

2024 COLORADO STATE FAIR MARKET RABBITS

DEPARTMENT 802.001

Entry Fee: \$10 per Pen of 3

ENTRIES CLOSE (Online)..... Monday, July 29th
Begin Arrival & Check In Thursday, August 22nd @ 7:00 a.m.
ALL Market Rabbits In Place Friday, August 23rd @ 5:00 p.m.
Market Rabbit Pen Cards DUE Friday, August 23rd @ 6:00 p.m.
Market Rabbits Weigh-In and Judging Saturday, August 24th @ 8:00 a.m.
Grand Champion Market Rabbit Selection Saturday, August 24th @ 11:00 a.m.
ALL Non-Sale Rabbits Must be Out Sunday, August 25th @ 9:00 p.m.

LIMIT OF FOUR MARKET RABBIT PENS PER EXHIBITOR

Competition Requirements:

1. ALL entrants must have read and be familiar with the Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements, General Livestock Competition Requirements, Junior Livestock Competition Requirements, Junior Livestock Sale Participation Requirements, the Colorado State Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct, Animal Welfare Policy, and Health Requirements. Exhibitors in this division must have completed a required Meat Quality Assurance program and comply with IAFE Code of Ethics and Wholesome Meat Act provisions. Market exhibitors are encouraged to read and be fully aware of the contents of the Drug Residue Avoidance Guidelines.
2. All exhibitors in Open, Youth and Market divisions must provide a premises identification number (PID). To obtain a PID, contact the Colorado Department of Agriculture at 303-869-9130 or online at <https://ag.colorado.gov/animals/colorado-location-identification-lid-registration-premises>.
3. **Unloading and Pickup of Small Animals:** All Small Animals (Rabbits) will be received at the east door Small Animal Building. Enter the fairgrounds at **Gate #1 (Arroyo Ave)**. Exhibitor vehicles will receive a 30-minute load/unloading pass at the gate. Exhibitors must have their rabbits unloaded and their vehicles off the grounds no later than 10:00 A.M on Friday, August 23rd. This time limit will be strictly enforced. **To request assistance in transport of animals from parking area to the check-in, go to the Small Animal Building and check with the Rabbit staff. Authority personnel will assist in this transport. NO exceptions.**

4. Market Exhibitors must submit a Quality Assurance form, the Exhibitor Code of Conduct, and the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics form at the time of check-in. Cooping of rabbits will not be allowed until such time as all forms are turned in.
5. Exhibitors may enter and check-in four rabbits for each pen of three entered, i.e., four rabbit pens may come to the fair.
6. Market Rabbit entries must have been nominated through the Exhibitor's 4-H Extension office. Market entries that have not been nominated are ineligible to show at the fair and will be returned to the exhibitor (no exceptions).
7. By 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 23, 2024, the exhibitor must choose the pen of three to be the Official Pen to be shown. Ear tattoo numbers must be designated on the weight declaration card at the time it is turned in to the office. Each rabbit within the pen must have an individual tattoo in the left ear.
8. A scale will be available for exhibitors to weigh prior to turning in the weight nomination cards. Scale pre-weighs will close at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 23, 2024.
9. No changes of Ear Tattoo numbers will be allowed after 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 23, 2024. Failure to turn in a completed weight nomination form by the specified time will automatically disqualify the exhibitor from competing. Rabbits will need to be removed from the showroom. Any ear tattoo numbers found to be altered or different at time of judging will disqualify the entire pen.
10. Each pen of three will be weighed only one time for official show weight at time of judging. Official show weights will be recorded by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) licensed judge or a representative of the Colorado Department of Agriculture Division of Weights and Measurement. No reweighs are allowed.
11. After each class of Market Rabbits has been placed, the top five pens will be weighed on the official scale by show officials. Market Rabbit pens cannot deviate more than 5% above or below the declared show weight as previously designated by the exhibitor on the weight card. If any Market Rabbit pen is weighed out, it will be disqualified, and the remaining animals will be moved up in placing. The disqualified pen is not eligible for any other class, including showmanship and will not be reweighed.
12. Market Rabbit exhibitors are required to carry their own rabbits to the judging table and shall remain at the table until their market pen is dismissed by the judge(s). Exhibitors who have more than one pen in a class may designate another 4H/FFA member in good standing to assist them with their animals. Exhibitors must report this name either to the office or to the Superintendent at the judging table. No parent or adult will be allowed to carry market pen rabbits to or from the judging table. Entry will be disqualified if this takes place.

