

2009 CITRUS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

Youth Rabbit Pen of Meat Rules

1. REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD AT THE CITRUS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2008 AT 10:30 AM. REGISTRATION WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A MANDATORY EDUCATIONAL MEETING AT 10:30 AM. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE FAIR OFFICE!

A \$5.00 (Non-Refundable) Entry Fee due at Registration.
A \$5.00 (Non-Refundable) Showmanship Fee due at Registration, Showmanship is optional.
2. A pen of meat consists of three rabbits of the same breed and variety. They should be of equal size, littermates, and none over five pounds in weight and not over 70 days old at Fair time. They can be opposite or same sex. All rabbits must be brought to the Citrus County Fairgrounds on the date designated by the Livestock Committee for marking of the animal for identification. If rabbits already have markings, then they will be verified on that date. **THIS IS MANDATORY.** The Champion and Reserve Champion Pen of Meat Rabbits (3 to a pen) will be auctioned off; this is for 4-H and FFA members only. This is a project for you to raise and sell at the Fair.
3. NO SICK OR DISEASED ANIMALS WILL BE ALLOWED. They will be checked for ear mites. All animals will be inspected.
4. Exhibitors cannot compete against themselves.
5. The Livestock Committee will present ONE educational meeting during the project period (March through February). **The Exhibitor and a Parent or Guardian, 4-H Leader, Agriculture Teacher or responsible Adult, WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TOGETHER, IN ORDER TO SHOW.** Exhibitor and a Parent or Guardian, 4-H Leader, Agriculture Teacher or responsible Adult must sign in to receive credit for attending.
6. Proof of project work in 4-H or FFA will be required. Project work is your record book. If entering more than one rabbit, then each rabbit will need to have an information page included in the record book (page 3).
7. **PEN OF MEAT RABBIT "ONLY" - Two separate Buyer Letters (ONE TO A PREVIOUS BUYER AND ONE TO A NEW BUYER, ADDRESSED, STAMPED AND UNSEALED WITH YOUR RETURN ADDRESS) will be required for sale animal exhibitors, and must be turned in to the Fair Office by 5:00 PM on FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2009. Only two (2) letters will be accepted at the Fair Office; however you are encouraged to send more on your own. POSTMARED OR METERED MAIL THAT ARRIVES AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. A LIST OF PREVIOUS BUYERS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE FAIR OFFICE.**
8. **All rabbits must be delivered to the Fairgrounds on Sunday, March 15th, 2009,** between the hours of 3:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M.
9. Exhibitors must be present for showing to assist in handling their animals if asked by the judge.
10. Rabbits may not be bred while at the Fair. Expecting doe will not be allowed in the show.
11. **Any person winning a trophy is required to write a THANK YOU Letter to the sponsor. All thank you letters must be given to show Superintendent prior to picking up your animals on Wednesday, March 18th night to be eligible for premium money. All money will be withheld until letters are written. (There is a trophy sponsor address label on the bottom of the trophy.)**

12. Exhibitors and their parents will be required to sign a drug certificate which must be turned in at the Exhibitors Meeting. Limitation of entries may be enforced by the show superintendent due to limited space.
13. Rabbits will be released on Wednesday, March 18 between 10:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M. **except the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion they will not be released until Saturday between 10:00 P.M and 11:00 P.M.** ANIMALS WILL NOT BE RELEASED BEFORE THIS TIME. There will be no Sunday pick up. **WE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ANIMAL LEFT AFTER THIS TIME.** Other arrangements must be made in advance and approved by the show superintendent. Schedule subject to change you will be notified of any changes.
14. Thank You Letters for Buyers, Trophy Sponsors and Add-ons must be in the Fair Office before a check will be issued to the Exhibitor. BRING YOUR LETTERS TO BARN CLEAN UP, OR TO THE FAIR OFFICE BEFORE THE BARN CLEAN UP DATE. LETTERS MUST BE **STAMPED**, ADDRESSED, AND **UNSEALED** WITH YOUR RETURN ADDRESS ON THE ENVELOPE. Letters must be turned in to the designated person, who will be posted, so your name will be removed from the list. All money will be withheld until all Thank You letters are written. Should deadline be missed there will be a \$25.00 forfeit. (There is a trophy sponsor address label on the bottom of the trophy.)
15. AWARDS & PREMIUMS – Entries will be judged by the Modified Danish System.

Blue Ribbon \$5.00

Red Ribbon \$3.00

White Ribbon \$1.00

TROPHIES

GRAND CHAMPION

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

RECORD BOOK 4-H (JR., INT., & SR) FFA (JR., & SR)

SHOWMANSHIP

PERSONS WISHING TO COMPETE IN THE SHOWMANSHIP CLASS MUST SO DESIGNATE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION AND PAY A NON-REFUNDABLE FEE OF \$5.00 PARTICIPATION IS OPTIONAL.

Payout for Showmanship is a percentage of Entry Fees Collected:

1 ST	25% OF THE ENTRY FEES	4 TH	15% OF THE ENTRY FEES
2 ND	20% OF THE ENTRY FEES	5 TH	12 1/2% OF THE ENTRY FEES
3 RD	17 1/2% OF THE ENTRY FEES	6 TH	10% OF THE ENTRY FEES

RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED 1ST THROUGH 6TH

16. Failure to comply with any of the above rules and regulations will subject the exhibitor to disqualification and removal from the project or Fairgrounds.

EXHIBITOR: FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BE SURE TO READ THE LIVESTOCK ADDENDUM, IAFE NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS, THE GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS AND THE LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE AS THEY PERTAIN TO ALL LIVESTOCK SHOWS