

SO YOU ARE TAKING A RABBIT PROJECT



Rabbits are a great project to teach responsibility. This page contains some basic information to assist you in preparing for fair. Good luck!

	Market Rabbits	Breeding Rabbits
Recommended Breeds	New Zealand California	Any purebred
Recommended Age at Fair	11 weeks	Under 4 years of age
Recommended Date of Birth	April 1	No age requirements. All ages show together.
Date of Possession	May 15	April 15
Pre-Fair Weigh/Tag?	No – will be marked at fair	No – MUST be tattooed prior to fair
DUNF or Health Papers Required?	No	No
Exhibit	1 or 2	
Recommended Male/Female	Either	Either
Must Weigh by Fair	3-6 lbs	Should meet the weight requirements for their breed's standard
Recommended Feed	Complete pellet feed *ask breeder to recommend	Complete pellet feed *ask breeder to recommend
Recommended Bedding	Shavings for tray *Do not use cedar	Shavings for tray
What is the judge looking for?	Firm meat	Breed character according to the breed standard

Breeding Rabbits are also categorized into “four class breeds” and “six class breeds”.

Four Class Breeds:

American, Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, English Angora, French Angora, Satin Angora, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Standard Chinchilla, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English Spot, Florida White, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Jersey Woolly, Lilac, Holland Lop, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Rhinelander, Silver, Silver Marten, Tan.

Six Class Breeds:

American Giant Angora, Beveran, Californian, Champagne D’Argent, Flemish Giant, Hotot, English Lop, French Lop, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox

It’s almost Fair Week – What do I need to pack?

Feed	Bucket for water	Thank you poster for last year’s buyer	Box with open top for transport
Feed dish	Small tack box with your NAME on it	Water dish/bottle	
White Coat (optional but recommended) or long sleeve white shirt			

A few things to know:

- ❖ Each exhibitor must register their animals for fair through the online program set up by the Livestock & Sale Committee. On-line registration is open from April 15-May 15. Each rabbit requires its own individual registration!
- ❖ Rabbits are easily stressed! Make your move to the fair as stress-free as possible. Do not move them in the heat of the day. On show day, leave them in their cages as much as possible. Do not add to their heat and stress by holding them for long periods of time.
- ❖ Do not move or carry your rabbits in a bucket or other container where they may end up sitting in urine.
- ❖ On show day, be sure to make your Sale Intentions before the show is over! Sale Intentions are required for every market exhibitor at every market show they participate in, even if it’s only one! Sale Intentions tell the Sale Committee which animals you are planning to sell through the Livestock Sale and which animals will be loaded onto the packer truck.
- ❖ At the sale, you are responsible to take all of your market rabbits to the packer truck.