

## Department 18I

### Cavies

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1. **All cavies must be tagged prior to check-in.** Tagging will be available the third Monday of June at 7pm and the Ionia Fairgrounds.
2. Rabbits and Cavies will arrive on Saturday between 11:00am and 2:00pm. The show will be held on Saturday, starting at 3:00pm. If an exhibitor has a problem bringing their animals at this time, please contact the superintendent in writing **before** the start of Fair.
3. Each member is required to do a record book. These complete books are to be turned in at check-in. **No Book, No Check-In.**
4. No diseased animals will be accepted for exhibit. If a disagreement arises over the health of an animal, a veterinarian at the owner's expense will examine the animal.
5. Cavies will be housed on the fairgrounds, with only cavies that are entered and shown in 4-H allowed in the barn.
6. Exhibitors **must** feed and water their own animals.
7. Exhibitors **must** clean their cages daily.
8. Cavies must be in the exhibitor's possession by May 1 of the current year.
9. All exhibitors **must** show a cavy in showmanship. All exhibitors **must** show in a least two (2) different cavy events, with the exception of the costume class.
10. Exhibitors participating in the Ionia County 4-H Cavy Program may not show cavies through 4-H in any other county Fair during the current year. Violators may not participate the following year in the Ionia Free Fair.

### Cavy Showmanship

**All showmen must be registered in 4-H and have attended their 4-H club meetings. First year showmen may also show in their age division class (9-19 only)**

5102 Clover Climber Showmanship (ages 5&6 only)

5104 Cloverbud Showmanship (ages 7&8 only)

**Prize:** Participation Ribbon

5103 First Year Showmanship, ages 9-19

5105 Junior Showmanship, ages 9-11

5106 Intermediate Showmanship, ages 12-14

5107 Senior Showmanship, ages 15-19

**Prizes:** 1-8 Place Rosettes

Plaques for First Year, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Winners

**5121 Gold Ribbon:** Each year the first place showman with the highest score is honored to receive the Gold Ribbon. With this honor, this member will have the opportunity to represent Ionia County at the State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show held at MSU. Should this member age out before the show is held, the superintendent can appoint the next highest score to represent Ionia County.

### Breed Classes

Placing ribbons, three (3) per class

5109 Junior Boar

5110 Intermediate Boar

5111 Senior Boar

5112 Junior Sow

5113 Intermediate Sow

5114 Senior Sow

5119 Best In Show

**Prize:** Special Award

5120 Reserve In Show

**Prize:** Rosette

### Costume Class

**Prizes:** 1-8 Place Ribbons

Entries will be judged on originality, theme, and creativity

5115 Costume, all ages

5116 Costume, Cloverbud and Clover Climbers  
Participation Ribbon Only