YOUTH RABBIT SHOW
FEBRUARY 3 - 8, 2027

OFFICIAL A.R.B.A. SHOW
This show will be governed by A.R.B.A. Guidelines.

Rabbit & Poultry Barn Superintendent ..... Roy Thompson
Show Coordinator..... BJ Fernandez
Secretary ..... Cheryl Thompson
Champion Youth Coordinator.....Andrew Fernandez
Educational Outreach..... Brittany Huston & Laurie Millard

Rabbit Show Committee Members

Carrie Poznaniak
Ted Poznaniak
Jaimie Thompson
Christmas Wiley
Erma Yerdon

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Ownership Deadline .....December 1, 2026

Scholarship Applications Due . . . . . December 4, 2026

ONLINE Entry Due Date.....Dec. 11, 2026
(No paper entry forms will be accepted for the 2027 Fair)
1st Late Entry Period .....Dec. 18, 2026
.....(Double Entry Fees)
Final Late Entry Period .....Jan. 11, 2027
.....(Double Entry Fees plus $100.00)
Deadline for Corrected Entries.....Jan. 11, 2027

Youth Livestock Grant Application .....January 11, 2027

Signature Page Final Due Date.....January 11, 2027
(Signature pages must be received by corresponding due date to receive achievement points.)
Signature Pages not turned in by January 11th will cause exhibitor to be disqualified from showing.

Record Book Deadline... Hand Delivered or Postmarked
..... On or before January 11, 2027
****No Record Books will be accepted at Check-in – See Rules on page 7**

YQCA Certification Deadline.....Emailed, Uploaded, Or Faxed..... January 11, 2027
*****Please Note: This is an optional Champion Youth Point Opportunity and NOT a Show Requirement (See page 7)***

Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop Deadline .....January 18, 2027
*****This workshop is REQUIRED for ALL students entered in the Youth Rabbit Show. (See page 9 for details)**

SHOW SCHEDULE
Youth Rabbits Arrive.....Feb. 3, 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
All Educational Posters In ..... Feb. 3, by 8 p.m.

Judging of Youth Rabbits ..... Feb. 4, 10 a.m.
Showmanship Test/Skillathon/Record Book .. Feb. 4, 1 p.m.
Vol. in Ask Me Booth ..... Feb. 4, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Vol. In Ask Me Booth.....Feb. 5, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Judging of Youth Rabbits.....Feb. 5, 10 a.m.

Vol. In Ask Me Booth.....Feb. 6, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Showmanship .....Feb. 6, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Vol. in Ask Me Booth .....Feb. 7, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Announce Champion Youth.....Feb. 8, 5 p.m.
Youth Rabbit Release.....
... After the announcement of Champion Youth until 7 p.m.

Individuals are limited to entering a maximum of 2 Youth Livestock Shows at the 2027 Florida State Fair.

Official A.R.B.A. Sanctioned Show

Contact for Information:
American Rabbit Breeders Association
P.O. Box 400,
Knox, PA 16232-0400

Sanction Fees: *Open $25.00/Youth $20.00, Open & Youth in conjunction $40.00*
Membership Dues: *Adult $20.00 ($50.00 for 3 years); H/W $30.00 ($75.00 for 3 years); Single Adult Family $20.00 plus $5.00 per Youth ($50.00 plus $10.00 per Youth for 3 years); H/W Family $30.00 plus $5.00 per Youth ($75.00 plus $10.00 per Youth for 3 years); Individual Youth $12.00 ($30.00 for 3 years); Life Membership $300.00 plus $200.00 for a spouse.*

INTERPRETATION OF RULES
The management of the Florida State Fair reserves the right to amend, add to, and interpret the following Rules and Regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair.

RULES AND REGULATIONS
All exhibitors entering this show shall agree to abide by the following rules and regulations.
Each exhibitor entering will be required to bring their own rabbits upon arrival, unless they send in a written request by January 11, 2027. The exhibitor will be notified if permission is granted. Request can be emailed to Emily Smith or faxed to 813-740-3520.

ELIGIBILITY
1. Leased animals are not permitted. Anyone leasing animals will forfeit all premiums. All animals must be in possession, ownership, and care of the exhibitor as of **December 1, 2026**. Per ARBA, an exhibitor must be specified as an individual. Please note: A chapter can be specified as an exhibitor, but the individual name of the student responsible for the animal must be included.
2. Youth Rabbit Exhibitors must be between the ages of 8 and 18 (as of Sept. 1, 2026). Anyone who has graduated or

dropped out of high school is **ineligible** to enter or show.
3. Any exhibitor from a family with an outstanding balance owed to the Fair will not be eligible to show at the Florida State Fair.

Please note: The Florida State Fair will furnish a 16% Rabbit feed that will be fed to all animals while they are cooped in the Rabbit Barn during the 2027 Florida State Fair Youth Rabbit Show.

CHAPTERS/CLUBS PLEASE NOTE: Chapters/Clubs must designate student(s) who will enter and compete in all events. That student will be the representative for the Show, Skillathon, Record Book Skills Test, Showmanship, and all other competitions. The age of the student(s) will determine the division in which they compete (Junior, Intermediate, or Senior). Chapters/Clubs must designate student(s) by January 11, 2027 (hand-delivered, emailed, or faxed). **If the name is not received by January 11, 2027, the animal(s) will be allowed to show and compete for animal premiums ONLY. The Chapter/Club will not qualify for Achievement Premiums or participation in the Champion of Champions program.** The appropriate form can be found on the website.

CHAPTER/CLUBS MUST ENTER SEPARATE ONLINE ENTRIES FOR EACH EXHIBITOR

ENTRIES

1. Entry Due Date - All entries must be submitted and paid for online on or before December 11, 2026. Hand-delivered or mailed entries WILL NOT be accepted this year.

It is the policy of the Florida State Fair to abide by all Rules and Regulations as posted on the Florida State Fair Agribusiness website at Florida State Fair Ag.

Entry fee will be determined by the date entries are submitted online.

The 1st Late Entry Period for entries submitted online between December 12 and December 18, 2026, is subject to space availability and will incur double entry fees.

The Final Late Entry Period for entries submitted online between December 19, 2026, and January 11, 2027, is subject to space availability and will be charged double entry fees plus a $100.00 fee (for Youth).

