

Department
Rabbit/Cavy--
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1. A youth member must be a member of an Ionia County 4-H club or an Ionia County FFA Chapter. A leader from the club/chapter must participate in the Ionia County Small Animal Committee.
2. Youth must have attended 1 mandatory meeting put on by the Small Animal Leaders Committee to qualify to show at the Ionia Free Fair.
3. All rabbits must be tattooed prior to rabbit check-in. Tattooing will be available at a date set by the Small Animal Leaders Committee.
4. Rabbits will arrive on the first Saturday of the fair between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The show will be held on Saturday, starting at 3:00 p.m. If an exhibitor has an issue bringing their animals at this time, please contact the superintendent in writing before the start of the Fair.
5. Each member is required to do a record book or an educational project. These complete projects are to be turned in at check-in. **NO BOOK OR PROJECT, NO CHECK-IN.**
6. **Educational projects must be a minimum size of 22"x28" (standard poster board)**
7. No diseased animals will be accepted for exhibit. If a disagreement arises over the health of an animal, a veterinarian, at the exhibitor's expense, will examine the animal.
8. Rabbits must be in the exhibitor's possession by May 1 and the market pen must be in the exhibitor's possession by April 1 of the current year. There is NO sharing of animals outside of immediate family; brothers and sisters.
9. Each exhibitor may enter up to five (5) pens, this includes their market project.
10. Only rabbits entered and shown in the 4-H show during the fair will be allowed in the barn. The only exception to this is the breed ambassador rabbits.
11. Exhibitors must get written permission from the barn superintendents prior to any animal leaving the barn before the last day of fair. Failure to comply will forfeit your fair privileges for the following year.
12. NO "For Sale" signs will be allowed on show rabbits until the market sale is over. Families may not bring rabbits from home to sell. Rabbits housed in the barn must be housed, during the entire Fair, in the barn. Youth rabbits may not be

moved to another barn. (Except to show in the open class show but they must be returned to the youth barn at the conclusion of the show.)

13. Each barn duty shift must have 1 adult per 2 youth in the crew. Each youth is expected to do the required barn duty. If the youth is not present for set up or tear down they will be required to do extra barn duty. Failure to comply will forfeit your fair privileges for the following year.
14. ALL 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year rabbit exhibitors must show in showmanship. All exhibitors must show in at least two different rabbit events, with the exception of the costume class.
15. All classes will be judged by ARBA rules. JUDGE'S DECISION IS FINAL!
16. Exhibitors showing in the Ionia County Youth Rabbit Show must adhere to the dress code outlined in the Michigan [4-H Rabbit Fitting and Showing Member Guide](#).
17. Any special requests must be submitted in writing to the Superintendent by June 25th. Any other special requests must be submitted to the Superintendent in writing 24 hours in advance.
18. No medicating of animals will be allowed while at the fair unless under the care/direction of a veterinarian.
19. The Superintendents have the right to ask an animal to be taken home.
20. Release time will be on the last Sunday after the Fair at 8:00 a.m. with clean-up immediately following. You or your representative must be present to pick up your rabbits and clean your share of the barn

Showmanship

Cloverbud Showmanship (ages 5-7 only)

Prize: Participation award

Junior Showmanship, ages 8-11

Intermediate Showmanship, ages 12-14

Senior Showmanship, ages 15-19

Awards: 1-6 Place Rosettes

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* Gold Ribbon: Each year the first-place showman with the highest score is honored to receive the Gold Ribbon and will go to the MSRBA State showmanship competition to represent Ionia County.

Breed Classes

4 Class Breeds

Junior Buck
Junior Doe
Senior Buck
Senior Doe

Breeds:

American Fuzzy Lop	Mini Rex
American Sable	Mini Satin
English Angora	Netherland Dwarf
French Angora	Polish
Belgian Hare	Rex
Britannia Petite	Rhineland
Standard Chinchilla	Silver
Dutch	Silver Marten
Dwarf Hotot	Tan
English Spot	Thrianta
Florida White	Dwarf Papillon
Harlequin	Satin Angora
Havana	Czech Frosty
Himalayan	Blue Holicer
Holland Lop	
Jersey Wooly	
Lilac	
Mini Lop	

1-3 place ribbons per class
Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex of Breed
Best 4 Class

6 Class Breeds

Junior Buck

Junior Doe

Intermediate Buck

Intermediate Doe

Senior Buck

Senior Doe

Breeds:

Giant Angora

French Lop

Beveren

New Zealand

Blanc de Hotot

Palomino

Californian

Satin

Champagne d'Argent

Silver Fox

Checkered Giant

Argente Brun

American Chinchilla

Giant Chinchilla

Cinnamon

Creme d'Argent

English Lop

Awards:

1-3 place ribbons per class

Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex of Breed

Best 6 Class

Best of Show

Costume Class

Costume, ages 8-11

Costume, ages 12-14

Costume, ages 15-19

Awards:

1-6 Place Ribbons

Entries will be judged on originality, theme, and creativity.

Cloverbud

Award: Participation ribbon

Breed Judging

Junior Breed Judging, ages 8 -11

Intermediate Breed Judging, ages 12-14

Senior Breed Judging, ages 15-19

Awards: 1-6 Place prize

Progeny

1. Entry in this class will consist of two (2) animals owned by the same Youth exhibitor (mother and offspring).
2. One shall be the mother (may be raised or purchased by the exhibitor) and the second animal shall be one of its offspring raised (not purchased) by the Youth exhibitor.
3. Offspring must be ten (10) weeks to six (6) months of age.

