

## MARKET RABBIT DIVISION

1. All entries in this department will be subject to the general rules and regulations and the Junior Livestock Auction rules.

2. Entry fee will be \$10.00

**\*\*NEW\*\***3. There will be two (2) groups of market rabbits. All rabbits must be American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) recognized commercial breeds.

Group are as follows:

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| <b>Group<br/>1</b> | <b>Stewer Rabbit</b><br>-<br>May be double<br>entered in the<br>Breeding Show | Must be under 3 months<br>and weigh 2 pounds on<br>validation date | Show Weight: Minimum<br>-8 pounds. Maximum<br>weight-11 ½ pounds        | <b>Validation<br/>and<br/>Tattoo<br/>Date</b> | 3rd Saturday of May, 8:00 to<br>9:00 a.m. at the Jim Wells<br>County Fairgrounds   |
| <b>Group<br/>2</b> | <b>Roaster Rabbit</b><br>May be double<br>entered in the<br>Breeding Show     | Must be under 6 months<br>of age at show.                          | Show Weight: Minimum<br>weight-5½ pounds.<br>Maximum weight-8<br>pounds | <b>Validation<br/>and<br/>Tattoo<br/>Date</b> | 2nd Saturday of July, 8:00 to<br>10:00 a.m. at the Jim Wells<br>County Fairgrounds |

Rabbits will be divided into classes at Superintendent's discretion.

4. Stewers are to be born after the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of February and before the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of April, and be owned, placed on feed, and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of May. Roasters are to be born after the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of April, and be owned, placed on feed, and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of July.

5. Exhibitors will not be charged validation fees on the first three (3) head of market rabbits validated. Exhibitors may validate additional market rabbits at a cost of \$5.00 per head. Validation fees must be paid at validation.

6. Tattoos will be assigned by the Rabbit Committee. Tattoos will be placed in the right ear of all rabbits and consist of a special fair symbol OR number.

7. All rabbits will be delivered to the fairgrounds at 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2026. Rabbits will be weighed and sifted in the presence of the rabbit superintendent and sifting judge as they are brought in. Any rabbit showing signs of disease, external parasites or physical abnormalities will be excluded from the show and must be removed from the show grounds immediately.

8. Sifted rabbits will be returned to the exhibitor.

9. All exhibitors will be responsible for their own feed and water equipment and will be responsible for their own locks and keys. Committee will not hold keys. Any damage to pens from loss of keys will be deducted from sale money. No more than one rabbit per pen. Rabbits must have feed and water at all times. Pens will be checked daily, if an exhibitor is notified and corrective measures are not taken within 12 hours, this will be considered a violation. Violations will result in a \$25.00 fine and will be withheld from their fair check. Violations will be at the Superintendent's discretion, with fair board approval.

10. The rabbit barn will be locked from 11:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. each day.

11. Cages to be numbered.
12. The exhibitors are to show rabbits at the time of judging.
13. A Grand Champion and a Reserve Grand Champion market rabbit will be selected from the top two animals in each class.
14. Sale rabbits will not be removed from pens until superintendent lines them up for sale.
15. At auction sale, committee will supply rabbits at sale ring and picture booth.
- \*\*NEW\*\*** 16. All market rabbits will be judged by breed standards as outlined in the "Standard of Perfection" published by the American Rabbit Breeder's Association (ARBA) unless specified otherwise in the Jim Wells County Fair rules.

### **BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION**

1. All entries in this department will be subject to the general rules and regulations and the Junior Livestock Auction rules.
2. Entry fee will be \$10.00 for each breeding rabbit entry.
3. All breeding rabbits must be owned, placed on feed, and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by the 2nd Saturday of July.
4. All breeding rabbits must be American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) recognized commercial breeds. They must meet weight and breed standards as outlined in the current "Standard of Perfection" published by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA). Breeding rabbit classes will be broken by breed, variety, age class and sex.
5. Validation and tattooing date will be 2nd Saturday of July at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
6. All animals will have an identifying tattoo in the right ear.
7. Breeding rabbit divisions: Breeding Rabbit Divisions:

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|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Division 1</b> | New Zealand bucks                                |
| <b>Division 2</b> | Californian bucks                                |
| <b>Division 3</b> | All other ARBA recognized commercial breed bucks |
| <b>Division 4</b> | New Zealand does                                 |
| <b>Division 5</b> | Californian does                                 |
| <b>Division 6</b> | All other ARBA recognized commercial breed does  |

Breed divisions will be created for any ARBA recognized commercial breed with at least five rabbits validated.

8. All rabbits will be delivered to the fairgrounds at 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2026.
9. All animals will be sifted at time of weigh-in for the show. Any rabbit showing signs of disease, external parasites or physical abnormalities will be excluded from the show and must be removed from the show area immediately.
10. All exhibitors must provide their own equipment for feeding and watering.
11. The rabbit barn will be locked from 11:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. each day.

12. A Grand and Reserve Grand Champion doe and a Grand and Reserve Grand Champion buck will be selected from the top two animals in each breed division.

13. Class Premium Scale: \$8.00 per head up to 5 head and \$4.00 thereafter.

| # Shown per class | \$40 | \$32 | \$24 | \$16 | \$8 | \$4 | \$4 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| 7 head            | 1st  | 2nd  | 3rd  | 4th  | 5th | 6th | 7th |
| 6 head            | 1st  | 2nd  | 3rd  | 4th  | 5th | 6th |     |
| 5 head            | 1st  | 2nd  | 3rd  | 4th  | 5th |     |     |
| 4 head            |      | 1st  | 2nd  | 3rd  | 4th |     |     |
| 3 head or less    |      |      | 1st  | 2nd  | 3rd |     |     |