2. All animals must be at least 3 months of age or older.
3. If your animal needs tattooing, contact the Show Secretary, Cheryl Thompson
4. Entry fees for the Youth Rabbit Show categories are $5.00 for each rabbit and $5.00 for the Meat Pen. Entry Fees are Non-Refundable.
Hand-delivered or mailed entries WILL NOT be accepted this year.
5. The Florida State Fair reserves the right to limit entries based on pen availability. Entries will be accepted in chronological order based on the timestamp of online submissions.
6. All entries must be submitted through the Online submission process. All information is available on our website – Florida State Fair Ag
Please Note: Exhibitors when registering online **MUST** collect all the Mandatory signatures required on the **Signature Page** (Parent, and Exhibitor). The Signature Page is located on page 15 and the website.
7. Exhibitors must submit the Signature Page to the Ag Office by the corresponding entry due date to be eligible for full entry points. The Signature Page can be uploaded in the Livestock Entry Documents link on the website under the Registration tab. Exhibitors are able to upload, email, mail, or fax to finalize the entry process.
8. Signature pages not received by January 11th will cause the exhibitor to be disqualified from showing at the 2027 Florida State Fair.
9. Exhibitors MUST indicate during the online submission process whether or not they plan to keep their animal(s) at a location other than the home place of the exhibitor or the Land Lab for FFA Chapter animals. Failure to provide this information will result in disqualification.
10. ALL INFORMATION, SIGNATURES AND ENTRY FEE MUST BE COMPLETED TO BE ACCEPTED AND QUALIFY FOR ACHIEVEMENT POINTS.
11. All changes must be made to the Show Secretary at (941) 920-0961 (call or text) or email Cheryl Thompson on or before January 11, 2027. There will BE NO CHANGES made after this date. Substitutions/Changes, if necessary, must be ear number only and being of the same breed, sex, and classification.
12. All rabbits entered in the Youth Show must be permanently and legibly tattooed for entry purposes in the left ear before bringing them to the Show Room. Tattooing will not be allowed in the Showroom or on the Fairgrounds. Non-compliance with this rule will result in the elimination of the animal from the show and forfeiture of the entry fee. **Note: This rule will be strictly enforced**
13. If the tattoo is not clearly legible and visible to the naked eye, the animal in question will be sent home and scratched from the show.
14. Youth exhibitors may also enter the Open Rabbit Show and Cavy Show. Youth exhibitors cannot show rabbits that are entered in the Open Show under another name. A separate online submission and fees must be submitted in accordance with the Open Show rules and regulations (See the website for details).

ASSISTANCE

1. Youth exhibitors are expected to care for, prepare, and show their own animals while on the grounds of the Florida State Fair.
2. Adults (other than parents, siblings, FFA advisors or 4-H/YLPA club leaders) or similar unauthorized persons are strictly prohibited from providing direct assistance in the preparation or showing of youth animals while on the grounds of the Florida State Fair.
3. All preparation will be done in a designated area.
4. The Florida State Fair HIGHLY recommends that all clipping be done prior to arrival at the Fair.

5. Exceptions to the above rule must be approved by the committee and be in writing before the Fair.
6. Violations can result in the disqualification of the exhibitor and all premiums, achievement premiums, etc. will be forfeited.

HEALTH

1. All animals must meet health requirements as specified in the Rules for Exhibition as required by the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services.
2. No sick or diseased stock will be allowed in the Showroom. The Barn Superintendent & Show Coordinator have the authority to refuse animals. Every animal must be checked for disease at the check-in table before being cooped. Any entry rejected on entry day for sickness, disease, underage, or badly underweight will not be allowed to return to the Showroom during this show.
3. Rabbits may not be bred in the Showroom.
4. If the entry is rejected on entry day and it is registered in the Open Show, it is automatically disqualified from showing in the Open Show.
5. Any rabbit showing signs of disease or pregnancy after arrival will be quarantined The owner will be notified to pick it up.
6. No refunds will be made for rejected animals.
7. Contact the Florida Department of Agriculture, Animal Industry, District 4 Office at (863) 578-1863 with questions pertaining to Health Regulations and/or Rules of Exhibition.

GENERAL

1. Please note: Due to health and safety concerns, cooking is not permitted in the barns. Food and drink should not be consumed in animal areas. Exhibitors are required to wash their hands after handling animals.
2. Crossbred rabbits are not eligible for purebred breed classes.
3. All rabbits entered in meat pens will be cooped in one single coop and will be entered into the Pre-Junior Class with an additional regular entry fee.
4. Rabbits will be fed and watered daily. If your animal requires special feeding, then you must take care of this yourself. Special 'Do Not Feed' signs can be picked up from the Show Secretary upon arrival of the rabbits. Only Florida State Fair signs can be on cages.
5. Only animals being shown at the Florida State Fair are permitted on the Fairgrounds.
6. Any person who violates the general or special rules posted in this premium list will forfeit all privileges and premiums won.
7. The physical condition of an entrant, which the appropriate committee considers to be a problem for that entrant to participate in the show, may result in the committee not accepting entry or not allowing that entrant to participate in the show.
8. Failure to cooperate with Fair Officials may result in premium forfeiture and immediate dismissal from the Fairgrounds.
9. Smoking is not permitted in the barns.
10. The use of alcohol is prohibited in barns and livestock areas.
11. No dogs allowed in barns.
12. No toys or other paraphernalia in cages with rabbits.
13. Hay Cubes will be allowed – 1 cube at a time. Compressed Hay Cubes only.
14. THERE IS NO BREEDING IN THE BARN OR AT THE SHOW. NO EXCEPTIONS!

ARRIVAL

1. Rabbits will be received on Wednesday, February 3, 2027, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. only.
2. All possible care will be taken in receiving, cooping, feeding, caring, and returning animals.
3. Management reserves the right to reject any entry.
4. Exhibitors are expected to feed and water animals once caged.
5. Rabbit must be in a carrier upon arrival. Rabbit may not be handheld.
6. Carriers must be removed from the barn after cooping their rabbit(s).

ADMISSION

1. Each exhibitor will be issued three (3) armbands for the duration of the show. These are intended for use by exhibitors and parents. The exception will be made when more than one exhibitor is from the same family. Any additional exhibitors from the same family will be issued one armband.
2. Armbands will be picked up at check-in. Additional armbands CANNOT be purchased. Single-day admission tickets can be bought in advance at discount prices. Please see the Advance Ticket Form on our website for details. Tickets will be for sale at the gate.
3. Vehicle/Trailer Parking Passes: All Trailers will be parked in the designated areas within the interior of the grounds. Exhibitors will receive a Vehicle Pass for the duration of the show, allowing them to park in the Ag Lot outside Gate 3. Only vehicles with the appropriate tags are permitted in this area.
4. Each passenger must wear an armband or have an admission pass.
5. Red Gate Drop-Off Times (In addition to arrival): Vehicles will be allowed to enter through the Red Gate between 6:00 am and 10:00 am and 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm to drop off necessary feed and/or supplies. After unloading supplies, vehicles will proceed to the Ag Lot for parking.
6. A parking map and Detailed Instructions will be posted on the Agribusiness Website before the Fair.
7. Reserved parking is provided; exhibitors must park in the assigned Ag Lot. Failure to do so will result in your vehicle being subject to towing.
8. Champion of Champions Lot: Limited Parking Spaces can be purchased by Exhibitors within the interior of the grounds. All information will be posted on the FSF Agribusiness website. Spaces will become available for purchase on January 1, 2027. All proceeds will go towards the Youth participating in the Champion of Champions program.

