

Department 9 – Rabbits

SOUTH MOUNTAIN FAIR RABBIT AND CAVY SHOW

Sunday, July 23, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.

Open and Youth Divisions

**OPEN TO ADAMS COUNTY RESIDENTS AND ADJOINING COUNTIES AND
YOUTH WHO ARE MEMBERS OF ADAMS COUNTY 4H CLUBS OR FFA CHAPTERS**

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Rules:

See General Livestock information.

Entry fee: **Adult: \$1.50 per animal. Youth: Free (Sponsored by AgChoice)**

1. All rabbit/cavy entries will be due to the South Mountain Fair **no later than July 6.**
2. Rabbits/cavies need to arrive at the fairgrounds by 12:30 p.m. on the day of judging. All Youth Meat Pens must arrive by 9 a.m. **Judging will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m.**
3. All stock must be permanently and legibly earmarked. Animals not properly earmarked will be disqualified. Be sure your rabbits are tattooed before the show. Please contact the chairperson by the day of the show if you need this done.
4. Animals may be entered as open OR youth. The same animal may NOT be shown in both open and youth.
5. Exhibitors must abide by Fair rules. Please read the general Fair rules and the livestock rules.
6. All livestock must be shown by the exhibitor that it is registered under unless the exhibitor has more than one animal in the class and then one animal must be shown by the registered exhibitor.
7. **Animals may be entered for exhibition if examined and approved by the department chairperson.**
8. The building will be open daily from 4-10 p.m. (Tue.- Fri.), Saturday 1-10 p.m.
9. Any animal showing signs of any contagious or infectious disease will be removed from the show and the Fair. The decision of the Department Chairperson and the South Mountain Fair board will be final.
10. All rabbits/cavies must be owned by the date of Fair entry. No leased animals will be accepted.
11. **All rabbits/cavies entered in the Fair must stay the week of the Fair unless sent home by the superintendent. Any animals taken home after the show will not be permitted to return this year and all premiums won will be forfeited.**
12. All rabbits/cavies must be a minimum of 8 weeks old and weaned.
13. No locks on cages. Please bring food and water containers.
14. No breeding of animals is allowed.
15. Exhibitors attempting to or actually interfering with the judges or show committee or acting in a manner unbecoming an exhibitor shall have their animals disqualified and shall be rejected and barred from the show and the Fair with entry fee and all Fair premiums forfeited.
16. Parents - You are responsible for your children! PLEASE no running, pushing, screaming, or destruction of property. There will be no alcoholic foods or beverages allowed at the show grounds.
17. The South Mountain Fair will not be responsible in the case of fire, theft, injury, or providential loss, but every precaution will be taken to prevent these losses.
18. All pure-bred animals will be judged according to the latest Standard of Perfection of the American Rabbit Breeders Association.
19. Cooping of animals will be assigned by the Department Chairperson at time of check-in. Prize money will be forfeited by exhibitors in violation of this rule. Your animals must be put in the assigned coops and remain there for the duration of the Fair until they are released on Saturday at 10 p.m. All animals will be fed, watered, and cared for by the exhibitor or department chairperson. Exhibits entered must be picked up at 10 p.m. on Saturday, the last day of the Fair. Exhibits are left at the exhibitor's risk.
20. **All 4H/FFA exhibitors are expected to be present on Sunday after the Fair at 1 p.m. to assist in cleaning the cages and putting the barn in order for winter storage. Those exhibitors not helping will forfeit all premiums or pay \$50, whichever is greater.**

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Health Rules:

1. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases.
2. An Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR) statement for the animals being exhibited must be signed by the exhibitor on the fair registration form.
3. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1 of the current year is required.

