

# NUECES COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW RABBIT DIVISION

## RABBIT

Denise Goetzel .....Superintendent  
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**2016 GRAND CHAMPION MARKET RABBITS  
EXHIBITED BY: SYDNEY TURNER  
LONDON FFA**

**Market & Fryer Rabbits Property of the Exhibitor  
and On-Feed.....December 17  
Validation - Market and Fryer Rabbits Only.....December 17  
Breeder Rabbits - On Feed.....December 17**

**NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS and PARENTS**  
**Grand and Reserve Champion Market Rabbits will be terminal and witnessed by 2 or more show representatives.**

**Thank You Letters:** Thank you letters are required from all exhibitors of blue ribbon, red ribbon or sifted projects to all buyers, add-on supporters and sponsors of awards for all divisions. (Refer to General Rule # 36 for further information/penalties.)

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this division is to educate, demonstrate, and encourage 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA members in the importance of rabbit production, selection, standards of perfection and promote the interests of the rabbit industry.

### **RULES: RABBIT DIVISION**

1. **Classes:** There will be three (3) classes in the rabbit division:
  - Class 1 Market Rabbits;** limit of one pen of three per exhibitor
  - Class 2 Single Fryers;** limit of two entries per exhibitor
  - Class 3 Breeder Rabbits;** no limit of entries
2. **Breeds:** All rabbits entered in the show must be pure-bred. A complete listing of breeds can be found in the ARBA Standard of Perfection. Class 1 Market Rabbits and Class 2 Single Fryers must be a recognized medium meat breed such as Californian and New Zealand. Class 3 Breeder Rabbits must be one of forty eight (48) breeds recognized by the ARBA.
3. **Validation:** December 17, 2016 from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM at the RMBRF (Exhibit Hall B). ALL RABBITS must be the property of, on feed and under the daily care of the exhibitor at the time of validation. All rabbits eligible for Class 1 Market Rabbits, Class 2 Single Fryers and Class 3 Breeder Rabbits will be tattooed at this time by a committeeman for permanent identification.
  - a. Breeder Rabbits already having a legible numerical and/or alphabetical tattoo will not need to be re-tattooed, but must still be brought to validation so that their numerical and/or alphabetical numbers can be recorded. **We encourage breeder rabbits be tattooed prior to validation.**

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- b. All Rabbits must be presented for validation in a wire bottom cage or carrier with a suspended floor. No boxes, crates, pet taxis or any solid floors will be allowed. Rabbits must be clean and healthy and show no signs of diarrhea. Rabbits that are deemed unclean either by urine, feces, or illness will not be validated.
  - c. Rabbits weighing over 48 ounces at time of validation will not be validated. A scale will be present at validation for rabbits to be weighed if they are deemed above average weight at time of validation.
4. **Check-In/Weigh and Sift:** Market Rabbits and Single Fryers will be weighed and sifted on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the RMBRF. Breeder Rabbits will be weighed and sifted Wednesday, January 18, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM at the RMBRF. Exhibitors will present market/fryer rabbits to sifting judge. The committee will not pick pens or fryers during the sifting process. All rabbits must be presented for check-in in wire bottom cage or carrier with a suspended floor. No boxes, crates, pet taxis or any solid floors will be allowed. Rabbits must be clean and healthy and show no sign of diarrhea. Rabbits that are deemed unclean either by urine, feces, or illness will not be checked in. All rabbits will be weighed and sifted in the presence of a qualified judge and must meet weight standards for class and breed according to ARBA Standard of Perfection. Market Rabbits and single fryers not weighing between three to five pounds or displaying any signs of disease, external parasites or physical abnormalities will be sifted. If any rabbit in the pen is sifted, a qualified alternate may immediately be substituted in the presence of the sifting judge or the entire pen will be sifted. All rabbits besides the market and fryer must be removed from the barn immediately following check-in. There will be no refund of entry fee for sifted animals.
5. **Showmanship:** Showmanship will begin at approximately 6:00 PM following check in on Wednesday January 18, 2017 in the show arena. Showmanship will consist of a hands on demonstration of rabbit knowledge to a qualified showmanship judge. Participants will need to demonstrate their ability to handle and care for their rabbits as well as general knowledge of rabbits in a verbal interview with the judge. Contestants will compete in age groups of Junior, Intermediate and Senior (refer to NCJLS Rule #19). The judge will select a winner from each age division and then select an overall top showman from the top of each age division. Rabbits used for showmanship must be participating in the Show. (Breeder, market or fryer) It cannot be an extra rabbit.
6. **Judging:** Market Rabbit judging will begin at 8:30 AM, Thursday January 19, 2017 in the show arena. Single Fryer judging will begin immediately following Market Rabbit judging conclusion. Breeder Rabbits judging will begin immediately following Breeder check-in on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 in the show arena. All exhibitors must be present with their rabbits at time of judging or the exhibitor's project will be subject to elimination. Should an exhibitor have a conflict and cannot be with his/her project at time of judging, he/she must contact Rabbit Committee Superintendent immediately for consideration. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their animals and carriers are encouraged in the arena with water only, no feed, no chairs or stools will be allowed in arena due to limited room.