LIABILITY FOR LOSS OR THEFT

1. The owner or custodian of the property of any kind brought to the Fairgrounds, either for exhibit or for other purposes, assumes as a condition of its admission to the grounds all risk and/or responsibility for its loss, damage, or theft.
2. The Fair, its officers, and its employees cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage, or

injury resulting from theft, fire, the elements, accidents, or other conditions or causes; whether to exhibits, property of exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein or any other property of any nature whatsoever.

JUDGING

1. The judging date is February 4 and 5, 2027.
2. Judging and entry classifications of the American Rabbit Breeders Association will prevail; check A.R.B.A. Standards of Perfection for class and weight.
3. A remark card with the judge's remarks, special awards, and other relevant information will be posted as soon as possible after the judging.
4. Judges will not award premiums to any article, product, or animal that is not deserving. It must be judged individually worthy.


5. Crossbred rabbits are not eligible for purebred breed classes and may be disqualified by the official A.R.B.A. judge.
6. The judge's decision is final, and no appeal will be considered except in cases of written protest (see General Disputes Policy).
7. Any exhibitor who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from the competition; if, after judging, the premiums awarded will be withheld.
8. All animals must be evaluated by the judge to receive premiums.

GENERAL DISPUTES POLICY

With respect to any disputes that may occur with respect to an exhibitor at the show, such disputes shall be handled by the appropriate Livestock Committee (the "Committee") in accordance with the following:
1. An exhibitor may file a protest with respect to another exhibitor for violation of the rules and regulations of the Committee and/or the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics by submitting a written protest (a "Protest") on a form (the "Protest Form") which will be available at the Agribusiness Department. The Protest must include the exact basis, cause, and description of the dispute, the name of the protesting exhibitor, the name of the exhibitor being protested, and any materials in support of the Protest as well as any other matters which may be required in the Protest Form and shall be accompanied by payment of $50 which shall be refunded only if the Protest is sustained by the Committee. The Protest Form must be signed by the exhibitor (as the protesting exhibitor), and if the exhibitor is a minor, the Protest Form must also be signed by the exhibitor's guardian or parent, unless the parent or guardian is not available under circumstances that warrant, as determined by the Agribusiness Department in its sole discretion. Failure to properly sign the Protest Form shall deem the Protest Form incomplete and nullity, and in such an event, the Protest will not be considered. Any Protest must be submitted (and received by the Agribusiness Department) at least two (2) hours prior to the time that the show is scheduled to occur in order to be considered prior to the show. If a Protest is submitted less than two (2) hours prior to the time that the show is scheduled to occur ("a "Late Submittal"), then the Committee will handle the Protest after the show in accordance with its rules and regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, but the Late Submittal shall not affect the award of ribbons for the show. In order to minimize disruption to the show, an exhibitor who intends to file a Protest should do so at the earliest feasible time. In any event, a Protest must be filed with the Agribusiness Department prior to the scheduled release hour for the protested exhibitor's animal in order to be considered.
2. The Agribusiness Department will forward any Protest Form which is duly signed (by an exhibitor as the protesting exhibitor, and if the exhibitor is a minor, the Protest Form must also be signed by the exhibitor's guardian or parent) and any accompanying materials submitted by the protesting exhibitor in support of the Protest to the Committee for its consideration. The Agribusiness Department will also notify the exhibitor being protested of the Protest as soon as reasonably practicable after the Protest has been duly submitted and make available a copy of the written Protest to the exhibitor being protested. The exhibitor being protested may, but shall not be required to, provide a written response to the Protest (a "Response") by submitting a Response to the Agribusiness Department, including any materials in support of the response to the Protest, and the Agribusiness Department shall provide the Response to Committee. A Response shall be on a form obtained from the Agribusiness Department and must be signed by the protested exhibitor, and if the protested exhibitor is a minor, the Response must also be signed by the protested exhibitor's guardian or parent, unless the parent or guardian is not available due to circumstances that warrant, as determined by the Agribusiness Department in its sole discretion. The Agribusiness Department shall make available a copy of the Response to the protesting exhibitor upon request by the protesting exhibitor, but it shall be the protesting exhibitor's responsibility to monitor the Protest and to obtain a copy of the Response. The Agribusiness Department will attempt to notify the protesting exhibitor and the exhibitor being protested of the time of the Committee's review and consideration of the Protest by calling their respective cell phone numbers if provided on the Protest Form and/or the Response Form, but it shall be the protesting exhibitor and protested exhibitor's responsibility to monitor the Protest and obtain the time of the Committee's review and consideration of the Protest and to be available at the time scheduled for the Committee's consideration of the Protest. For any Late Submission, the Committee will handle the process for review of the Protest after the show.
3. The Committee members present will review the Protest and the Response, if any, in the context of its rules and regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and will make a decision to resolve the Protest by a majority of the Committee members present. In the event of a tie vote, the Protest shall be deemed denied by the Committee. The decision of the Committee will be final.
4. The Committee also may apply and enforce its rules and regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, with respect to exhibitors at the show.
5. By entering the show, all exhibitors, and their respective parents and/or guardians, shall be deemed to have acknowledged and accepted this General Disputes Policy.

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

1. Premiums will be paid based on the judging reports, which the judge must sign and the department superintendent or clerk must also sign.
2. Premiums will be mailed to the exhibitor after the Fair to the address given on the entry form. Errors in premium

statements will not be corrected after April 1, 2027.
Checks will be void six months from the date on the check. After six months, all uncashed checks will be voided, and replacement checks will not be issued.
3. The management of the Florida State Fair reserves the right to revise the premium dollar amount.

SECURITY

1. Members of the Show Committee will be on duty from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

RELEASE

1. Rabbits will be released after the announcement of Champion Youth on Monday, February 8, 2027. All rabbits must be removed by 7 p.m., February 8, 2027, or the exhibitor will forfeit their ownership of the rabbit(s). Release times will be strictly enforced.
2. No animal may be removed from the showroom before 5 p.m., February 8, 2027. Exhibitors violating this rule will forfeit all premiums won, all fees paid, and the right to future participation in the fair. If the Rabbit Show Officials deem it necessary, the entire family member's future entries will be rejected.
3. Animals will be released only to the Youth Exhibitor unless special written permission has been supplied and approved by the Show Coordinator. The letter must include the following information: the Exhibitor's name, Address, Phone number, and the name of the person picking up the animal. The person picking up the animal will need to supply a copy of their photo ID before release is granted. Additionally, the letter must include the Breed, Variety, Tattoo, and coop number of the animal.
4. Release Procedure - Vehicles will not be permitted to line up for release until 4:30 p.m. At that time, vehicles can line up along the perimeter road. A limited number of vehicles will be allowed behind the barn at a time. As soon as you are finished loading your animals, please move your vehicle so that others can load them out.
If you arrive before 4:30 p.m., you must park outside the gate until 4:30 p.m.
5. Rabbit must be in a carrier upon release. Rabbits may not be handheld.

