

YOUTH RABBIT SHOW

Saturday, August 16, 2025

Superintendent: Sarah Nicholes (575) 607-7739

Judge: Don Mersiovsky

Junior Show

Saturday, August 16, 2025 9:00 am, in the Events Arena

Showmanship classes will follow the Junior Show

1. The Rabbit Show will be open to all unmarried YOUTH residents of Roosevelt County who have not passed their 20th birthday by January 1st of the current year.
2. The Rabbit Meat Pen and the Showmanship Competition will be open only for a 4-H/FFA member in good standing in Roosevelt County.
3. The General Livestock Rules will apply to 4-H and FFA members.
4. The Superintendent reserves the right to refuse entry of rabbits deemed harmful to other entries because of disease or parasites.
5. All Rabbits are entered at sole risk of the owner. The management will not be responsible for any accidents, mistakes, loss or damage that occurs.
6. All Rabbits must be owned 30 days prior to the fair.
7. All Rabbits must have a readable permanent tattoo in the left ear.
8. **The Rabbits will be cared for by the exhibitor during the duration of the fair.**
9. The decisions of the judge will be final. Unsportsmanlike conduct will cause the entry to be disqualified and all premiums to be forfeited.
10. Only recognized pure breeds may be entered in the show The Judge and Superintendent will make classes as they consider necessary.
11. Rabbit Meat Pen will consist of three (3) rabbits not to exceed 10 weeks of age. **Each Rabbit shall weigh no less than three and a half pounds (3 ½) pounds and no more than five and a half pounds (5 ½).**
12. All exhibitors **will** bring their animals to the judging table.
13. Parents, leaders, guardians, etc. are not allowed to help the exhibitors. If an exhibitor cannot be present the day of the show, arrangements must be made, in advance, with the Superintendent.
14. No person, other than the show officials, judges and clerks will be allowed behind the judging tables during judging. Keep in mind that distracting the judges with conversation and questions about your animal during the show is considered inappropriate. Save questions until after judging is over with.
15. No entries will be accepted without pre-registration, due on-line at <https://rooseveltnm.fairwire.com> by Friday, August 1, 2025 before 5:00 pm.

16. **EACH** Rabbit exhibitor and a parent or guardian are **REQUIRED** to sign up for "Barn Duty" which consists of a 2-hour shift **PER** exhibitor during the fair week. See the Superintendent for the sign-up sheet.

Barn duty responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- a) Maintain water in all rabbit cages.
 - b) Supervise the public while viewing the rabbits not allowing them to poke, feed, or harass rabbits.
 - c) Answer questions from the public about rabbit care, management, and showmanship.
 - d) Keep area clean and free from debris and trash including manure and woodchips.
 - e) Any additional duties as deemed necessary.
17. All rabbits will be released at close of show on Saturday. Before leaving the show, each exhibitor must coordinate with the superintendent for which of their rabbits will be returning to the fairgrounds on Monday, August 18, 2025 to be exhibited during the fair.
- a. Meat Pens placing 1st – 10th, Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show, Best of Breeds, Best Opposite of Breeds, Best of Variety and Best Opposite of Variety must return by Monday, August 18, 2025 by 5:00 pm.
 - b. Any junior exhibitor required by the Superintendent to display his/her rabbit for duration of the fair will need to bring their rabbits back to the fair on Monday August 18, 2025 and sign up for barn duty.
 - c. Rabbits at the fairgrounds will be released Sunday, August 24, 2025 from 6:00 – 9:00 am.
18. Only rabbits entered into the fair may remain on the fairgrounds after the show. No additional rabbits may be brought to the fair during the week. Also, no rabbits may be sold during the course of the fair.
19. Showmanship contest – Exhibitors may sign up for showmanship the day of the show. There will be four age categories: Booster (8 and under); Novice (9 – 11); Junior (12 – 13); Senior (14 – 19). This contest is open to all youth regardless of 4-H or FFA enrollment. There will be a ribbon winner in each category and age group
20. The showmanship contest will consist of two parts:
- a) **Showmanship with a Rabbit** – The showmanship with a rabbit will be patterned after the American Rabbit Breeder's Association Showmanship Contest.
 - b) **Written Test** – The written test portion will come from the 4-H Rabbit Project Books. Novice questions will come from Rabbit I; Junior questions will come from Rabbit II; Senior questions will come from Rabbit III. These books are available at the Extension Office.

PREMIUMS

	Singles	Rabbit Meat Pen
1 st Place	\$6.00	\$15.00
2 nd Place	\$3.00	\$12.50
3 rd Place	\$2.00	\$10.00

Grand Champion Meat Pen:

\$40.00 Premium + Buckle + Banner

Reserve Champion Meat Pen:

\$20.00 Premium + Buckle + Banner

Best in Show:

\$20.00 Premium + Buckle + Banner

Reserve Best in Show:

\$10.00 Premium + Banner

Senior Showmanship:

\$40.00 Premium + Buckle + Rosette

Junior Showmanship:

\$40.00 Premium + Buckle + Rosette

Novice Showmanship:

\$20.00 Premium + Buckle + Rosette

Booster Showmanship:

\$20.00 Premium + Banner + Rosette