

JUNIOR RABBITS

ONLINE ENTRY DUE

August 1, 2026

EXHIBITS RECEIVED (ENTER THROUGH GATE 6)

Sunday, August 30, 2026 – 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

MANDATORY PRE-SHOW MEETING AT 9:30 AM

SHOW BEGINS

Sunday, August 30, 2026 – 10:00 AM

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This is an ARBA sanctioned show. Single Youth Rabbit Show. ARBA rules will be enforced and followed.
2. ARBA Sanction Number: YYA3491. Official American Rabbit Breeders Association Sanctioned Show, PO Box 400, Knox, PA 16232. www.arba.net. Membership dues are listed on the ARBA website. Note: ARBA membership is not required to enter the show; however, youth must be ARBA members in order to receive points.
3. Rabbits should be entered into classes based on weight and age according to ARBA guidelines. Animals will be shown and judged in classes recognized by ARBA and judged by a currently licensed ARBA judge.
4. ARBA sanctioned single youth show open to exhibitors residing in the State of California. Meat pen, pet class and showmanship entries are limited to exhibitors located in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties ONLY. See Junior Livestock Department Rules, Entry Information.
5. **Market Rabbits:** Limit of two (2) meat pen entries per Exhibitor. **Breed and Fur Rabbits:** Per State Rules, exhibitors may not earn more than two (2) cash prizes per class.
6. A Meat Pens shall consist of three (3) rabbits. No extra rabbits will be allowed onto the Fairgrounds to be added to a pen if the original pen does not meet weight requirements.
7. The Junior Market Rabbit Meat Pen show is a TERMINAL show for the Top 5 placing pens. The top 5 Rabbit Meat Pens selected by the judge shall remain on Fairgrounds and be sold during the Junior Livestock Auction.
8. Rules, definitions, and judging procedures as prescribed in the latest edition of the Guidebook and Standard of the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc. shall apply to all District and County Fair rabbit shows, provided they do not conflict with any rules and regulations prescribed by the Department of Food and Agriculture.
9. Breed and Fur Rabbits must have a legible, permanent number, symbol, letter, or series of either or both tattooed in its left ear, which must correspond with those on the online entries.
10. Duplication of ear markings by one exhibitor in the same Breed and Class will not be allowed. Entries with duplicate ear numbers will have one of those rabbits eliminated. The entry fee will not be returned.
11. Breed and Fur Rabbits will be shown and judged in divisions recognized by the ARBA.
12. It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to take the rabbit to the show table when the class is called for it to be judged. Exhibitors may be assisted by other eligible members showing at the 2026 Monterey County Fair.
13. The exhibitor is to check the show cards at the beginning of the Rabbit Show and report any discrepancies to the Show Secretary immediately. No changes will be allowed during the show. Substitutions can only be made within the same division, sex variety, and class. This must be received in writing five days prior to the show date.
14. Breed and Fur Rabbits: Pedigree papers or a Bill of Sale showing the required ownership period (30 days) may be used instead of a pedigree if ear number and other required entry information are shown on the Bill of Sale. This should be available on request on the day of the show.
15. It is the Exhibitor's sole responsibility to care for, feed, and water the rabbits.
16. Exhibitors shall maintain clean, dry bedding for their entries.
17. An Exhibitor participating in Junior Livestock Auction may purchase a Livestock Exhibitor Wristband for \$30.00. Exhibitors participating in Junior Livestock Auction are required to always have animals on grounds and are responsible for cleaning, feeding, and caring for these animals.
18. Showmanship is NOT Mandatory for rabbit exhibitors. Pre-entry is required for Showmanship if you choose to participate.
19. Pre-entry for Showmanship is Mandatory. Animal used in showmanship MUST belong to Exhibitor and be entered in one of the Breed and Fur Rabbits Divisions. Highest placing 4-H Junior, 4-H Senior, FFA Novice and FFA Senior showmen advance to Round Robin.
20. **PRIMARY LEVEL:** Must be 5 years old as of December 31, 2025, to exhibit at Fair. Youth must be a registered 4-H member. Ribbons only. No premiums. Primary Membership ends when a youth qualifies as Junior Member.
21. **ALL Junior Livestock Exhibitors** at Monterey County Fair **must** enter at least one (1) non-perishable non-livestock still project for exhibit in this year's Fair. All still projects must be entered and delivered on their specific dates. No livestock projects will be accepted if this rule is not met. Animals will be sent home. No exceptions. All other rules in the Entry Guidebook apply.
22. An official uniform of the organization is required for all 4H and FFA Exhibitors while competing in all Divisions and while receiving awards during the 2026 Monterey County Fair.