SALES

1. There will be a minimum sale price of $20.00.
2. The Show Coordinator has the authority to screen all animals for sale and disqualify any questionable ones.
3. Animals must meet the ARBA Junior minimum weight for each breed and a maximum age of 30 months.
4. No rabbits will be sold unless they are entered into the show. The buyer has the option of obtaining a refund if the animal is disqualified.
5. All animals for sale must be specified on a separate sheet of paper.
6. SALES WILL BE HANDLED BY THE SHOW COMMITTEE AT A CHARGE OF 10% PER SALE (10% to go to the Florida State Fair Youth Rabbit Scholarship). All animals sold will receive the Florida State Fair Receipt.
7. A three-generation pedigree must accompany each animal offered for sale upon arrival, and each animal must be entered in the show.
8. Release of **PURCHASED** animals will not be allowed before judging. Release after judging will be allowed.
9. A release form must be obtained for the sale of animals.
10. Do NOT send a pedigree or sales sheet to the Florida State Fair. Bring on arrival.
11. All sales will be on a "cash only" basis.
12. Any Youth rabbit for sale and showing in the Open Show cannot be released until it has shown in the Open Judging.
13. Any exhibitor or their representative discussing sales of their rabbits to interested buyers will be subject to all of their sale animals being removed from sales unless prior permission from the Show Superintendent has been granted. Repeated offenses will have the exhibitor subject to the entire entry being removed from competition and premiums forfeited at the discretion of the Sales Committee.

ANIMAL PREMIUMS
CASH PRIZES AND CLASSIFICATION

Number of Entries in Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
6 or more	$8.00	$7.00	$6.00	$5.00	$5.00
2 thru 5	$7.00	$6.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00
1 animal	$5.00				

BEST OF BREED AND BEST OPPOSITE SEX

The Florida State Fair will present premiums for Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex for all breeds, with 10 shown in the breed.

Best of Breed - $5.00 & Award
Best Opposite Sex - $2.50 & Award
Ribbons will be given for Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex breeds with less than 10 shown.

BEST IN SHOW

The Florida State Fair will present an award for the Best In Show winner. There must be at least 50 animals entered to qualify for Best in Show Premiums.

Best In Show - $20.00 & Award
1st Runner-Up - $15.00 & Award
2nd Runner-Up - $10.00 & Award

LIVE MEAT PENS

1st=$25, 2nd=$20, 3rd=$15, 4th=$10, 5th=$5

All Meat Pens shall consist of three rabbits of the same breed and variety. Age limit: rabbits must be at least 6 weeks old and no more than 10 weeks old.
Minimum weight 3.5 pounds each. Maximum weight 5.5 pounds each.
First-place through fifth-place ribbons presented in all classes.

OFFICIAL SWEEPSTAKES SANCTIONS

Breed sanctions are not required for Grand Champion Legs. Legs will be awarded per ARBA rules.

Show Secretary: Cheryl Thompson –
Cher2Lyn@gmail.com

National Mini Rex Rabbit Club

Bridget Forman, 8562 290th Street, Boyd, WI 54726
E-mail: *NMRRCSecretary@gmail.com*
Membership: (1 yr.) *Adult $25.00, 3 years $55.00. Youth $25.00, 3 years $55.00. H/W $30.00, 3 years $70.00.*
Sanction Fees: *Open $15.00, Youth $15.00*

American Netherland Dwarf Rabbit Club
Cindy Stelloh, PO Box 573, Mukwonago, WI 53149
(414) 659-9001 E-mail: *andrcsectreas@yahoo.com*
Membership: *Adult New: $35, $90/3 yrs; Renewal: $28, $80/3 yrs. Youth New: $30, $75/3yrs; Renewal $23, $65/3 yrs. Family (2) New: $40, $95/3yrs; Renewal: $30, $82/3yrs. Family (3+) New: $45, $100/3yrs; Renewal: $35, $87/3yrs.*
Sanction Fees: *Open $15.00, Youth: $10.00*

Holland Lop Rabbit Specialty Club
Robin Laymon, PO Box 201, Hudson, IN 46747,
(260) 239-8942 E-mail: *HLRSC.Secretary@gmail.com*
Membership: *Adult $20; Youth $17; Combination (2 members) $24; Family (3+ members) $27*
Sanction Fees: *Open $15.00; Youth $10.00*

National Rex Rabbit Club
Arlyse DeLoyola, PO Box 1465, Cave Junction, OR 97523
E-mail: *nationalrex@yahoo.com*
Youth (New) – $20 (Each additional person at same address – $5), 3 yr $40 (Each additional person at same address – $12); (Renewal) $15 (Each additional person at same address – $5), 3 yr $30 (Each additional person at same address – $12.
Sanction Fees: *Open $15.00; Youth $7.00*

North American Lionhead Rabbit Club
Secretary, Melissa Kmetz, 230 Ranch Rd, Loudon, TN 37774
301-675-7683 **Email:** ***NALRCSweeps@gmail.com***
Membership: *Adult- $20/1 year, $40/3 years; Youth $15/1year, $30/3 years; Family $25 1/year, $55/3 years.*
Sanctions: *Open $15, Youth $10 (free if purchased with Open for same show location/Date). Combination $15*

American Polish Rabbit Club
Michaela Walsh, 3090 80th St NE, De Graff, MN 56271
Email: ***aprcsec@gmail.com***
Membership: *Adult – $12, $30 3 yr; Youth – $10, $25 3 yr; Husband/Wife (or 2 individuals at the same address) – $15, $35 3 yr; Family – $18, $40 3 yr; Foreign Membership – Add $10/year to above fees;*
Sanction Fees: *OPEN $15.00; YOUTH $10.00*

American Belgian Hare Rabbit Club
Susanna Johnston, 2529 Avenue D, Council Bluffs, IA 51501
712-256-0351 Email:
AmericanBelgianHareClub1@gmail.com
Membership: *Membership Annual Adult $10; Youth $7.50*
Sanction Fees*: OPEN or YOUTH $5.00*

Additional Sanction Requests: *Please contact the Show Secretary at Cher2Lyn@gmail.com from December 9th to December 17th with your name and email. No additional sanction requests will be accepted after December 17th.*

YOUTH RABBIT HERDSMAN

A special award will be given to deserving youth in all three age divisions who have assisted in duties in the Rabbit Barn. The recipient will be judged on Volunteer hours and selected by the Show Committee. Exhibitors must register at check-in and will need to sign in/sign out daily with the Rabbit Office.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS PROGRAM!!

