

## **DEPARTMENT I—RABBITS & CAVIES**

**Judging: Monday, 9:00 am**

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**General Rules: See Rules Governing Entries, Exhibitors and Awards, General Rules and Rules for Livestock.**

### **RABBITS**

1. All exhibition animals must be kindled and owned by May 15.
2. All rabbits are to be tattooed.
3. Each rabbit cage is to have two containers: one for feed and one for water. Containers must be of ample size and weight for rabbit.
4. All exhibitors showing rabbits must show in rabbit showmanship and record book classes. Exceptions will be allowed only with permission of superintendents.
5. The rabbit used by the exhibitor in showmanship must be shown in market or breed class also, by the same exhibitor.
6. No rabbits may leave the exhibit area except to be shown on show day, for Sweepstakes, or with the superintendent's permission.
7. Exhibitors must have their cages cleaned each day by 10:00 am
8. Rabbit Record Books must be turned in when you bring your rabbit on Sunday. Record Book should be completed before you bring it to fair, except for minor additions of animal weights. Record books must be turned in by 4:00 pm on Sunday or participants will be eliminated from top 6 judging.
9. After the fair, all exhibitors must clean their pens, trays and legs. They must be checked by the superintendent or his/her designated person.
10. After the fair, all exhibitors are expected to help with clean-up of the entire exhibit area. The exhibit area will be closed when the exhibit area is clean; then all exhibitors and their families may go home.
11. An exhibitor may not exhibit a record book in the Rabbit and Cavy Division without exhibiting an animal in breed or market class.
12. Each exhibitor may only enter a maximum of five live rabbit exhibits (market pen is one exhibit) at fair. Each exhibitor may show a maximum of 4 market exhibits (one in each market class).
13. Exhibitors may show in the rabbit and cavy project at only one county.
13. Failure to comply with any of the rules, or lack of care of a member's animals may result in removal of the exhibit and forfeiture of sale privileges and/or loss of exhibiting privileges for not more than 2 years at the Eastern Michigan State Fair.
14. All exhibitors must turn in a pen sheet to the superintendent by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in June.

### **DIVISION 1 - RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP**

To participate in this section, the exhibitor must have made entry and shown in any rabbit class in Department I, except costume.

Class 7001: Noncompetitive Sprouts, 5-7 years

Class 7002: Juniors, 8-10 years

Class 7003: Intermediate, 11-13 years

Class 7004: Senior, 14-16 years

Class 7005: Advanced Senior, 17-19 years

**Awards:** 1st - 6th placing in each class, Noncompetitive Sprouts— Participation Ribbon

## **DIVISION 2 - MARKET ANIMALS**

1. All fryer and fryer pen rabbits shall be up to 10 weeks of age with a minimum weight of 3.5 pounds and a maximum weight of 5.5 pounds each. Pen should be as close in weight and as uniform as possible.
2. All fryer and fryer meat pen rabbits must be born at the home of the exhibitor.
3. Exhibitors must accompany their animals in Auction Ring unless previously excused.
4. Only one market exhibit can be sold in the livestock auction unless an exhibitor receives Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market Exhibit.
5. All market rabbits receiving an "A" ribbon are eligible to go to the auction sale. "B" ribbon will NOT go to the auction sale but remain on fairgrounds. The seller is responsible for processing the market rabbits & delivering them to the buyer, unless the buyer has requested otherwise.
6. Market exhibits will be weighed on Sunday as they are checked into the barn. No more than 5 animals will be weighed in for a market pen and no more than 3 animals will be weighed in for a single market animal.
7. Roaster rabbits must be under 6 months of age. (Suggested age is 5 months old)
8. Roaster rabbits' minimum weight of 5.5 pounds and maximum weight of 9 pounds.
9. Roaster rabbits must be in the exhibitor's possession by the 3rd Monday in June.
10. Roaster rabbits must be weighed in and tattooed by a Superintendent by the 3rd Monday in June.
11. Once a roaster rabbit has been tattooed in an exhibitor's name it may not change ownership or be exhibited by another exhibitor.
12. Homegrown is defined as: the exhibitor owning the doe at the time of breeding and kindling.
13. Exhibitors must be present at the time of judging and place their own animal on the table unless prior superintendent approval.

Class 7010: Pen of three Fryers Between 3.5 and 5.5 pounds each.

