



# FAWE 2023 Rabbit Project

2023 FLORIDA AGRICULTURE & WILDLIFE EXPO



**Entry Form Due Date: January 13, 2023**      Entry fees are **\$5.00 per rabbit**

**Expo Arrival Date: March 10, 2023 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Show/Showmanship Date: Sunday, March 12, 2023**    **Open cages by 10:00 a.m. (No one will be permitted in cage area while bird judging takes place)**

**Showmanship begins at 1:00 p.m.**

**MANDATORY Clean up March 18, 2023 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. (present for the entire hour)**

**Thank you letters for belt buckles: March 18, 2023 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**\*NOTE: Once a RABBIT is accepted for entry on March 11, it must stay on show premises in the designated cages/area until clean-up on March 18.**

**This project is open to all Hernando County 4-H and FFA members in good standing.**

Youth can show up to eight (8) rabbits total but must show all purebred or all crossbred. No youth can show in both divisions. Any combination of classes is permitted. There must be at least three entries in a single class to qualify for class and champion competitions.

Showmanship is optional but a youth must declare their intention at check in on March 10, 2023.

Rabbits will be inspected at check in and may be denied entry for parasites or illness. The inspector and FAWE officials can opt to treat a bird on premises and then re-examine and determine if appropriate to accept for show. No rabbits may be bred while at the fair and nursing rabbits are not permitted.

All care, feeding, cleaning, and general responsibilities for the project are the responsibility of the member who may receive assistance from FFA Advisor, 4-H leader, parent/guardian, or fellow exhibitor. Feeding of animals must be done at least once per day and must be completed by 9:00 p.m. or one hour after a show.

Clean-up is mandatory for all rabbit exhibitors. They must arrive no later than 12:00 noon, check-in with appropriate FAWE personnel, and stay until 1:00 pm. Failure to attend and/or work as assigned will result in consequences that may include fines of all premiums up to \$50 and the balance if less than \$50. If fines are unpaid, exhibitors will forfeit their right to show in any species' division until paid in full.

Any livestock exhibitor earning a belt buckle must submit a thank you letter. Rabbit exhibitor letters are due March 18, 2023, between 1:00 and 3:00 pm at the FAWE Livestock Office.

\*Letters MUST be handwritten in pen by the exhibitor. Place letter in STAMPED, UNSEALED envelope. CLOVERBUD exhibitors may write notes in pencil! All letters must have a greeting/salutation, body paragraph (age appropriate), & a closing. Exhibitors must sign each letter. **REMINDER:** Exhibitors will be charged \$50 per letter not received or deemed inappropriate for any add on or belt buckle sponsor. Youth are encouraged to turn letters in early so they can be reviewed and replaced if necessary

Exhibitors agree and consent to the use of pictures, including but not limited to photographs and video of you and/or your animal in any or all publications, TV, publicity brochure, internet site, or other medium related to FAWE. Should you have privacy issues, please notify a member of the FAWE board or livestock committee in writing.

Any questions or protest concerning compliance with the rules and regulations or the eligibility of an exhibitor or their animal must be submitted in writing to the Rabbit Show Chairman within 24 hours after the discovery of the infraction along with a \$100 fee. The FAWE Committee and/or Management may investigate possible infractions of rules at any time. If your protest is upheld, your fee will be returned. If your protest is unfounded, your fee is forfeited to FAWE.

Unbecoming conduct by anyone will not be tolerated and may result in disqualification!

**Class changes for JUNIOR classes ONLY will be permitted if gender is misidentified at registration.**

USE THIS CLASS LIST TO COMPLETE YOUR ENTRY FORM:

<u>Class 801 Purebred Junior Doe</u>	<u>Class 901 Crossbred Junior Doe</u>
<u>Class 802 Purebred Junior Buck</u>	<u>Class 902 Crossbred Junior Buck</u>
<u>Class 803 Purebred Senior Doe</u>	<u>Class 903 Crossbred Senior Doe</u>
<u>Class 804 Purebred Senior Buck</u>	<u>Class 904 Crossbred Senior Buck</u>

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM ON NEXT PAGE. UP TO EIGHT (8) BIRDS PER EXHIBITOR. PLEASE BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE ON THE ENTRY DESCRIPTIONS.