The Florida State Fair believes in the value and importance of exhibitor participation in all educational opportunities offered through their animal project. The Champion of Champions program is the means by which exhibitors can capitalize on these opportunities. By participating in the various activities listed below, exhibitors may earn additional monies, which we call Achievement Premiums. Achievement Premiums will be paid in addition to current animal premiums and will reward exhibitors based on their participation in the educational events listed below. Participation in the Champion of Champions Program is optional. Points will be accumulated by each exhibitor throughout the program for each event in which they participate, and Achievement Premium monies will be rewarded proportionally for their involvement.

The point system will be as follows:

-Entry correct & complete.....0 or 10 points
-Educational Seminar or **YQCA**.....0 - 30 points*
-Record Book – Mandatory.....0 - 100 points
-Record Book Skills Test - Mandatory.....0 - 100 points
-Skillathon - Mandatory.....0 - 100 points
-Educational Poster.....0 -30 points
-Volunteer in Ask Me Booth.....0 - 90 points
(1 hour - 30 points - up to 3 hours)
-Showmanship.....0 - 100 points
1st Place (Jr., Int., & Sr.).....20 points
2nd Place (Jr., Int., & Sr.).....15 points
3rd Place (Jr., Int., & Sr.).....10 points
4th Place (Jr., Int., & Sr.).....5 points
Blue Award.....80 points
Red Award.....70 points
White Award.....60 points
560 TOTAL POINTS possible

*Please note: Exhibitors can only do one of these two events.

All points will be totaled, and exhibitors will be ranked in order of their total points.

ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUM OPPORTUNITY!!

ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUMS:

Achievement Premiums will be paid in addition to current animal premiums and will reward exhibitors based on their participation in a wide variety of educational events. Please note that some areas of participation are mandatory, while others are optional.
- All points will be totaled, and exhibitors will be ranked in order of point totals.

CHAMPION YOUTH

A Champion Youth Exhibitor will be selected in each age division for each Youth Livestock Show at the Florida State Fair. This exhibitor will be chosen based on the highest number of points accumulated. The Champion Youth Exhibitors in each Youth Show will be eligible to receive:

SENIOR AGE CATEGORY**

Champion Youth -	**$500 cash award**
2nd Place -	**$400 cash award**
3rd Place -	**$300 cash award**
4th Place -	**$200 cash award**

INTERMEDIATE AGE CATEGORY
Champion Youth - $100 cash award
JUNIOR AGE CATEGORY
Champion Youth - $75

PLEASE NOTE: Only Senior Exhibitors will be eligible to qualify for the Champion of Champions Round Robin contest. Intermediate and Junior Exhibitors will only complete the segments of the Skillathon and Record Book Test that are designated for their age levels. See "Champion of Champions Information" on the website for additional information.

Available Achievement premium dollars will be allocated based on total points earned. (All points will be totaled and divided by total Achievement Premium dollars, thus determining a dollar value per point.)

Tie breakers will be in this order: 1) Skillathon, 2) Record Book Test, and 3) Record Book.

PLEASE NOTE: Champion Youth - an exhibitor can only place in the top four, two (2) times within a show.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

IMPORTANT!!!!!
CHAMPION YOUTH
&
CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS
The top four (4) Senior Exhibitors based on Achievement Premium points will be invited to participate in the Champion of Champions Round Robin competition. See the "Champion of Champions" section on the website for additional information.

***Senior exhibitors must compete in the Final Round Robin Champion of Champions Contest to receive cash prizes. ***

PLEASE NOTE: Champion of Champions - an exhibitor can only win 1st place in the Champion of Champions Contest one time – after that, they will qualify for Achievement Premiums only.

ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUM PAYMENT

Exhibitors will be mailed, after the Fair, a recap of the total Achievement points earned during the 2027 Florida State Fair. Along with the recap, they will be provided with the names and addresses of two (2) Achievement Premium Sponsors. To receive payment for these points, exhibitors will be required to:

1. Write and mail a thank-you letter to the sponsor.
2. Send a copy of each Thank You letter to the Fair.

Checks for Achievement Premiums will be issued upon receipt of a copy of the thank-you letters to the sponsors. Checks will be void six months from the date on the check. **After six months, all uncashed checks will be voided, and replacement checks will not be issued.**

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUMS - POINT CATEGORIES

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR/WORKSHOP/CAMP

1. PLEASE NOTE: There will be multiple seminar sessions offered this year.
2. The Educational Seminar will be held as follows:

Florida State Fairgrounds

September 12, 2026 –	**Dairy Goat Camp**
September 19, 2026 –	**Swine ABC's**
	Dairy All-Breeds Field Day
September 26, 2026 –	**Rabbit Clinic**
October 3, 2026 –	**Lamb Camp**
	Boer Goat Camp
October 10, 2026 -	**Cattle ABC's**
October 17, 2026 -	**Poultry Clinic**
	Dog Project Camp
	Camelid Camp

3. Exhibitors can receive up to 30 points toward Achievement Premiums for attending the Seminar.
4. Please note: Registration will begin 30 minutes before the seminars.
5. For pre-registration, visit our website:
Florida State Fair Ag.

YQCA - YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (Alternative to Attending the Seminar)

YQCA is a national, multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21, focusing on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. YQCA is available as an online program for youth everywhere in the United States. YQCA in-person workshops may be available to youth where state 4-H, YLPA, or FFA offices or state/national livestock organizations have partnered to have qualified trainers offer in-person workshops.
1. All exhibitors can earn Achievement Premium Points by completing this online certification.
2. A maximum of 30 points can be earned by becoming YQCA certified.
3. YQCA certification information and online training are available at YQCA Program. **Please be aware that there will be a cost associated with this program.**
4. A copy of the exhibitor's YQCA certificate must be emailed, uploaded or faxed to the Agribusiness office on or before January 11, 2027.
5. Contact the Florida State Fair Agribusiness office with any questions at 813-627-4229.

RECORD BOOK – *MANDATORY FOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS*

1. The NEW Youth Rabbit Record Book is available on the website.
2. PLEASE NOTE: The Fair will be collecting/judging all the Record Books before the Fair. Record Books must be postmarked or hand-delivered on or before January 11, 2027. Please note that you must turn in a completed record book to be eligible to compete in the Champion of Champions competition. **NO RECORD BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT CHECK-IN.** If the Exhibitor is a member of a 4-H Club, YLPA Club, or Agriculture Class, the completed record book must be approved and signed by the 4-H Club Leader, YLPA Representative, or Agriculture Teacher.
3. A Record Book is available on the website.
Mail completed record books to: Youth Rabbit Show,

Florida State Fair, P.O. Box 11766, Tampa, Florida 33680.

4. All Record Books will be scored on a basis of 0 - 100, and points will be added to Achievement Premium points.

5. A Record Book is mandatory to qualify for Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums. Exhibitors who do not turn in a record book will forfeit all Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums.

