



FAWE 2024 Rabbit Project

2024 FLORIDA AGRICULTURE & WILDLIFE EXPO



Entry Form Due Date: **January 12, 2024** Entry fees are **\$5.00 per rabbit**

Expo Arrival Date: **March 22, 2024 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

Show/Showmanship Date: **Tuesday, March 26, 2024** Open cages by **4:00pm**

(No one will be permitted in cage area while RABBIT judging takes place)

Showmanship begins at **5:30 p.m.**

MANDATORY Clean up **March 30, 2024 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.** (present for the entire hour)

Thank you letters for belt buckles: **March 30, 2024 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

***NOTE: Once a RABBIT is accepted for entry on March 22, it must stay on show premises in the designated cages/area until clean-up on March 30.**

Penalties including fines of up to \$50 may be incurred for early removal.

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

Youth can show up to **FOUR (4)** 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 22, 2024.

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 an animal 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 must be done at least TWICE per day and must be completed by 10:00 a.m and 9:00 p.m. or one hour after a show/sale.

Exhibitors are REQUIRED to bring a sturdy feeder and water containers.

Clean-up is mandatory for all rabbit exhibitors. They must arrive no later than 3:00 pm, check-in with appropriate FAWE personnel, and stay until 4:00 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 30, 2024, between 4:00 and 6:00 pm** at the FAWE Livestock Office.

*Letters MUST be handwritten in pen by the exhibitor. CLOVERBUD exhibitors may write notes in pencil! Place letter in STAMPED, UNSEALED envelope. 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!

CONDUCT:

(a) Unbecoming conduct on the part of an exhibitor, ***or anyone associated with the exhibitor***, will, at the discretion of the Management, result in disqualification of the exhibitor and require immediate removal of the rabbits and the exhibitor from the FAWE grounds with the loss of awards, premiums, and show privileges. Exhibitors will not be allowed to stay overnight on the grounds.

(b) Profanity or bullying on show grounds by the exhibitor will result in a \$250 fine and/or disqualification.

(c) Profanity or bullying at any event associated with the FAWE could 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 (3-6 months)</u>	<u>Class 901 Crossbred Junior Doe</u>
<u>Class 802 Purebred Junior Buck (3-6 months)</u>	<u>Class 902 Crossbred Junior Buck</u>
<u>Class 803 Purebred Senior Doe (6 months +)</u>	<u>Class 903 Crossbred Senior Doe</u>
<u>Class 804 Purebred Senior Buck (6 months +)</u>	<u>Class 904 Crossbred Senior Buck</u>

REMEMBER:

Up to **FOUR (4)** rabbits per exhibitor but they must all be in one division, purebred or crossbred.

DO NOT fill in FAWE Tag# box – that is office use only

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

FAWE USE ONLY

Received Date: _____
Time Received: _____
Received by: _____
Payment Amt.: _____

FAWE 2024 Rabbit

Rabbit Registration Form

Entry Fee: \$5 per rabbit up to 4 total

T-shirt: Circle Size

Youth: Sm, Md, Lg
Adult: Sm, Md, Lg,
X-Lg, 2X-Lg, 3X-Lg

Exhibitor Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Exhibitor Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____ **Email** _____

Birthdate: _____ / _____ / _____ **Age (as of 9/1/23):** _____

Parent/Guardian(s): _____

Phone #: _____ **Alternate #:** _____

Club/Chapter Name: _____

FFA members require one signature; 4-H members require two signatures:

FFA Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

or

4-H Club Leader Signature: _____ Date: _____

and

4-H Extension Agent Signature: _____ Date: _____

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ENTRY, AND THAT I AUTHORIZE MY CHILD TO ENTER RABBIT IN THE FAWE LIVESTOCK SHOW. WE BOTH HAVE READ, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND WE AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES & REGULATIONS.

Exhibitor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Exhibitors may turn entry form and payment into Dr. Moores or Ms. Nelson. If you choose, you may Mail Entry Form and Entry Fee to: FAWE - P.O. Box 12025 - Brooksville, FL 34603

(Must be turned in or postmarked NO LATER THAN 4:00 pm January 12, 2024).

FAWE Tag #	Class#	Breed	Variety/Color