Class 7011: Single Fryer Between 3.5 and 5.5 pounds

Class 7012: Single Roaster class

Class 7013: Pen of three Roasters

Class 7014: Homegrown market exhibit (must be entered in one of the above market classes)

**Awards:** 1st - 6th placing in each class

Grand Champion Market Exhibit & Reserve Champion Market Exhibit

Grand Champion Homegrown Exhibit & Reserve Champion Homegrown Exhibit

Grand Champion Fryer Pen & Reserve Champion Fryer Pen

Grand Champion Single Fryer & Reserve Champion Single Fryer

Grand Champion Roaster Pen & Reserve Champion Roaster Pen

Grand Champion Single Roaster & Reserve Champion Single Roaster

### **Breeding Rabbits**

List section and class numbers for each animal on entry form. State breed and class in description on entry form and pen sheet.

## **4- CLASS BREEDS**

**DIVISION 3 - American Fuzzy Lop**

**DIVISION 4 - American Sable**

**DIVISION 5 - Belgian Hare**

**DIVISION 6 - Britannia Petite**

**DIVISION 7 - Dutch**

**DIVISION 8 - Dwarf Hotot**

**DIVISION 9 - Dwarf Pappion**

**DIVISION 10 - English Angora**

**DIVISION 11 - English Spot**

**DIVISION 12 - French Angora**

**DIVISION 13 - Florida White**  
**DIVISION 14 - Harlequin**  
**DIVISION 15 - Havana**  
**DIVISION 16 - Himalayan**  
**DIVISION 17 - Holland Lop**  
**DIVISION 18 - Jersey Woolly**  
**DIVISION 19 - Lilac**  
**DIVISION 20 - Lionhead**  
**DIVISION 21 - Mini Lop**  
**DIVISION 22 - Mini Rex**  
**DIVISION 23 - Mini Satin**  
**DIVISION 24 - Netherland Dwarf**  
**DIVISION 25 - Polish**  
**DIVISION 26 - Rex**  
**DIVISION 27 - Rhinelander**  
**DIVISION 28 - Satin Angora**  
**DIVISION 29 - Silver**  
**DIVISION 30 - Silver Marten**  
**DIVISION 31 - Standard Chinchilla**  
**DIVISION 32 - Tan**  
**DIVISION 33 - Thrianta**  
**DIVISION 34 - Any Other 4-Class Purebred**

Use the following class numbers for each 4-class breed sections

Class 7020: Senior buck, 6 months old and older

Class 7021: Senior doe, 6 months old and older

Class 7022: Junior buck, under 6 months old

Class 7024: Junior doe, under 6 months old

### **6-CLASS BREEDS**

**DIVISION 35 - American**  
**DIVISION 36 - American Chinchilla**  
**DIVISION 37 - Bevern**  
**DIVISION 38 - Blanc de Hotot**  
**DIVISION 39 - Californian**  
**DIVISION 40 - Champagne D'Argent**  
**DIVISION 41 - Checkered Giant**  
**DIVISION 42 - Cinnamon**  
**DIVISION 43 - Crème D'Argent**  
**DIVISION 44 - English Lop**  
**DIVISION 45 - Flemish Giant**  
**DIVISION 46 - French Lop**  
**DIVISION 47 - Giant Angora**  
**DIVISION 48 - Giant Chinchilla**  
**DIVISION 49 - New Zealand**  
**DIVISION 50 - Palomino**  
**DIVISION 51 - Satin**  
**DIVISION 52 - Silver Fox**  
**DIVISION 53 - Any Other 6-Class Purebred**  
**DIVISION 54 - Mixed Breed**  
**DIVISION 55 - ArgenteBrun**

Use the following class numbers for each 6-class breed section.

Class 7025: Senior buck, 8 months old and older

Class 7026: Senior doe, 8 months old and older

Class 7027: Intermediate buck, 6 months to 8 months old

Class 7028: Intermediate doe, 6 months to 8 months old

Class 7029: Junior buck, under 6 months old

Class 7030: Junior doe, under 6 months old

**Breed Awards**

1st - 6th placing in each class

Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex of Breed, Best in Show, Reserve in Show

**DIVISION 56 - RABBIT RECORD BOOK**

Class 7040: Noncompetitive Sprout 5-7 years

Class 7041: Junior 8-10 years

Class 7042: Intermediate, 11-13 years

Class 7043: Senior, 14-16 years

Class 7044: Advanced Senior, 17-19 years

**Awards:**

1st - 6th placing in each class, Noncompetitive Sprout – Participation Ribbon Best Record Book - 1st and 2nd

**DIVISION 57 - RABBIT SKILLATHON CONTEST**

*Must be completed by noon on Saturday*

Class 7050: Sprout 5-7 years

Class 7051: Junior, 8-13 years

Class 7052: Senior 14-19 years

**Awards:**

1st - 6th placing in each class

**DIVISION 58 - COSTUME CONTEST**

*Judging: Monday a.m.*

The judging will be based on originality, creativity, neatness, member's effort, member's explanation of costume.