6. The Record Book will be returned by mail after the Fair.



7. The ZSuites Record Book will NOT be available for the 2027 Youth Rabbit Show.

RECORD BOOK SKILLS TEST –
MANDATORY FOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

1. Exhibitors will be given a Record Book Skills Test. The test will cover all aspects of record-keeping for their animal project.

2. Juniors answer junior-designated questions, Intermediates answer Junior- and intermediate-designated questions, and Seniors answer junior, intermediate, and senior-designated questions.

3. The Record Book Skills Test is mandatory to qualify for Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums. Exhibitors who do not take the test will forfeit all Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums.

SKILLATHON –
MANDATORY FOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

1. A Skillathon will be held in conjunction with the Record Book Skills Test.

2. The Skillathon is a series of "hands-on" stations where students will be asked to perform specific tasks.

3. A Skillathon study guide is available on the website.

4. Junior exhibitors only need to demonstrate Junior-level skills; Intermediate exhibitors need to demonstrate both Junior and Intermediate-level skills. Senior exhibitors must do ALL-level skills.

5. The Skillathon is mandatory to qualify for Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums. Exhibitors who do not participate in the Skillathon will forfeit all Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums.

EDUCATIONAL POSTER - Optional
The Educational Poster may earn a maximum of 30 points.

1. Exhibitors can earn additional points toward Achievement Premiums by entering an Educational Poster.

2. The purpose of the posters is to educate the public about the animal industry.

3. Posters must be submitted during the designated check-in period.

4. Posters must be removed during the scheduled release times.

5. Acceptable poster size:
- a. 22" x 28"
- b. 20" x 30"

6. Acceptable material for poster:
- a. Posterboard
- b. Foam board

7. No attachments to the poster to extend the acceptable size of the poster.

8. Poster attachments must be within the poster size, not exceeding 1' in depth.

9. Posters must relate to the 2027 Skillathon topic of Nutrition. Posters are not to be on showmanship.

10. Posters are not to be reused for another animal division in the current year or future years. Once the poster is judged and displayed, it is disqualified from additional competition within the current year or future years. Posters are either photographed or marked as submitted. The decision of the judge is final.

11. Other requirements:
- a. Poster must have a title.
- b. The poster must have your name and age as of Sept. 1, 2026, on the back in the upper right-hand corner.
- c. If the poster is a game/activity, it must have Instructions and answer key **ON FRONT**.
- d. If other resources (such as journals or websites) are used, they must be cited on the back of the poster.

12. See page 13 at the end of the Rules and Regulations for the Poster Scoring Rubric.

13. Posters will be disqualified for:
- a. Incorrect Poster Size
- b. Not on current year Skillathon topic
- c. Plagiarism (use of a complete article from a web or sourcebook).
- d. Previously judged poster in other category, current year, or past years.



- e. AI generated material.

VOLUNTEER IN ASK ME BOOTH – Optional

The purpose of the Ask Me Booth is to offer the public an opportunity to meet and speak with Youth Livestock Exhibitors.

1. Exhibitors can earn Achievement Premium points by volunteering in the Ask Me Booth.

2. Exhibitors will use Sign Up Genius to sign up for the Ask Me Booth at the 2027 Fair. Registration will be open from January 1, 2027, to January 31, 2027. Times will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. Any changes, corrections, or adjustments to the selected time slot can be made online during the active registration timeframe or at Arrival/Check-in .

3. Exhibitors must use their own rabbit. The rabbit must be entered in the Show. Exhibitors without a rabbit entered in the show will not be allowed to participate in the Ask Me Booth.

4. Exhibitors must complete a one-hour segment to earn points.

5. Exhibitors will earn points for their participation.

6. Exhibitors are required to be in Official Show Attire or a current State Fair T-shirt when manning the booth. Exhibitors must wear blue jeans or long pants; shorts and flip-flops are not allowed. Closed-toe shoes **ONLY**! No food or drinks are allowed in the booth.

7. Cell phones need to be silenced and not in use.

SHOWMANSHIP -Optional

1. A Youth Rabbit Showmanship Contest will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

2. The Written Showmanship Test will be held on February 5, at 1:00 p.m. before the Skillathon.

3. Exhibitors will use Signup Genius to sign up for showmanship at the 2027 Fair. Registration will be open from January 1, 2027, to **January 30, 2027.** Times will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. Any changes, corrections, or adjustments to the selected time slot can be

made online during the active registration timeframe or at Arrival/Check-in .

4. Exhibitors will demonstrate their showmanship skills individually to a judge.

5. Exhibitors must use their own rabbit. The rabbit must be entered in the Show.

6. Judging will be on a modified Danish System. All exhibitors will receive a Blue, Red, or White Award. Rosettes will be awarded to the 1st through 4th place finishers in each division.

7. Cell phones need to be silenced and not in use.

8. Age Divisions as of Sept. 1, 2026:

Junior (between the ages of 8 and 10)
Intermediate (between the ages of 11 and 13)
Senior (14 and over)

9. Showmanship guidelines can be found on the Agribusiness Website.

10. In case of a tie for the Top Score, the Top Scores will do a tiebreaker. Tie-breaker time will be announced at the beginning of the contest. Exhibitors must be present.

11. Refer to Page 14 for the Showmanship Rubric.

ATTIRE

For showmanship, all exhibitors will be required to be clean, neat, and properly dressed in accordance with the standards of the youth organization they represent. FFA – Black jeans, white collared shirt, FFA Jacket, and Tie. 4-H – Black/khaki jeans, white collared shirt. 4-H vest, jacket, and/or tie are strongly recommended. YLPA – Dark blue jeans, black collared shirt with logo patch. No caps or hats. Closed-toed shoes or boots are required. Exhibitors not conforming to the Dress Code will not be allowed to enter the Show Ring.

YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ETHICS AND ANIMAL CARE WORKSHOP

The Florida State Fair believes that every youth exhibitor should receive proper training and information for raising and showing a youth animal project. It is important that the exhibitor understand:

- **The purpose of youth livestock projects**
- **The importance of ethics in youth livestock projects**
- **Proper animal handling and management**
- **The difference between animal welfare and animal rights**
- **Be prepared to be an ambassador for animal agriculture**

The Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop is designed to certify students to meet the mandatory certification requirements that will be in effect for the 2027 Florida State Fair. Certification is valid for a three (3) year Fair Season, not three (3) calendar years.

For the 2026/2027 Fair Season, Certification Numbers starting with 25, 26, or 27 are current and valid.

ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE ENTERED IN THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE ETHICS TRAINING TO SHOW AN ANIMAL AT THE 2027 FLORIDA STATE FAIR.

- **THE LAST WORKSHOP OFFERED FOR EXHIBITORS SHOWING AT THE 2027 FLORIDA STATE FAIR WILL BE ON JANUARY 18, 2027.**

This program has been endorsed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences (IFAS).