13. Market Rabbit Pens will be judged according to the latest ARBA Standard of Perfection 2021 - 2025. Meat pens shall consist of three rabbits, all of the same breed and variety. If the pen is from a breed having a **broken** color variety, the entire pen must be of the same color variety. A meat pen does not necessarily have to come from the same litter. Age limit of 10 weeks – minimum weight of **3 1/2 pounds** each and maximum weight of **5 1/2 pounds** each. All rabbits will be weighed in the presence of the judge.

14. **DISQUALIFICATIONS FROM COMPETITION:** If any one rabbit in the pen is overweight or underweight, the entire pen is disqualified from competition. ARBA disqualifications from competition and breed disqualifications apply to each meat pen. EXCEPTION TO DISQUALIFICATION ONLY ON THE FOLLOWING:

- a. Body smut on Californian or Himalayan marked animals.
- b. Non-descended testicles on bucks.

15. **RABBIT PENS WILL BE JUDGED ON:**

- a. Meat Type 40 Points
- b. Condition of Flesh 30 Points
- c. Uniformity of body & weight 20 Points
- d. Fur 10 Points

16. **JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE QUALIFIERS:** The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Rabbit Pens will qualify for the Junior Livestock Sale (“Sale”). This is a terminal sale only for those rabbits that qualify for the Sale. All Junior Livestock Sale Competition Requirements apply to qualifying Market Rabbit pens. Sale qualifiers are required to attend a meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in the Southwest Motors Events Center.

MARKET RABBIT CLASSES

Division 802.1 – MARKET RABBIT MEAT PEN

Breed	Class No.
Californian Meat Pen	1501
New Zealand Meat Pen	1502
Satin Meat Pen	1503
Palomino Meat Pen	1504
Champagne d’Argent /Creme d’Argent/Argente Brun Meat Pen	1505
All Other Purebred Meat Pen	1506

(NOTE, if there are not at least 3 pens entered in a breed, they will be combined and shown as All Other Purebred Pens)

PREMIUMS:

No. of Entries (per Class)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>
1-----	\$5									
2-----	6	3								
3-----	7	5	4							
4-----	8	6	5	4						
5-----	9	7	6	5	4					
6-----	10	8	7	6	5	4				
7-----	11	9	8	7	6	5	4			
8-----	12	10	9	8	7	6	5	4		
9-----	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	
10 or more---	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4

Rosettes to the Champion and Reserve Champion in each Class---Colorado State Fair Authority

GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR MARKET RABBIT PEN

Class 1115 GRAND CHAMPION MARKET RABBIT PEN... Buckle sponsored by **NEED SPONSOR**

Class 1116 RES. GRAND CHAMPION MARKET RABBIT PEN Buckle sponsored by **NEED SPONSOR**

MARKET RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Division 802.025

Saturday, August 24, 2024 following Grand Champion Selection

Competition Requirements:

1. No pre-entry or entry fee required. Exhibitors may sign up at the time of weight declaration.
2. Classes are limited to exhibitors with Market Rabbit entries. Exhibitors must show the exhibitors' own animal.
3. Show order will be: Junior – Intermediate – Senior.
4. Three age divisions are offered with the exhibitor age considered as of December of the past year.
5. The judge will consider the appearance of the animal, showmanship ability of the exhibitor, and the exhibitor's appearance, courtesy, and knowledge.
6. Rosettes will be awarded to 1st through 6th place in each division. No premiums will be paid for Showmanship.

Class No.

7001 – Junior Division (Ages 8 – 10) **Need Sponsor**
7002 – Intermediate Division (Ages 11 – 13)..... **Need Sponsor**
7003 – Senior Division (Ages 14 – 18)..... **Need Sponsor**