



Dept. 4G – Youth Rabbits

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Entries will be received from 5-9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 18 &
9 a.m. – Noon, Saturday, Sept. 19
Judging at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 20

Additional rules and regulations:

1. Youth members are to enter Purebred Pedigreed rabbits. Breeding rabbits must be in the name of the youth member by August 1st of the current year. Market Roasters must be in the name of the youth member by June 15th of the current year. Rabbits must be on the members Rabbit Breed Inventory, turned into the fair office by August 1st.
2. All rabbits must be 12 weeks of age to be eligible for show. The exceptions are market meat pen and fryers that are to be born between July 11 - 25, 2026.
3. All rabbits must be permanently tattooed in the left ear at least 1 month prior to fair. Tattoos must be healed, dry, legible and accurate prior to entering the rabbit.
4. Market rabbits must have pedigree at check-in. Incomplete or missing pedigrees will not be accepted.
5. No changes after Sept. 1st of the current year. Changes to entries must be submitted to the Superintendent.
6. All exhibitors are limited to a total of 50 rabbits. Breeding rabbit entries are limited to 4 entries per exhibitor, per variety, per class. Market rabbit entries are limited to 4 individual meat rabbits and 2 meat pens. Some rabbits may be released depending on space. All rabbit exhibitors will be required to keep some rabbits at the fair on exhibition. There will be no fur classes.
7. At check-in, youth members are to bring Rabbit's Self Certification of Animal Health completed for all rabbits entered. All rabbits will be health checked upon entry. Any rabbits showing signs of poor health will be refused entry.
8. Any rabbits, excluding rabbits sold at the livestock sale, removed from the exhibi-

- tion building before the official Sunday release time will cause the exhibitor to forfeit all premiums. Any animals sold during the week of the fair must be exchanged made off the fairgrounds property after release. A rabbit superintendent may release rabbits prior to Sunday for health reasons including Saturday after entering.
9. Youth members must come in at least once a day to check rabbits and water them. Shavings will be provided to put in all wet cages. Supply containers may be stored in the rabbit shed. Rules regarding the cleaning and care of all rabbits will be enforced.
 10. Bowls are to be at least a half pint or one pint in size and non-tipping. No ceramic, glass or tuna type cans are to be used for food or water in cages. No glass bottles. Containers will NOT be provided. Be sure to have containers for both food and water for each entry. Entries without proper size containers will not be allowed to enter.
 11. Rabbits will be judged by ARBA Guidelines.
 12. Youth exhibitors must be present on the day of the show and in official show attire. Showmanship will be conducted and judged throughout the Rabbit show on Sunday.
 13. Exhibitors will forfeit any/all premiums if noncompliant with any rules set by the fair or superintendent.
 14. Meat Rabbit Definitions:
 - a. Fryer: a commercial breed rabbit no more than 10 weeks old (70 days) from market weigh-in on 9/19/26, born between 7/11/26 and 7/25/26. They are to weigh a minimum of 3 1/2 lbs (3lbs 8oz), maximum of 5 1/2 lbs (5lbs 8oz). Fryers must be raised by the exhibitor. They **cannot** be purchased.
 - b. Roaster: a commercial breed rabbit no more than 180 days old from market weigh-in on 9/19/26 (born no earlier than 3/24/26). They are to weigh a minimum of 5 1/2 lbs (5lbs 8oz), maximum of 9 lbs.
 - c. Meat Pen: consists of three rabbits of the same breed and variety, no more than 10 weeks old (70 days) from market weigh-in on 9/19/26, born between 7/11/26 and 7/25/26. They are each to weigh a minimum of 3 1/2 lbs (3lbs 8oz), maximum of 5 1/2 lbs (5lbs 8oz). Pointed animals must have the same point color. Broken meat pens must also be of the same variety. A meat pen does not necessarily have to come from the same litter. Meat pens must be raised by the exhibitor. They **cannot** be purchased.
 15. Meat pen and individual meat classes may be broken down by weight based on volume of entries. This will be determined after weigh-in.
 16. Rabbits shown in market classes (Fryer, Roaster or Meat Pen) may not be entered in any other classes.
 17. There is a mandatory market sale meeting following check-in on Sat. Sept. 19th at 12:30pm.
 18. Weigh-in for all market rabbits will be after the market sale meeting. All exhibitors must be present during weigh-in.