Rules for the sale of animals:

1. Animals for sale must be owned by 4H or FFA youth ONLY.
2. Animals for sale must have been entered and exhibited in the rabbit/cavy show.
3. **No more than 4 animals per 4H/FFA exhibitor may be sold.**
4. Sale animals may be removed the day they are purchased but may not be carried around the fairgrounds. They may be removed when the buyer is ready to leave the fairgrounds.
5. No sale money will be handled by show personnel. The exhibitor must be present at the time of the sale and collect the sale money from the buyer.
6. The Department Chairperson will supply each youth exhibitor with sale forms, copies of which are to be completed and provided to the Department Chairperson, the exhibitor and the buyer.
7. Unsold animals must be picked up by owners when animals are released on Saturday at 10 p.m.
8. Sales in the rabbit barn are limited to animals alone, no sales of cages or any other animal equipment will be allowed.

Section 570 - (Adams County 4H/FFA Youth ONLY) – Meat Pen - Class 1

1. Exhibitor must own the doe(s) by April 1, 2023, and kits must be kindled in the owner's rabbitry. **All breeding of does must be on or after April 17, 2023 (not before that date).** All rabbits must be tattooed prior to the show. Rabbits must be tattooed before being weighed at 11 am on the day of the show.
2. Members may only show and sell rabbits younger than 69 days old as of the day of the show. Plan to breed about 100 days out from that date for appropriately aged and sized rabbits. All rabbits must be purebred ARBA accepted meat breeds. Each individual rabbit must weight between 3 1/2 - 5 1/2 lbs. on the day of the show. Ideal average weight is 5 lbs. per rabbit.
3. Exhibitors can enter multiple ARBA accepted meat rabbit breeds, but each pen must consist of three rabbits of the same breed, age and variety. (i.e. Exhibitors can enter one pen of three New Zealand Whites, one pen of Californians, one pen of Sandy Flemish Giants, etc.) **A Jr. Livestock exhibitor cannot show/sell/tag more than a total of three pens of three meat rabbits.**
4. The Rabbit Show will start at 1 p.m., Sunday, July 23. All meat pens in the show will sell in the Jr. Livestock Sale on Saturday, the last day of the Fair, beginning at 4 pm.



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YOUTH - Mixed Breed/Pet Rabbits Judged based on health, grooming, and friendliness.

Section 600 - Mixed Breed/Pet Rabbits

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Class	Class
1 Buck	2 Doe

YOUTH - Showmanship - Rabbit No entry fees required for Showmanship or Posters.

Section 901 - Showmanship - Rabbit	Premiums:	\$5.00	4.00	3.00
Class	Class			
1 Advanced	3 Novice			
2 Intermediate	4 Beginner			

YOUTH - Showmanship - Cavy

Section 902 - Showmanship - Cavy	Premiums:	\$5.00	4.00	3.00
Class	Class			
1 Advanced	3 Novice			
2 Intermediate	4 Beginner			

YOUTH - Posters

All youth posters must be turned in the day of the show. They are to be 14"x22" and MUST address rabbits/cavies. They MUST be the work of the youth. They may be in any medium, but cannot be three dimensional. Cartoon figures (such as Bugs Bunny) can't be used as they are copyrighted. The youth's name, age, address, county, and a brief explanation should be written on a 3"x5" card and attached. Posters will be displayed until the close of the Fair. Only one entry per youth.

Section 903 - Posters	Premiums:	\$3.00	2.00	1.00
Class	Class		Class	
1 Senior	2 Intermediate		3 Junior	

Section 904 - Best in Show

Class	Class		
1 Best in Show-Open	7 Best Reserve Meat Pen-Youth	\$15.00	\$5.00
2 Best in Show-Youth	8 Best of Breed-Open	\$15.00	\$3.00
3 Best in Show Pet	9 Best Opposite Sex-Open	\$10.00	\$2.00
4 Best Reserve in Show-Open	10 Best of Breed - Youth	\$10.00	\$3.00
5 Best Reserve in Show-Youth	11 Best Opposite Sex-Youth	\$10.00	\$2.00
6 Best Meat Pen-Youth		\$10.00	