****Please note: Even though you have attended an Ethics Workshop in the past, your certification number may have expired. Be sure to check your certification number to be sure it is still valid.**

You may check your current certification number at:
FL Ethics Certification Program - Florida State Fairgrounds

NEW

We will offer On-Site Workshops to new exhibitors and anyone who needs to be renewed. Zoom classes will NOT be offered.

NEW

Check our Florida State Fair Agribusiness website for information, times, and dates on Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshops, which will be held throughout the state. Please check the website periodically for newly scheduled workshops.

ALL YOUTH EXHIBITORS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE MOSAIC SCHOLARSHIP, THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AND THE YOUTH LIVESTOCK GRANT PROGRAM
See Rules & Application on the website

GRADUATING SENIOR YOUTH RABBIT EXHIBITORS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE YOUTH RABBIT SCHOLARSHIP.
See Rules & Application on page 12.

CAMPGROUND

1. PLEASE NOTE: ALL CAMPERS/RVS MUST HAVE A CAMPING PERMIT IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE USED FOR CAMPING.

2. ALL GOLF CARTS MUST HAVE A PERMIT TO BE DRIVEN ON FAIRGROUNDS.

3. Campground Rules and Reservation Form is available on our website.

MOTEL ACCOMMODATION

1. For motel accommodation information, see our website for the Preferred Hotel List.

QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

The Florida State Fair believes that every animal participating in activities of the Florida State Fair shall at all times be provided proper care and management in the best interest of the animal's welfare.

1. Quality assurance testing or a survey may be done at the Florida State Fair.

2. All animals are subject to testing at any time:

A. To determine whether an animal qualifies for competition in a particular breed classification.

B. To determine whether the animal has been unethically fitted in any way.

C. To determine whether any false information or representation was made in a competition entry.

3. Exhibitor's signature on Entry Form acknowledges that they have read and agree to IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, (Please note: Rule #4 deals specifically with drugs).

4. Use of drugs, in animals, not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to dosage, time of withdrawal limitations, or other manufacturer's limitations and show regulations are **PROHIBITED.** The use of tranquilizers or possession of same after arrival at the Fair will be construed as tampering.

5. Violators will be disqualified and will forfeit all premiums and awards, including the sale price of animals, if applicable, and future entry of exhibitors and/or family at the Florida State Fair.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices that are not recognized as acceptable training, restraint, or animal movement techniques are prohibited.

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open-class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial, and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.

2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.

3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.

4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other samples taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample or urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved, and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or irritant substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individuals to disciplinary action.

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expositions* and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show

is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

FLORIDA STATE FAIR AUTHORITY
LIVESTOCK ADDENDUM

OWNER represents to Florida State Fair Authority ("AUTHORITY") that no animals that are exhibited or otherwise transported onto FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS will in any way be suffering from any contagious or infectious disease. In addition, OWNER shall defend, indemnify, and hold the AUTHORITY, the applicable Show Committee and each of their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents harmless of and from all losses, damages, claims, expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees at the trial and appellate levels, actions and causes of action arising out of, or in any way connected with, or by reason of this Agreement, the presence of OWNER's livestock at FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS, and/or use of FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS including, but not limited to any claim for the death of, or injury to any person or livestock, or damage to, theft of, or destruction of any property arising out of any act or omission of OWNER, OWNER's officers, agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, contractors and livestock, violation of any Federal, State and Local environmental laws, rules, ordinances and/or regulations, actions for negligence, wrongful death, torts, defects in the real and personal property at FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS and from any alleged liability, cause, litigation or proceeding whatsoever, even if such injury, death, loss or property damage results, in whole or in part, from the negligence of AUTHORITY, or the applicable Show Committee and their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents or otherwise. Neither AUTHORITY nor such applicable Show Committee shall be liable to OWNER, or any officer, agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, or other contractors, invitees, or guests of OWNER for any injury or damage to livestock, person, or property. AUTHORITY, its officers, or agents, assume no liability for any loss or damage to property (including but not limited to livestock) on account of fire, theft, or any other cause including infectious or contagious diseases. In addition, OWNER acknowledges receiving and agrees to abide by the applicable rules and regulations of the AUTHORITY titled FLORIDA STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK RULES & PRIZE LIST, and same are incorporated by reference herein.pmurr\fair\livestock.add 7\9510155.1009

FLORIDA STATE FAIR
YOUTH RABBIT SCHOLARSHIP

Dollar Amount to be determined by Florida State Fair's Rabbit Sales
with minimum amount to be $100.00
(This Scholarship is generated from the Florida State Fair's Rabbit Sales during the Fair)

Application Deadline: February 3, 2027, by 8:00 pm

1. Graduating Senior Youth Rabbit Exhibitors are eligible to enter.
2. The application form is located below.
3. The top 5 exhibitors, if necessary, will be interviewed by a selection committee.
4. The money will be paid after the Fair to the recipient.
5. This scholarship will not be awarded if, in the opinion of the Florida State Fair & Youth Rabbit Committee, applicants have not submitted a sufficient application.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____

NAME OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL YOU ATTEND: _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ **AGE (AS OF SEPT. 1, 2026)** _____

SUMMARIZE YOUR SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (INCLUDE 4-H, FFA, SPORTS, ACHIEVEMENTS IN RAISING RABBITS)

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PLEASE ATTACH A HANDWRITTEN ESSAY ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM, WHAT YOUR REASONS FOR WANTING TO ATTEND COLLEGE ARE, YOUR GOALS FOR THE FUTURE, AND YOUR CAREER INTENTIONS.

I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE, CORRECT, AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

DATE: _____ **SIGNATURE:** _____

FSF 2027 Educational Poster Rubric

This rubric outlines the criteria for judging your poster and serves as the judges' scoring tool.
It was developed to inform you how your poster was evaluated.

Required Elements	• **Size –** 22”x28” 20”x30” – less than 1” thick • **Front –** Poster title, current skillathon topic, Game/activity must include directions and answers on the front. • **Back** – name and age as of 9/1/2026 • **Resources citation –** examples: *Citation of Online Resource Name/Title – URL Link Ex: Florida State Fair Boer Goat Skillathon Manual - https://floridastatefair.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Goat-Skillathon-2026-Health-and-Wellness-FINAL.pdf **Citation of Professional Contact – Full Name, Area of Expertise, Date of Contact Ex: Professional Contact – John Brown, Swine Nutritionist, November 9, 2026 ***Put quotation marks (“ ”) around any words you copy exactly and say where you got them from so everyone knows it is not your own writing. Ex: “Water is the most essential nutrient and is involved in all body functions.” – 2027 Florida State Fair Poultry Skillathon Manual.	/5
Layout and Design	• Gets the attention of the person viewing the poster. • Labels are used and visible from 3 feet away. • Well organized, use of space, and clear. • Graphics are neat, concise, and large enough to be seen easily. • All components must be securely attached to the board. No push pins or protruding staples. • No BRAND names.	/5
Degree of Difficulty/Effort	• Effort • Planning • Subject topics reflect age division topics • Grammar and spelling	/5
Educational Component	• Informs the public. • Take what you have learned and explain it clearly in your own words. • Uses charts, models, or supplies to help explain the topic (Note: anything attached cannot exceed 1 inch or be harmful) • Graphics are appropriate to add clarity/meaning to the understanding of the poster. • Information is correct and current. • Clear learning message. • Logical flow of information that adds meaning to the content of the poster.	/15
TOTAL		/30

Keep in mind that the poster should assist in youth readiness. The content should directly prepare the youth for the hands-on assessment.

