

MARKET RABBIT DIVISION

1. All entries in this department will be subject to the general rules and regulations and the Junior Livestock Auction rules.
2. Entry fee will be \$6.00.
3. There will be two (2) classes of market rabbits. All rabbits will be purebred meat type animals. Classes are as follows:

Class 1	Stewer Rabbit - May be double entered in the Breeding Show	Must be under 8 months and weigh 2 pounds on validation date	Minimum weight-8 pounds. Maximum weight-11 pounds	Validation and Tattoo Date	May 16, 2009, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds
Class 2	Roaster Rabbit	Must be under 6 months of age	Minimum weight-5½ pounds. Maximum weight-8 pounds	Validation and Tattoo Date	July 18, 2009, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds

Rabbits will be divided into classes at superintendent's discretion. Maximum weight is 11 pounds.

4. Stewers are to be born after February 24, 2009 and before April 27, 2009, and be owned, placed on feed, and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by May 16, 2009. Roasters are to be born after April 27, 2009, and be owned, placed on feed, and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by July 18, 2009.

5. Exhibitors will not be charged validation fees on the first three (3) head of market rabbits validated. Exhibitors may validate additional market rabbits at a cost of \$5.00 per head. Validation fees must be paid at validation.

6. The Rabbit Committee will assign tattoos. Tattoos will be placed in the right ear of all rabbits and consist of a special fair symbol and number.

7. All rabbits will be delivered to the fairgrounds at 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2009. Rabbits will be weighed and sifted in the presence of the rabbit superintendent and sifting judge as they are brought in. Any rabbit showing signs of diseases, external parasites or physical abnormalities will be excluded from the show and must be removed from the show grounds immediately.

8. Sifted rabbits will be returned to the exhibitor.

9. All exhibitors will be responsible for their own feed and water equipment and will be responsible for their own locks and keys. Committee will not hold keys. Any damage to pens from loss of keys will be deducted from sale money.

10. Cages to be numbered.

11. The exhibitors are to show rabbits at the time of judging.

12. A Grand Champion and a Reserve Grand Champion market rabbit will be selected from the top two animals in each class.

13. Sale rabbits will not be removed from pens until superintendent lines them up for sale.

14. At auction sale, committee will supply rabbits at sale ring and picture booth.

15. All market rabbits will be judged by breed standards as outlined in the "Standard of Perfection" published by the American Rabbit Breeder's Association.

16. Anyone found administering drugs to a project without consent of the superintendent will have their project disqualified by the division superintendent and must remove the project immediately. Due to Federal Regulations all projects shown at the Jim Wells County Fair will be subject to FDA and USDA testing at slaughter plants. If the projects test positive, the exhibitor or producer of the animal will be held responsible for any violation. Funds will be withheld from any exhibitor by the Jim Wells County Fair Association from exhibitor and buyer resales on such violation.

BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION

1. All entries in this department will be subject to the general rules and regulations and the Junior Livestock Auction rules.
2. Entry fee will be \$10.00 for each breeding rabbit entry.
3. All breeding rabbits must be owned, placed on feed, and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by Saturday, July 18, 2009.
4. All breeding rabbits must be recognized meat breeds. They must meet weight and breed standards as outlined in the "Standard of Perfection" published by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA). Breeding rabbit weights are as follows:

Californian Bucks	Senior bucks 8 months and over 8 to 10 pounds	Intermediate bucks 6 to 8 months 8 to 9 pounds
Californian Does	Senior does 8 months and over 8½ to 10½ pounds	Intermediate does 6 to 8 months 8 to 9½ pounds
New Zealand Bucks	Senior bucks 8 months and over 9 to 11 pounds	Intermediate bucks 6 to 8 months 8 to 10 pounds
New Zealand Does	Senior does 8 months and over 10 to 12 pounds	Intermediate does 6 to 8 months 8 to 11 pounds

5. Validation and tattooing date will be Saturday, July 18, 2009, at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
6. All animals will have an identifying tattoo in the right ear.
7. Official entry forms must show the following information: breed of rabbit, sex of rabbit, and class to be shown in.

8. Breeding rabbit divisions:

Division 1	Purebred New Zealand bucks
Division 2	Californian bucks
Division 3	All other recognized purebred meat breed bucks
Division 4	Purebred New Zealand does
Division 5	Californian does
Division 6	All other recognized purebred meat breed does

9. All rabbits will be delivered to the fairgrounds at 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2009.
10. All animals will be sifted at time of weigh-in for the show. Any rabbit showing signs of disease, external parasites or physical abnormalities will be excluded from the show and must be removed from the show area immediately.
11. All exhibitors must provide their own equipment for feeding and watering.
12. A Grand and Reserve Grand Champion doe and a Grand and Reserve Grand Champion buck will be selected from the top two animals in each breed division.

13. Premiums are as follows:

1ST	\$20.00
2ND	\$16.00
3RD	\$12.00
4TH	\$ 8.00
5TH, 6TH, 7TH & 8TH	\$ 4.00