

DEPARTMENT 9 RABBITS

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ARBA Rules and Regulations will be followed, except in Pet Category.

Health Requirements:

The Erie County Fair at Wattsburg animal health rules are to be followed in all animal departments and contests. Appropriate documentation of necessary immunizations must be presented upon arrival at the fairgrounds for all animals. (Pennsylvania rabbits are not required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), but are required to have an Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian- Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR) form attached to the entry form. The entry form and the VCPR forms can be found in the Premium Book) The complete requirements are listed in the front of the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Premium Book.

See Dept. 22 for Special Rabbit Competitions!

Contest 1: Dress Up & Contest 2: People's Choice Princess Bunny

Rules and Regulations: (All general rules apply)

To promote continued improvement of the species, we encourage displays of quality rabbits consisting of breeds recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA). All rabbits must be in good health and owned by the exhibitor for 30 days prior to the fair. You do not need to be an ARBA member to participate, but membership is encouraged.

Rabbits do not need to be pedigreed, but do have to be purebred and tattooed. The only exception to this rule is the PET class, where the rabbits exhibited do not have to be purebred and may be cross bred, and pets do not have to be tattooed to enter. Entry fee is \$1.00 per rabbit and \$3.00 for a Meat Pen. Entry fees are due with entries, and are paid directly to the Fair Office either by mail or walk in during office hours. Make all checks payable to: Erie County Fair. Please send entries in by August 19, 2024. Any entries received after this date will be subject to coop availability and will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. The barn is limited to 200 rabbits .

**This is an official American Rabbit Breeders Association
Sanctioned Show**

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Membership Dues:

Single Adult (19+): \$20.00 per year, or 3 years for \$50.00

2 Adult Combo: \$30 per year, or 3 years for \$75.00

Youth: \$12.00 per year, or 3 years for \$30.00

2 Adult Family: \$30.00+ \$5.00 per child per year, or \$75.00+ \$10.00 per child for 3 years

Single Adult Family: \$20.00+ \$5.00 per child per year, or \$50.00+ \$10.00 per child for 3 years

The ARBA National Convention will be held in Louisville, Kentucky October 26-30, 2024.

More information can be found at: arba.net.

ENTRY FORM INSTRUCTIONS:

Department: is 9 for ALL rabbits

Section: is for Pet and Meat Pen entries ONLY. If you are not entering a Pet or a Meat Pen, this should be left blank. If you are entering a Pet or a Meat Pen, please enter **PET** for Pet, or **MTP** for Meat Pen in the Section column

Class: is the age and sex of what you are showing. Please use the following abbreviations in the class column:

SRB (Senior Buck over 6 months old)

SRD (Senior Doe over 6 months old)

JRB (Junior Buck under 6 months old)

JRD (Junior Doe under 6 months old)

Intermediate Class

Only breeds with a minimum ideal Senior weight of 9 pounds and over will have an Intermediate class. If this applies to your breed, please use the following abbreviations in addition to the above:

INB (Intermediate Buck 6-8 months old)

IND (Intermediate Doe 6-8 months old)

Breed: Locate your breed on the following list and enter the **NUMBER** in this column. Please do not write the breed name in this space.

Ear #: Put the rabbit's tattoo number in this column.

Description: In this section just put the Variety (color) of the rabbit.

Please note: Be sure to check this list every year as breed numbers will change as new breeds are accepted by ARBA.

Class:

01. Best in Show

02. Reserve in Show

03. Best of Breed, 5 or more
in breed

04. Best Opposite, 5 or more
in breed

05. Best of Variety, 5 or more
in variety

06. Best Opposite, 5 or more
in variety

07. Best Pet

(See Pet Class rules)

Premiums:

10.00 + Rosette + Trophy

8.00 + Rosette + Trophy

5.00 + Rosette

3.00 + Rosette

4.00

2.00

10.00 + Rosette + Trophy

Premiums:

1st- 5.00

2nd- 4.00

3rd- 3.00

BREEDS OF RABBITS:

1. American
2. American Chinchilla
3. American Fuzzy Lop
4. American Sable
5. Argente Brun
6. Belgian Hare
7. Beveren
8. Blanc De Hotot
9. Blue Holicer
10. Britannia Petite
11. Californian
12. Champagne d'Argent
13. Checkered Giant
14. Cinnamon
15. Creme d'Argent



BREEDS OF RABBITS CONTINUED:

16. Czech Frosty
17. Dutch
18. Dwarf Hotot
19. Dwarf Papillon
20. English Angora
21. English Lop
22. English Spot
23. Flemish Giant
24. Florida White
25. French Angora
26. French Lop
27. Giant Angora
28. Giant Chinchilla
29. Harlequin
30. Havana
31. Himalayan
32. Holland Lop
33. Jersey Woolly
34. Lilac
35. Lionhead
36. Mini Lop
37. Mini Rex
38. Mini Satin
39. Netherland Dwarf
40. New Zealand
41. Palomino
42. Polish
43. Rex
44. Rhineland
45. Satin
46. Satin Angora
47. Silver
48. Silver Fox
49. Silver Marten
50. Standard Chinchilla
51. Tan
52. Thrianta



10. During the fair, exhibitors are not allowed behind the coops without permission from the barn superintendent. This is to ensure the safety of your rabbit(s) while they are here.

11. During the fair, ALL rabbits must stay in the rabbit barn. You may not walk around the fairgrounds with your rabbit(s). The only exception to this rule is for the Fair parade and if you are going to participate, please let the barn superintendent know before removing your rabbit(s) from their coop(s).

12. Judging will take place on Wednesday August 28th 2024 by a licensed ARBA judge.

13. Ribbons will be awarded to 5th place and premiums paid to 3rd place in regular breed classes. Ribbons will be awarded to 3rd place, and only one premium will be paid in the Pet Class.

14. Best of Breed, Best Opposite of Breed, Best of Variety, and Best Opposite of Variety premiums will only be awarded with five or more rabbits entered in the breed or variety. No premiums will be awarded for Best of Group.

15. Rabbits will be released at 9pm on Saturday, the last day of the fair, **NONE WILL BE RELEASED EARLIER.** This also applies to rabbits purchased by non exhibitors. Removal before 9pm will result in forfeiture of any and all premiums. **ALL rabbits must be removed from the barn by 11pm Saturday night.**

16. All showroom sales will be handled by the barn superintendent. A 10% fee from every sale will be collected to benefit upkeep of the barn and to purchase supplies for the next year's show.

17. Any specials will be posted in the rabbit barn.



Rabbit Show Rules

1. All rabbits entered in a breed class must have a permanent and legible ear tattoo.
2. All rabbits (except Pets) are to be judged according to the latest ARBA Standard of Perfection.
3. The Pet Class is for YOUTH exhibitors ages 17 and under only and will be judged separately. Any adult entries entered in this class will be disqualified.
4. All standard breed entries must include: class, breed, and ear number. Please list color/variety under description. Pet and Meat Pen entries must include section and class.
5. **NO DOES WITH LITTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
6. A Meat Pen shall consist of three rabbits of the same breed and variety. All three rabbits must be under ten weeks of age, and each must weigh at least 3 ½ pounds and not exceed 5 ½ pounds.
7. PLEASE trim nails before bringing to the fair.
8. Rabbits will be accepted on Sunday August 25th from noon to 8pm. No rabbits are to be placed in the barn before noon. All rabbits must be checked in by the rabbit barn superintendent. If not checked in, they cannot be in the barn. The check in serves as a safety measure and also ensures they are placed into their assigned coops.
9. You are required to stay until the check in process is complete because any rabbits showing signs of parasites or sickness will be sent back home with you.