DQ: See above for size and thickness. All others will be DQ.
DQ: Not the current Skillathon topic
DQ: Previously judged posters in another category, current year, or past years.
DQ: Plagiarism (Use of others’ images or words) For example: Copying the skillathon manual, a website, magazine, etc. and gluing it on the poster, etc. Not using quotation marks and citing resource at the quote.
DQ: AI generated materials and/or poster.

2027 Florida State Fair
Rabbit Showmanship Scoring Rubric

General Note to Judge: Judge the contestant's actions and knowledge. Do not judge the condition or behavior of the rabbit.

Step	Actions	pts	Terms	pts	pts
Carry	Proper support Maintain control	**5**			/5
Pose	Correct pose for breed. Introduction: Greeting, name.	**3**	Breed, Variety, Class, Body Profile Type	**2**	/5
Ears	Check both ears Read tattoo	**3**	Mites, Canker, Carriage, Thickness, Color, Torn or Missing Portions, Fur Covering	**2**	/5
Turn-Over	Smooth motion, proper control Rest weight on table	**5**			/5
Eyes	Properly Open Eyes Not forcing open	**3**	Proper Color, Blindness, Wall Eye, Moon Eye, Weepy Eye or signs of conjunctivitis	**2**	/5
Nose	Proper hand position Show both nostrils	**3**	Snuffles, Nasal Discharge Foreign Spots, or Colors	**2**	/5
Teeth	Proper hand position Show upper & lower incisors	**3**	Malocclusion (often called Buck or Wolf Teeth), Missing, Broken, or Butting Teeth	**2**	/5
Front Feet/Legs	Check straightness of legs Check toenails, pad, & dewclaw Proper thumb position	**3**	Broken, Extra, Missing Toes Mismatched, White, Missing Toenails Bone Density, Dew Claw, Pads	**2**	/5
Belly	Check under jaw & chest Check abdomen & sides Smooth & complete coverage	**3**	Abscess, Tumor, Abnormalities Pigeon Breast, Blemishes, Mastitis	**2**	/5
Rear Feet/Legs	Check straightness of legs Check toenails & hocks Proper thumb position	**3**	Broken & Missing Toes Mismatched, White, Missing Toenails Bone Density, Straightness, Sore Hocks	**2**	/5
Sex	Proper position of rabbit & hand Expose vent/penis & testicles	**3**	Buck/Doe, Vent Disease, Hutch Burn Split Penis, Descended Testicles in Int/Sr	**2**	/5
Tail	Extend tail; Move side to side Examine underside	**3**	Wry, Dead, Bobbed, Broken Color, Straightness	**2**	/5
Fur	Return to pose; Smooth motion Proper control; Stroke coat from tail to head to show fur type	**3**	Density, Texture, Sheen, Luster Rollback, Slow Rollback, Flyback, Rex, Standing, Wool	**2**	/5
Judging Comments	Final pose: Head, Ears, Shoulder, Chest, Midsection, Loin, Hindquarters, Rump, Breed specific (markings/color)	**10**	Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, Balance Condition, Finish Did not use word, "Nice"!	**5**	/15
Overall Presentation	Exhibitors will be required to be clean, neat, and properly dressed in accordance with the standards of the youth organization they represent.	**5**	Humane treatment/Controls animal at all times Good eye contact, Follows directions, Thanks Judge	**5**	/10
Knowledge			Answers to questions	**10**	/10
Judge			**TOTAL SCORE**		**100**

Comments:

2027 FLORIDA STATE FAIR
YOUTH RABBIT SIGNATURE PAGE
For the 2027 Fair – Entries and fees must be submitted ONLINE!

Online Entry Process for the 2027 Youth Rabbit Show:

Step #1: Collect all Mandatory Signatures. (Parent and Exhibitor).

For the 2027 Fair - Signature Page MUST be uploaded, emailed, or faxed by the time of the corresponding entry due date to qualify for full points for the Achievement Premium program.

Step #2: Visit the website at https://fsf.fairwire.com and complete the Online Registration on or before 11:59 p.m. **on the show's Entry Due Date**. **Entries submitted during the 1st Late Entry Period will incur a double late entry fee. Entries submitted during the Final Late Entry Period will incur a double late entry fee + $100.00.**

Hand-delivered or mailed entries and payments will NOT be accepted for the 2027 Fair.

Step #3: Exhibitors must submit their Signature Page to the Ag Office by the corresponding entry due date to be eligible for full entry points. Exhibitors can upload the document to the Florida State Fair website or email, fax, or mail it to finalize the entry process. Email Ag@FloridaStateFair.com or fax the page to 813-740-3520.

Name of Exhibitor_____

Parent Phone (_____) _____ Parent E-Mail Address _____

Please indicate if you are a member of: ARBA___ FFA___ 4-H___ YLPA ___ Chapter/Club _____

I hereby certify that this animal is intended for exhibition strictly in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Florida State Fair contained in the 2027 Youth Rabbit Show rules by which I, the undersigned, understand & agree to abide by. I also agree to abide by the IAFE National Code of show ring Ethics and the General Disputes Policy as stated in the rules. I agree and consent to the use of pictures, including but not limited to photographs and video, of me and/or animal in any or all publications, TV, publicity brochure, internet site, or other publicity associated with the Florida State Fair. I understand that the 2027 Youth Rabbit Show is held in conjunction with the 2027 Florida State Fair and agree that the Florida State Fair is not liable or responsible for any delay, change of dates or cancellation of the 2027 Florida State Fair due the following force majeure events: (a) acts of God; (b) flood, fire, earthquake; or (c) other potential disaster(s) or catastrophe(s), such as epidemics, or explosion.

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Signature of Exhibitor - MANDATORY!!!!! **Date**

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Signature of Parent/Guardian - MANDATORY!!!!! **Date**

Exhibitor is required to bring in their own animal(s) for check-in.

**** Upload completed Signature Page using the QR Code, at this link: Livestock Entry Documents OR email to ag@floridastatefair.com by corresponding entry date to qualify for full achievement points.** If you have any questions about this form, please contact the office at 813-627-4229.

NEW ***Signature Pages not turned in by January 11th will cause exhibitor to be disqualified from showing.***