction. Exhibitors are not required to show a breed rabbit in order to show a meat rabbit.
2. Roaster: a single meat rabbit less than 6 months of age and up to 8 pounds.

3. Stewer: a single meat rabbit over 6 months of age and over 8 pounds.
4. 4-H member can show ONE meat pen and/or ONE fryer as well as one stewer and one roaster. Each 4-H member must choose either meat pen or fryer or roaster or stewer to sell in the auction. Refer to the above rules in this section for qualifications.
5. Any meat rabbits that have been sold through the auction, are ineligible to be shown in any other 4-H show.
6. All meat rabbits must be tattooed prior to fair (no assigned numbers). 4-H member will be permitted to have 6 animals tattooed, but may bring only one pen of three rabbits and/or 1 fryer, 1 stewer, and 1 roaster to the county fair. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS**. If a member has a conflict and cannot attend the tattoo sessions or cannot tattoo on his/her own rabbit, prior arrangements **MUST** be made with the superintendent **BEFORE** the last tattoo session or the meat pen and fryer cannot be shown at the county fair. Only Champion Meat Pen and Reserve Champion Meat Pen will be eligible for the Sale of Champions.

4-H Rabbit Ambassador Contest:

Saturday, June 28, 2025, 9:00am, Rabbit Barn, Fairgrounds

Requirements:

1. Open to all 4-H members enrolled in the Rabbit Project. 4-H members should have knowledge of rabbit breeds, management, feeding, marketing and showing.
2. Contest is divided as follows:
 - a. Novice-3rd & 4th Grade
 - b. Junior-5th & 6th Grade
 - c. Intermediate-7th & 8th Grade
 - d. Senior-9th & 10th Grade
 - e. Master-11th & 12th Grade

Grade is determined by school year 2023-2024.
3. Division winners are not eligible to participate after winning their division at the STATE contest. 4-H members that win their division at State may participate in the next division the following year regardless of grade.
4. Questions for the contest will be taken from one or more of the following publications: Quizlet Rabbit Showmanship and ARBA Standard of Perfection
5. Winners are eligible for the State Fair Contest.
6. A tie score will be broken as follows:
 - a. Highest test score, then, if necessary
 - b. Oral test given by a committee of 2 people appointed by the Rabbit Committee.
7. In order to compete in the Rabbit Ambassador Contest, each 4-H member must pre-register on 4-HOnline by going to Events on your profile.

4-H Rabbit Illustrated Talks:

Saturday, June 29, 2024 immediately following the Ambassador Contest, Rabbit Barn, Fairgrounds

Level 1 Grades 3-5	Rosette
Level 2 Grades 6-8	Rosette
Level 3 Grades 9-12	Rosette

Rabbit Illustrated Talks is an educational contest for any 4-H rabbit project member.

The following is useful information for all participants:

1. Each 4-H Rabbit Illustrated Talk should be original and of a practical nature related to some phase of the rabbit industry.
2. The 4-H Rabbit Illustrated Talk should last 5 to 7 minutes. Grade is determined as of school year 2023-2024.
3. Previous winners may compete again, but they must select and present a different topic.
4. Additional information on preparing a 4-H Rabbit Illustrated Talk is available at the Extension Office.
5. In order to compete in Rabbit Illustrated Talk, each 4-H member must pre-register on 4-HOnline by going to Events on your profile.

Scholarship: \$100 Scholarship Award. Requirements for this award: Members must fill out, and turn in the 4-H Council General Scholarship Application. This scholarship will consist of \$100 for up to four (4) recipients per year.