Additional Market Rabbit Sale Guidelines:

19. Must be a member in good standing of 4-H, FFA or The GFF Youth Program.
20. Exhibitors in high school until age 18 as of Jan 1st must be FFA members. Exceptions are home school students and schools without FFA Chapters. All students prior to tenth grade must be 4-hers or GFF Youth.
21. Rabbits not within the weight limit will not be eligible to sell but may still be shown.
22. Feed and medication guidelines must be strictly followed for antibiotic withdraw times.
23. Each exhibitor is limited to selling one rabbit entry at the sale.

24. All rabbits must stay on site until the release date.
25. Animals that are not picked up by sale buyers at the end of the fair must be housed by the exhibitor until transportation to the processing facility can be arranged.
26. Youth exhibitors must be present and in sale attire to sell. Notify the superintendent immediately if there are conflicts with the schedule.
27. Please refer to the Youth Livestock Rules and Regulations (found at www.thegreatfrederickfair.com/youthshow) for a complete list of sale rules.

Divisions will be all breeds and varieties listed in alphabetical order.

Premiums: *(Classes not resulting in a premium will offer Ribbons and Awards only)*

1st - \$5.50 | 2nd - \$5 | 3rd - \$4 | 4th - \$3.50 | 5th - \$3.25 | 6th - \$3 | 7th - \$2.75 | 8th & up - \$2.50

Division 4G1 (1-52) - Breeding Rabbits

SUBCLASS

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| 1. Sr. Buck | 5. Jr. Buck |
| 2. Sr. Doe | 6. Jr. Doe |
| 3. 6/8 Buck | 7. Best of Breed |
| 4. 6/8 Doe | 8. Best Opposite of Breed |

Division 4G2 – Meat Rabbits

Frederick Farmers Co-op rabbit will be awarded to the 3rd best in show meat rabbit.

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| 1. Market Fryer | 3. Market Meat Pen |
| 2. Market Roaster | 4. Classroom Meat Pen |

Division 4G3 – Rabbit Showmanship

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| 1. Novice | 4. Senior |
| 2. Junior | 5. Overall Champion |
| 3. Intermediate | |

Division 4G4 – Rabbit Skill-a-thon

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| 1. Junior | 2. Intermediate | 3. Senior |
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Division 4G5 – Rabbit Dress Up *(Exhibitors limited to 1 entry)*

Division 4G6– Rabbit Educational Exhibits

Educational Exhibits will be judged based on the Danish ranking system and will be awarded premiums as follows: Blue - \$20, Red - \$10, White - \$5. Contact your department superintendent for more information. Youth participants must be showing in the Poultry/Turkey department to participate.

Class 100 – Educational Displays

- Youth exhibitors are invited to plan an educational exhibit to be displayed during The Great Frederick Fair in the Poultry Barn. The exhibit may be an informational poster or other educational display no bigger than a 2'x4' footprint.

Class 101 – Educational Demonstrations

- Youth exhibitors are invited to plan and execute a demonstration with the public during The Great Frederick Fair in the Poultry Barn.

Division 4G7 – Bred & Owned

Rules and Regulations:

1. Each exhibitor may choose one rabbit from their herd to show in the B&O class. The selected rabbit must be shown in the breeding or market show.
2. The selected rabbit must be a purebred rabbit of any age.
3. The selected rabbit must be bred from a buck and doe owned by the exhibitor prior to breeding.
4. The selected rabbit must have a physical pedigree and it must be presented to the superintendent at check-in. Any rabbits without a pedigree are ineligible to be shown in the B&O class.

Class

1. Bred & Owned Entry