4. Both rabbits are required to stay and be housed at the Fair. They are also to be shown in their respective breed class.
5. A complete pedigree must be made on the offspring and submitted upon showing. No pedigrees submitted will result in the entire project being ineligible for judging in the class. All breeds and varieties must be recognized by the ARBA.

Junior Progeny Class, ages 8-11

Intermediate Progeny Class, ages 12-14

Senior Progeny Class, ages 15-19

Awards: 1-3 placing ribbons per class

Market Rabbits

1. Exhibitors may enter one (1) market pen. (Pen of 3) and/or a single fryer.
2. Market pens must be bred and raised by the exhibitor; they cannot be purchased. Weight limit for market pen trios is 3.5 pounds to 5.5 pounds; market single fryers may weigh up to 6 pounds with an age limit of no more than 70 days old. Doe must be in the exhibitor's possession by April 1st of the current Fair year. Exhibitors must be the sole owner of the doe (partnerships outside of immediate family; brothers and sisters).
3. Exhibitors of a market project must also exhibit their records found in their project record book. Record books must be completed and turned in at the time of weigh-in. NO EXCEPTIONS.
4. Any pens eliminated or disqualified from the show table will not be sold at the auction. The judge's decision is final.
5. Exhibitors are responsible for processing and delivery to their buyer(s) within two (2) weeks after the sale or their sale check will be withheld.
6. A sale charge of 5% will be deducted from the selling price.
7. Only one market unit each can be sold at the auction for personal profit (rabbit market pen, rabbit market fryer, poultry market pen or eggs). Unless it is declared your last year. You must be graduating from highschool or be

- aging out of 4H to be able to declare your last year, to declare your last year you must present your intent in writing or in person to a Small Animal Leaders Committee meeting.
8. Weigh-in will be conducted in order of arrival. No parent may weigh-in their child's pen.
 9. There will be no addition or subtraction of weight.
 10. The decision of the weigh-in committee at the time of weigh-in is final. The first three (3) rabbits presented are the Market pen. Exhibitors will not be allowed to switch rabbits if one of the first three is disqualified.

 11. Market pens must all be the same breed and variety (color).
 12. All exhibitors/sellers of market pens must have at least three (3) photos taken on the night of the sale for/with buyers.
 13. Exhibitors must show and sell their own animals.
 14. Pedigrees must be available by the seller for the buyer upon request.
 15. Market pens will be judged by ARBA rules and standards.
 16. All market pen rabbits must be tattooed with the county tattoo as well as an ID tattoo. There will be a date set by the Small Animal Leaders Committee. If an exhibitor is unable to be at the tattoo date they must make arrangements with the superintendents to get their animals tattooed within 4 days of the date set.
 17. A Youth member may show a rabbit and/or poultry market pen if he/she is 8-19 years of age by January 1 of the current year.
 18. A youth member of 7 years of age by January 1 of the current year may sell 1 animal or a dozen eggs for personal profit in the small animal auction.
 19. All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year exhibitors must show a rabbit in showmanship. All exhibitors in the market rabbit project must show in at least one other class in the rabbit department, with the exception of the Costume Class.
 20. If an exhibitor brings a market pen of three (3) rabbits and one or two rabbits do not make weight, the exhibitor may show and sell one rabbit as a market rabbit fryer.
 21. A market rabbit project book must be completed. All market rabbit rules apply.
 22. Exhibitors must hand deliver a thank you and deliver their rabbit (live or butchered per the buyer's choice) to their buyers within 2 weeks after the fair ends. If your rabbit was donated back, you still must provide a thank you to the buyer. If the buyer has not received a thank you the Small Animal Committee reserves the right to withhold the seller's check and/or not let the youth sell a market project the following year.

Market Pen of Three (3)

Market Fryer

Awards :1-6 place

Special Award

Grand Champion Market Pen & Reserve Champion Market Pen

Grand Champion Market Fryer & Reserve Champion Market Fryer

Cavy

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2. Youth must have attended 1 mandatory meeting put on by the Small Animal Leaders Committee to qualify to show at the Ionia Free Fair. Each club can make the workshops mandatory.
3. All Cavy must be tagged in the ear for identification. If you need this please contact the superintendents.
4. If the cavy is taken home the youth still must do barn duty.
5. Cavy will arrive on the 1st Saturday between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The show will be held on Saturday, starting at 3:00 p.m. If an exhibitor has a problem bringing their animals at this time, please contact the superintendent in writing before the start of the Fair.
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9. Each exhibitor may enter up to five (5) pens.
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17. ALL PENS MUST BE CLEANED PRIOR TO EXHIBITOR LEAVING THE GROUNDS.
18. Release time will be on the last Sunday after the Fair at 9:00 a.m. with clean-up to immediately following. You or your representative must be present to pick up your cavy and clean your share of the barn.

Showmanship

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Cavy Breed Classes

Junior Boer

Junior Sow

Intermediate Boer

Intermediate Sow

Senior Boer

Senior Sow

Breeds:

Abyssinian Satin

Peruvian

Teddy

American

Peruvian Satin

Teddy Satin

American Satin

Silkie

Texel

Coronet

Silkie Satin

White Crested

Awards: 1-3rd placing ribbons

Best of Breed

Best Opposite of Sex

Best of Breed

Best in Show

Reserve Best in Show

Costume Class

Costume, ages 8-11

Costume, ages 12-14

Costume, ages 15-19

Awards: 1-6 Place Ribbons

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Costume, Cloverbud

Awards: Participation ribbon