

DEPARTMENT 9 — RABBITS

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. A pen fee of \$2 per head is required with registration. No refunds for no show rabbit exhibits. If an animal to be exhibited becomes sick a refund may be granted if a slip is obtained from a vet.
2. Rabbits must be pre-registered by July 15. Limited space is available. All rabbit entries will be accepted in the order they are received according to their postmark until all pens are filled. Rabbits are to arrive on Monday, Aug. 21 between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. They must remain on exhibit until released at 10:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 26.
3. **Exhibitors must read and refer to the Open Youth Market Animal General Rules. Rules 7 through 10 list the limits of market animal projects to be shown and sold. Entries may be limited due to space availability.**
4. Rabbits to be entered in a meat pen must be owned and raised by the Youth entering the project.
5. Only the following commercial breeds or crosses of these 2 breeds will be accepted:
New Zealand and Californian
6. Meat pens must consist of three (3) rabbits of the same breed and variety. Rabbits may be different sexes.
7. Does and breeding buck(s) of litters to be verified for meat pens must be designated project animals owned by the Youth entering the pen. Rabbit project designation forms, including ear tattoo numbers, identifying does and bucks bred for the production of meat pen litters must be submitted to the Youth's respective club by the close of business on May 1st of the current year.
8. Meat pen entries must be at least 8 weeks (54 days) of age, but not more than 12 weeks (70 days) of age by opening day for the Hookstown Fair.
9. Meat pens entries must weigh more than 15 pounds and not more than 30 pounds on weigh-in date at the Hookstown Fair.
10. Individual rabbits do not have to be litter mates, but must be from verified, approved litters. Litter verification must take place within two (2) weeks of birth. Litter verification may be made by a leader of the Youth's respective club.
11. Litter verification sheets must accompany each entry. Entries will not be accepted without approved paper work.
12. Entries showing signs of illness or disease at weigh-in will not be accepted. They must be removed from the grounds.
13. **RABBIT EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN FEED AND CARE OF THEIR ANIMALS THE WEEK OF THE FAIR. ONLY BEDDING WILL BE PROVIDED.**
14. Animals must remain in cages at all times while on exhibition, except during judging.

Section 1 – OPEN YOUTH MARKET MEAT PEN RABBITS

THE OPEN YOUTH MARKET LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE IS OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS WHO ARE 7 TO 21 YEARS OF AGE ON JANUARY 1ST OF THE YEAR OF THE SHOW AND SALE.

Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
100. Light Weight Meat Pen – New Zealand.....	6	5	4	3	2
200. Medium Weight Meat Pen – New Zealand	6	5	4	3	2
300. Heavy Weight Meat Pen– New Zealand	6	5	4	3	2
400. Champion / Reserve Champion – New Zealand..	ROSETTE ONLY				
500. Light Weight Meat Pen - Californian.....	6	5	4	3	2
600. Medium Weight Meat Pen - Californian	6	5	4	3	2
700. Heavy Weight Meat Pen - Californian	6	5	4	3	2
800. Champion / Reserve Champion – Californian.....	ROSETTE ONLY				

Section 2 – OPEN YOUTH MARKET MEAT PEN RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Open Youth Market Rabbit members may show in the showmanship contest provided the animal has been carried as a project and was exhibited in Section 1.

Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
100. Exhibitors Age 15 & Over	10	8	6	4	2
200. Exhibitors Age 12, 13 & 14	8	6	4	3	2
300. Exhibitors Age 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11	7	5	4	3	2
400. Grand Champion Showman	ROSETTE				