

# 2024 LSU AgCenter State Rabbit Show

March 2, 2024

Evacuation Facility, LSU Alexandria Campus

## **General Rules:**

- A. The LSU AgCenter State Rabbit Show reserves to the Rabbit Show Manager and Show Superintendent the final and absolute rights to interpret, amend or add to rules and regulations.
- B. The Show Superintendents and Rabbit Show Manager have final authority and responsibility for interpretation and enforcement of rules during judging of the show.
- C. Superintendent will have the authority to disqualify those individuals seen in violation of rules.
- D. Any person who violates any of the following rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and will be subject to any other penalties that the Livestock Show Management Council may order.
- E. 4-H and FFA Eligibility Rules
  1. In order for youth to participate in parish, district, state, regional, or national events they must be a bona fide 4-H member 30 days prior to the event.
  2. 4-H Club members must be 9 years of age before January 1 of the current club year and must not have passed their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 1. Those who graduate from high school after being enrolled at the beginning of the club year and are active members during the club year will be eligible to compete in contests as permitted through the remainder of the club year ending August 31. High school graduates with live animal projects will be permitted to conclude their projects at the first fall show.
  3. All FFA members must be enrolled in a Junior High or High School Agricultural Education Program and must not have reached their 21st birthday prior to the close of the date on which they must have assumed possession of the animal(s).
- F. Youth must exhibit their own rabbits.
  1. Exceptions at the State Show:

Exhibitors' rabbits will be allowed to show in class and in the Best of Breed/Other selection only if the exhibitor cannot show due to illness, physical handicap, personal injury or death in the family. In the case of illness, physical handicap, personal injury or death in the family, the exhibitor or representative shall make the request to the agent/FFA advisor and state rabbit show superintendent and manager. The state rabbit show manager has the authority to approve or disapprove last –minute requests.
- G. Exhibitors should participate in any educational activities that may be provided.
- H. NO SMOKING WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING. Please go outside to smoke – away from the entrances.
- I. LSU AgCenter is not responsible for the loss or injury of any animal(s) or the loss or damage of personal possessions in the show room. Every precaution will be used to avoid these occurrences. Parents are responsible for the actions and safety of their children.

### **Entry Fees:**

1. Exhibition Rabbits entry fee is \$2.00 per rabbit.
2. Meat Pen Entry Fee is \$10.00 per pen.

### **Rabbit Exhibition Rules:**

1. This will be a one-day carrying cage show. Exhibitors must use a leak proof cage.
2. Judging and classification will follow the ARBA Standard of Perfection.
3. All entries should be permanently and legibly tattooed in left ear. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
4. Youth must have their rabbit (s) ready for showing when the class is called. If an exhibitor is not at the judging table after the third call, the rabbit(s) will be disqualified from exhibition.
5. All judges' decisions will be final.
6. Exhibitors and other persons not adhering to the show rules or practicing unsportsmanlike behavior will be asked to leave the show barn; in this case, such exhibitors will be barred from competition and receipt of awards.
7. Exhibitors are responsible for checking entries for errors and changes BEFORE judging begins.
8. Any exhibitor found harassing a judge will be eliminated from all competition (no refunds).
9. LSU AgCenter will furnish scales. These scales will be used as the official scales for weighing rabbits.
10. The show superintendent may remove any animal showing signs of illness from the showroom.
11. LSU AgCenter reserves the right to add, cancel, or substitute judges, as necessary.
12. Any personally involved exhibitor within a Breed, Group, Variety, or Class shall have the right to submit a \$55.00 protest fee and a WRITTEN protest within two hours of occurrence to be reviewed by the LSU AgCenter Superintendent and Show Manager.

## **Exhibition Class Guidelines:**

1. Each breed will have a Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex; ribbons or rosettes will be awarded to all exhibitors.
2. Classes of does and bucks will be judged using the following age classes:
  - a. Junior Rabbits (Under 6 months of age)
  - b. Intermediate Rabbits (6- 8 months old). Only those breeds designated as having an intermediate class in the Standard of Perfection will show as such.
  - c. Senior Rabbits (Over 6 months of age)
3. Exhibitors must have possession of exhibition rabbits 60 days prior to the State Rabbit Show. (4-H agents and Ag Teachers must be contacted prior to the 60 day deadline to verify possession of rabbits.)

## **Meat Pen Rules:**

1. Each exhibitor will be allowed to enter and exhibit up to 2 meat pens.
2. Meat Pens shall consist of 3 rabbits not over 70 days of age with each rabbit not less than 3.5 pounds and not over 5.5 pounds.
3. Meat pens shall consist of the same breed and variety/color. All recognized meat type breeds will be accepted (excluding lops).
4. Each exhibitor must show their own pen.
5. Exhibitors must have possession of rabbit meat pens 30 days prior to show. **(4-H agents and/or Ag Teachers must be contacted prior to the 30 day deadline to validate possession of meat pens.)**

## **Entry Deadline:** February 23

Entry information and link provided when available

## **Schedule:**

March 1 - Rabbits may enter building 5:00 pm-8:00

March 2

6:30 am	Barn will open
7:00am - 8:30am	Check in
9:00am.	Judging begins. Order of Breeds will be posted that morning
9:15am.	Premier exhibitor & Showmanship will begin