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER SHOWMANSHIP CLASS		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$30.00	\$20.00	\$10.00

RABBIT MEAT PEN AWARDS
Grand & Reserve Grand Champion
Buckle & Banner

BREED AND FUR RABBIT AWARDS
Champion Lightweight – Banner
Champion Heavyweight – Banner
Best of Breed – Rosette
Best Fur – Rosette

BREED AND FUR SPECIAL AWARDS
Best of Show – Award & Banner
Best of Reserve – Award & Banner

RABBIT MEAT PENS

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Follow all applicable Departmental and General rules.
2. **4-H and FFA Divisions will show together.**
3. **The Junior Market Rabbit Meat Pen show is a TERMINAL show for the Top 5 placing pens. The top 5 Rabbit Meat Pens selected by the judge shall remain on Fairgrounds and be sold during the Junior Livestock Auction.**
4. Exhibitors must enter at least one (1) non-livestock still project for exhibit in this year's Fair. See Junior Livestock Department Rules, Entry Information.
5. Limit two (2) meat pen entries per Exhibitor.
6. Market Rabbits minimum weight 3.5 lbs. each, maximum weight 5.5 lbs. each. Not over 70 days old.
7. All Market Rabbit breeds judged together. Each entry to be one breed and color.
8. Market Rabbit entries eligible for Auction must be clean or they will not be allowed to sell.

DIVISION 821 PEN OF MEAT RABBITS

CLASS:

- 1) Three Rabbits, One Breed

BREED AND FUR RABBITS

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Follow all applicable Department rules.
2. This will be a ONE DAY carrying cage show.
3. Specify Breed in online entry.
4. All entries to the Fur & Wool Division must be entered in an appropriate Lightweight or Heavyweight Division to be accepted for competition.

DIVISION 822 LIGHTWEIGHT RABBITS

All recognized lightweight rabbit breeds are eligible. Please specify the breed and variety on your entry. Use TAG ID for tattoo information.

CLASS:

- 1) Sr Buck-6 months of age and older,
- 2) Sr Doe-6 months of age and older
- 3) Jr Buck-Under 6 months of age
- 4) Jr Doe -Under 6 months of age

DIVISION 823 HEAVYWEIGHT RABBITS

All recognized heavyweight rabbit breeds are eligible. Please specify the breed and variety on your entry. Use TAG ID for tattoo information.

CLASS:

- 1) Senior Buck 8 months of age and older
- 2) Senior Doe 8 months of age and older
- 3) Intermediate Buck 6 months and under 8 months
- 4) Intermediate Doe 6 months and under 8 months
- 5) Junior Buck Under 6 months of age
- 6) Junior Doe Under 6 months of age

DIVISION 824 FUR & WOOL

CLASS:

- 1) Any Other
- 2) Rex, All Colors
- 3) Satin Fur, All Colors
- 4) Wool

DIVISION 825 PET RABBIT

Provide breed(s) and variety on entry. Use Tag ID for tattoo information. Only one entry per exhibitor - These animals can NOT be entered in the ARBA show. This Division awards ribbons only.

CLASS:

- 1) Exhibitors ages 5-8
- 2) Exhibitors ages 9-11
- 3) Exhibitors ages 12 and older

SHOWMANSHIP

(SHOW ORDER: PRIMARY, FFA AND 4H)

DIVISION 907 4-H RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

DIVISION 915 FFA RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS:

- 1) 4-H Novice
- 2) 4-H Junior
- 3) 4-H Senior
- 4) FFA Novice
- 5) FFA Senior

DIVISION 916 4-H PRIMARY SHOWMANSHIP

No Entry Fee, No Cash Awards

CLASS:

- 2) Rabbits