Class 7060: Noncompetitive Sprout, 5-7 years

Class 7061: Junior, 8-10 years

Class 7062: Intermediate, 11-13 years

Class 7063: Senior, 14-16 years

Class 7064: Advanced Senior, 17-19 years

**Awards:** 1st - 6th placing in each class

Classes may be combined depending on number of entries.

## **CAVY**

### **Rules**

1. All cavies must be owned or littered by May 15.
2. All cavies are to be ear tagged.
3. Exhibits of live cavy will be limited to five exhibits per member.
4. Each cavy cage is to have two containers: one for feed and one for water. Exhibitors will supply their own cavy cage for the time they are at the fair.
5. All exhibitors showing a cavy must show in cavy showmanship and record book. Exceptions will be allowed only with permission of superintendents.
6. The cavy used by the exhibitor in showmanship must be shown in breed class also, by the same exhibitor.
7. Cavy record books must be turned in when you bring your cavy on Monday. Record book should be completed before you bring it to fair. Record books must be turned in by the start of the rabbit and cavy show on Monday or member will be eliminated from top 6 judging.
8. An exhibitor may not exhibit a record book in the Cavy Division without exhibiting a cavy in breed class.
9. Exhibitors may show in the cavy project area at only one county.

**DIVISION 60 - Abyssinian**

**DIVISION 61 - Abyssinian Satin**

**DIVISION 62 - American**

**DIVISION 63 - American Satin**

**DIVISION 64 - Coronet**

**DIVISION 65 - Peruvian**

**DIVISION 66 - Peruvian Satin**

**DIVISION 67 - Silkie**

**DIVISION 68 - Silkie Satin**

**DIVISION 69 - Teddy**

**DIVISION 70 - Teddy Satin**

**DIVISION 71 - Texel**

**DIVISION 72 - White Crested**

Class 7100: Senior Boar, 8 months old and older

Class 7101: Senior Sow, 8 months old and older

Class 7102: Intermediate Boar, 6 months to 8 months old

Class 7103: Intermediate Sow, 6 months to 8 months old

Class 7104: Junior Boar, under 6 months old

Class 7105: Junior Sow, under 6 months old

**Awards** 1st - 6th placing

### **DIVISION 75 - Cavy Record Books**

Class 7110: Noncompetitive Sprout 5-7 years

Class 7111: Junior 8-10 years

Class 7112: Intermediate 11-13 years

Class 7113: Senior 14-16 years

Class 7114: Advanced 17-19 years

### **Awards**

1st - 6th placing in each class, Noncompetitive Sprouts – Participation Ribbon

### **DIVISION 76 - Skillathon Contest**

*Judging: Monday, during Rabbit/Cavy Show*

Class 7120: Sprout 5-7 years

Class 7121: Junior 8-13 years

Class 7122: Senior 14-19 years

### **DIVISION 77 - Costume Contest**

*Judging: Monday AM*

The judging will be based on originality, creativity, neatness, member's effort, exhibitors explanation of costume.

Class 7125: Noncompetitive Sprout, 5-7 years

Class 7126: Junior 8-10 years

Class 7127: Intermediate 11- 14 years

Class 7128: Senior 14-16 Senior

Class 7129: Advanced Senior 17-19 years

**Awards:** 1st - 6th placing in each class. Noncompetitive Sprouts- Participation Ribbon

Classes may be combined depending on number of entries.

### **DIVISION 78 - CAVY SHOWMANSHIP**

To participants in this section, the exhibitor must have made entry and shown in any cavy class.

Class 7130: Noncompetitive Sprout, 5-7 years

Class 7131: Junior 8-10 years

Class 7132: Intermediate 11- 14 years

Class 7133: Senior 14-16 years

Class 7134: Advanced Senior 17-19 years

**Awards:** 1st–6th placings in each class, Noncompetitive Sprouts - Participation Ribbon

Classes may be combined depending on number of entries.