

## NCJLS Rabbit Show 2021

To all who are Rabbit Exhibitors at the NCJLS 2021 show:

This letter is to advise all exhibitors of upcoming changes and updates to the NCJLS Rabbit Show of 2021. There will be show operating changes due to some extenuating circumstance, Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus, referred to as RHDV. The Rabbit Committee recommends these changes on the advice of industry experts as they will protect future county shows across the region by preventing the spread of RHDV.

Committee recommends a normal show as we have had in the past. However, we will require a **Certificate of Origin** for each project. If there are any RHDV outbreaks after September 1, 2020 the entire show will become terminal. This means; EVERY RABBIT that enters the show barn becomes the possession of the Nueces County Junior Livestock show for disposal. In other words, All Breeder, Market Pen, Single Fryer, and any alternate Rabbits will become the possession of the NCJLS. However, committee will be monitoring any outbreaks of RHDV in the State of Texas until the day of the show, January 13, 2021 through January 14, 2021. If there are any RHDV outbreaks between October 13, 2020 and January 13, 2021 and within 250 miles of Nueces County, Committee will recommend we move to option 3 which has significantly more changes including elimination of the Breeder Show on January 13, 2021.

Below is an outline of the plan that will take place:

1. **Rabbit show as planned as if NO RHDV. Will require a Certificate of Origination of each Rabbit entered into any of the rabbit shows to include; Breeder, County of Breeder and birth of rabbit, Date of Delivery to the exhibitor, and Breeder signature and date.**
2. Same as one except the entire Rabbit show is terminal if there is an RHDV outbreak after September 1, 2020 within 250 miles of Nueces County.
3. If RHDV outbreak between October 11, 2020 and January 11, 2021 and within 250 miles of Nueces County, Rabbit show will change as follows:
  - a. Eliminate the Breeder Rabbit show scheduled for January 13, 2021
  - b. Move Market Pen and Single Fryer sift to Thursday, January 14, 2021

- c. Meat Pen and Single Fryer sift to begin on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 7 am by the sifting judge.
- d. All Rabbits will be immediately prejudged by the judge. The judge will determine which rabbits go to arena for placing and which rabbits will stay in the barn.
- e. Single Fryer rabbits will go to assigned pens until time to place Single Fryers.
- f. Rabbit Showmanship will be held on January 13, 2021 at 2 pm.
- g. Sign up for Showmanship at Validation.
- h. No bunnies at auction except as supplied by committee.

As a Committee, we will be discussing changes to the validation, sifting, and judging aspects of our show as it pertains to the process and sanitary needs to ensure there is no cross contamination. This will include each exhibitor having a set appoint for both validation and sifting.

We kindly ask all leaders, exhibitors, and guardians to pay attention to all social media for updates. Please see Facebook, NCJLS web page, etc... for communication. We also ask you to do your own research on RHDV for educational purposes. ARBA and Texas A&M are two great resources to research. Have a discussion today with your Breeder, your Club Leader, or a Committee member.

Thank You for your attention!

The Rabbit Committee

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