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- 7. **ARBA Standards:** The rules of the American Rabbit Breeder Association (ARBA) Standard of Perfection latest edition will be used by the sifting judge and show judge. All ARBA disqualifications, eliminations and general faults will apply to each entry. Only qualified ARBA judges will be selected and their decisions shall be considered final. A judge shall not be required to place more than twenty five (25) entries in classes of fifty (50) or more. No committee member, board member or show associate will instruct the judge on the number of blue ribbons awarded. Instruction will however be given to the sifting and show judge that only high quality animals be accepted and rewarded blue ribbon.
- 8. **Release:** All rabbits and attached items are to be removed from the show cages within one (1) hour after the blue ribbon sale of rabbits. Any rabbits or related items left after this time will be removed and disposed of by a rabbit committee member. Any exception to this rule must be approved by the Rabbit Committee.
- 9. **Sale:** Grand and Reserve Champion Market Rabbits are required to participate in the Parade of Champions on Saturday. Grand and Reserve Champion Single Fryers and Grand and Reserve Champion Breeders may participate in the Parade of Champions on Saturday provided they are in line at designated time. Blue ribbon Market Rabbits will sell in the Blue Ribbon Sale (refer to General Rule #30) in alphabetical order according to club; this order will rotate from year to year. Exhibitors are expected to be with their rabbits 30 minutes prior to the market rabbit sale and are required to be with their rabbits at the time of sale.

**PREMIUM SALE ONLY. All locks must be removed from the pens on the day of the sale.**

**RULES: MARKET RABBIT CLASS**

- 1. **Market Meat Pens:** Meat Pens shall consist of three (3) rabbits, all of the same breed and variety. Meat Pen does not necessarily have to come from the same litter. Age limit 10 weeks, (70 days). Minimum of 3 1/2 pounds each. Maximum weight 5 1/2 pounds each.

**SCORECARD FOR JUDGING -- MARKET RABBIT CLASS  
3 RABBITS TO EACH PEN**

Meat Type.....	40 points
Condition of Flesh.....	30 points
Uniformity in body and weight.....	20 points
Fur.....	<u>10 points</u>
TOTAL POINTS.....	100

**AWARDS - MARKET RABBIT CLASS**

Grand Champion Market Rabbits.....Plaque, Banner & Buckle  
Reserve Champion Market Rabbits....Plaque, Banner & Buckle  
1st - 10th Placing.....1st - 10th Placing Ribbons  
Blue, Red and White Ribbons awarded accordingly.

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**2016 GRAND CHAMPION FRYER RABBIT  
EXHIBITED BY: ABIGAIL SIMMONS  
LONDON 4-H CLUB**

**RULES: SINGLE FRYER**

- 1. **Single Fryer:** Single fryers not over 10 weeks of age. Minimum weight of 3 pounds. Maximum weight of 5 pounds. Entry for this class will not be taken from the Market Rabbit entry.

**SCORECARD FOR JUDGING SINGLE FRYER**

Meat Type.....	45 points
Condition of flesh.....	35 points
Condition of fur.....	<u>20 points</u>
TOTAL POINTS.....	100

**AWARDS - FRYER RABBIT CLASS**

Grand Champion Fryer Rabbits.....Plaque & Banner  
 Reserve Champion Fryer Rabbits.....Plaque & Banner  
 1st - 10th Placing .....1st - 10th Placing Ribbons

**2016 GRAND CHAMPION BREEDING RABBIT  
EXHIBITED BY: LANDRIE WHITENTON  
BISHOP FFA/JR FFA**

**RULES: BREEDING RABBIT**

All Breeder Rabbits must be of a recognized breed as set forth by the latest edition of American Rabbit Breeders Association Standards of Protection.

**Class 6 Commercial Rabbits:** including, but not limited to Californian and New Zealand will be judged as junior, intermediate and senior classes. See ARBA Standard of Perfection for all recognized commercial breeds.

Classes are as follows:

Senior Bucks	Senior Does	(over 8 months)
Intermediate Bucks	Intermediate Does	(under 8 months)
Junior Bucks	Junior Does	(under 6 months)

See ARBA Standard for weight requirements per breed

**Class 4 Fancy Rabbits:** including, but not limited to, Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf and Polish will be judged as Junior and Senior classes. See ARBA Standard of Perfection for all recognized fancy breeds.

Classes are as follows:

Senior Bucks	Senior Does	(over 6 months)
Junior Bucks	Junior Does	(under 6 months)

See ARBA Standard for weight requirements per breed

**AWARDS - BREEDER RABBIT CLASS**

Grand Champion Breeder Rabbit .....Plaque & Banner  
 Reserve Champion Breeder Rabbit .....Plaque & Banner  
 Champion of Class 4 .....Rosette  
 Reserve Champion of Class 4 .....Rosette  
 Champion of Class 6 .....Rosette  
 Reserve Champion of Class 6 .....Rosette  
 Blue, Red, and White Ribbons awarded accordingly.