

**Rabbit Rules  
Open Classes  
St. Francois County Fair  
Superintendent – Amber Wampler**

**RULES**

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. Rabbits will be judged following the current American Rabbit Breeders Association (A.R.B.A.) standards and rules.
3. All rabbits will be inspected by the superintendent or a veterinarian during check in. The superintendent shall order an animal to be removed from the fairgrounds at any time during the fair if the animal is found to be infected with any contagious disease. For example: ear mites, snuffles, etc. Members or an appointed person must be present at check in. For the safety of all animals, no rabbits are allowed in cages without prior inspection.

**Before Fair**

1. Rabbit cages will be provided to house rabbits during the fair. Exhibitors must provide their own padlocks if needed. All rabbits listed in the rabbit show will need a cage and stay on the fairgrounds.
2. Exhibitors must provide their own cages for transportation to and from the show area.
3. Exhibitors may exhibit as many breeds as they choose under the 4 Class or 6 Class Category and as many rabbits in each age class as they choose.
4. The Superintendent reserves the right to divide any class he/she deems is too large.
5. 4-H and FFA exhibitors may show rabbits in the open class, however the same rabbits cannot be shown in both the open and junior class.
6. It's the exhibitor's responsibility to appropriately classify their rabbits and place them in the correct class. You may reference The American Rabbit Breeders Association (A.R.B.A) for assistance. Also, refer to the classification list of rabbits for assistance.
7. Exhibitors need to bring their own supply box or can use an empty cage after check-in, if available, for feed or storage supplies.
8. Feeders and waterers are provided; however, exhibitors may utilize their own equipment if they wish.

**Exhibiting Rabbits at Fair**

1. Provide ample feed & water. Secure the containers to keep them upright.
2. Fans are welcome in hot weather. Use frozen water bottles in cages to keep rabbits cool, if needed.
3. Keep your stalling area neat and clean. Clean dirty wood chips out from under your cages before adding new chips.
4. Cage decorations shall not extend farther than 18 inches below the bottom of the cage.

### **Fair Check-in**

1. A veterinarian or the superintendent will inspect each rabbit. Meat pens and single fryers will be weighed at this time. Exhibitors need to be present during this process. If the exhibitor is unable to be present, make sure to check with the superintendent or MU Extension staff. No rabbits allowed in cages without prior inspection.
2. Please do not put locks on cages until after the check in process is complete.
3. All rabbits must be on the grounds by 6PM in the poultry/rabbit barn.
  - a. Superintendent will verify rabbit classes entered.
  - b. Cages will be marked with your name in the poultry/rabbit barn on cards provided by the superintendent.
  - c. Extra cages will be allowed to exhibitors if space allows. NO refunds will be issued.

### **Fair Show Day**

1. The rabbit superintendent will keep exhibitors informed of the show order. However, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to stay alert and pay attention to announcements.
2. Any class with less than 3 entries may be combined with similar classes.
3. All rabbits must be at the poultry/rabbit barn at the beginning of the show.
4. Rabbits must be deserving of a blue ribbon to be eligible to receive a ribbon, this can be up to the judge's or superintendent's decision.

### **Load out**

1. No rabbits may be removed from the fairgrounds, except by order of the superintendent.
2. All open class rabbits will remain on the fairgrounds until Saturday 2PM and must be removed by 4PM Saturday.

Use the list of breed classes provided here to help you identify your rabbits on Fair Entry. Not all breeds may be identified on the lists.

#### 4 Class Rabbit Classification

American Fuzzy Lop  
American Sable  
Belgian Hare  
Britannia Petite  
Dutch  
Dwarf Hotot  
English Angora  
English Spot  
Florida White  
French Angora  
Harlequin  
Havana  
Himalayan  
Holland Lop  
Jersey Wooly  
Lilac  
Lionhead  
Mini Lop  
Mini Rex  
Mini Satin  
Netherland Dwarf  
Polish  
Rhineland  
Satin Angora  
Silver  
Silver Martin  
Standard Chinchilla  
Standard Rex  
Tan  
Thrianta

## 6 Class Rabbit Classification

American
American Chinchilla
Beveren
Blanc de Hotot
Californian
Champagne d'Argent
Checkered Giant
Cinnamon
Crème d'Argent
English Lop
Flemish Giant
French Lop
Giant Angora
Giant Chinchilla
New Zealand
Satin
Silver Fox

### Definition of Terms Used for Rabbits:

**Buck** – Male rabbit

**Doe** – Female rabbit

**4 Class Rabbit** – Usually a smaller breed of rabbit not utilized for meat production and are shown in four classes: senior buck, senior doe, junior buck, and junior doe. Commonly referred to as a fancy rabbit.

**6 Class Rabbit** – Usually large breed rabbits utilized for meat production and are shown in 6 classes: senior buck, senior doe, 6/8 buck, 6/8 doe, junior buck, and junior doe.

### Department Classes

#### 4 Class Rabbits

##### Class#

Junior Buck, Under 6 Months – 4 Class Rabbit

Senior Buck, Over 6 Months – 4 Class Rabbit

Junior Doe, Under 6 Months – 4 Class Rabbit

Senior Doe, Over 6 Months – 4 Class Rabbit

*Best 4 Class Buck Rabbit*

*Reserve Best 4 Class Buck Rabbit*

*Best 4 Class Doe Rabbit*

*Reserve Best 4 Class Doe Rabbit*

***Grand Champion 4 Class Rabbit***

***Reserve Grand Champion 4 Class Rabbit***

## **6 Class Rabbits**

### **Class#**

Junior Buck, Under 6 Months – 6 Class Rabbit  
Intermediate Buck, 6-8 Months – 6 Class Rabbit  
Senior Buck, Over 8 Months – 6 Class Rabbit  
Junior Doe, Under 6 Months – 6 Class Rabbit  
Intermediate Doe, 6-8 Months – 6 Class Rabbit  
Senior Doe, Over 8 Months – 6 Class Rabbit

*Best 6 Class Buck Rabbit*

*Reserve Best 6 Class Buck Rabbit*

*Best 6 Class Doe Rabbit*

*Reserve Best 6 Class Doe Rabbit*

***Grand Champion 6 Class Rabbit***

***Reserve Grand Champion 6 Class Rabbit***