

**2025 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.**

**MARKET RABBIT RULES**

**CHAIRPERSON: Lisa Thurmond**

**PHONE: (409) 739-0628**

**RECOMMENDED**

**BREEDING DATE:** December 26, 2024

**ENTRIES DUE:** All entries, fees and required paperwork will be due to the fair office no later than 6:00 p.m. January 23, 2025, and must be submitted by 4-H Leader or Ag Teacher, ONLY. NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON

**CHECK-IN:** Saturday, April 5, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**JUDGING:** Saturday, April 5, 2025, 11:30 a.m.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$15.00 per pen (2 pen limit OR 1 single fryer)

**MANDATORY RELEASE:** Saturday, April 5, following the conclusion of the show (see rule 18)

**CHECK-OUT:** Sunday, April 13, 2025, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for Grand, Reserve and Single Fryer

1. All entries for this division will be subject to the General Livestock Rules of the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. except where they conflict with the requirements of this division in which case the division rules will prevail. In the event of special circumstances that may arise, or a conflict between rules, decisions of the Show Chairperson and the Livestock Superintendent will be final.
2. At the time of kindling (giving birth), each exhibitor must own the doe or does from which they pick their meat pens and that possession must be in effect at the time the market entries are due but not less than 70 days prior to the meat pen show. Both the doe and babies must be available for random checks any time from 70 days prior to the show until the date of the show. In the event that a doe with a live litter dies, the doe should be temporarily preserved (possibly freezing) and the Rabbit Chairperson immediately notified. The litter may be fostered to another doe and once the death has been verified by the chairperson, the doe may be disposed of.
3. There must be at least one (1) doe per child in order to family tag. The meaning of Family Tag shall be "immediate family living in the same household" (i.e. brothers, sisters, stepbrothers, stepsisters, half brother and half sisters, or legal guardian of). Refer to rule #7 of the General Livestock Rules.
4. All doe's must be permanently and legibly earmarked as described in rule #6. Doe's with Major show tattoo's must also be earmarked according to rule #6.
5. The rabbit's location, tattoo, breed and variety must be filled out on the **Meat Pen Rabbit Entry Verification Form**. This form must be turned in with the entry fees to the 4-H Leader/Ag Teacher of the club/chapter that they will be exhibiting under. **ONE FORM PER CHILD** - For family tag: List all doe's on each child's form.  
Any entry that is found to have been purchased or given to the exhibitor after the entry was kindled will be removed from the show immediately and all awards won by this entry will be forfeited.
6. Each rabbit must be permanently and legibly earmarked (tattooed) in the **left ear unique to that rabbit only (not duplicated among the other rabbits in the pen)**. The tattoo is to only contain 3 to 5 numerals 0-9 and/or letters A-Z. The tattoo is to contain no language of a profane or sexual nature. Rabbits not legibly earmarked (tattooed) must be disqualified from the class. Legibility of the earmark (tattoo) is at the discretion of the judge.
7. Rabbit entries will be limited to two (2) meat pens (consisting of three (3) fryer rabbits each) **OR** one (1) single fryer rabbit. All rabbits not over 70 days of age.
8. Maximum weight per fryer is five and one half (5 1/2) pounds. The minimum weight per fryer is three (3) pounds. Each fryer will be weighed upon check-in.
9. Any rabbit found to be diseased will be removed from the show arena immediately. All other ARBA disqualifications will be removed by the judge at the time of judging. One sifted fryer rabbit will disqualify entire pen. No substitutes will be allowed.
10. A registered ARBA judge will be used. Judging will be according to ARBA Standard of Perfection with the exception of the weight of the rabbits. See rule #8.

11. All rabbits in a pen shall be the same breed and that is recognized by the ARBA as a commercial rabbit. No crossbred rabbits will be shown.
12. This is a carrying cage show. Each exhibitor will be responsible for getting their rabbits to and from the judging show table.
13. **Only the Exhibitor and one (1) parent/guardian/representative will be allowed to enter the showing after the rabbits have been weighed and have gone to the judge for sifting. If you leave the showing during check-in you will not be allowed to re-enter until check-in has closed.**  
**During Judging – Only the Exhibitor and one (1) parent/guardian/representative will be allowed in the showing. All others will have to sit in the bleachers outside of the showing to watch the show. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST WEAR BACK NUMBER AT CHECK-IN AND DURING THE SHOW.**
14. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their rabbits and keeping pens clean at all times. Exhibitors must bring their own feed and water containers. Failure to comply, as determined by the Rabbit Chairperson and Livestock Superintendent will result in removal of the animal from the Fairgrounds, forfeiture of all prizes and awards, and/or further disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. Executive Committee.
15. Absolutely no boxes, feed, or equipment may be stored on floor under cages. Items found under the cages will be removed by Fair Officials.
16. The overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion rabbits will be selected from the meat pens only.
17. Numerical placing ribbons will be given to the single fryer rabbits.
18. Grand, Reserve & the Single Fryer must remain on the fairgrounds on Champion Row. Mandatory release for all other pens, immediately following the show.
19. A Proof of Delivery Form (when applicable) and thank you card (see General Rule #44) will be required before Exhibitor's check can be released. All exhibitors must come to the Fair Office, with these items, to sign for their check.

Fair officials reserve the right to change the rules, dates, times and places due to unforeseen circumstances.

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Meat Pen Rabbit Entry Verification Form  
 Chairperson: Lisa Thurmond (409) 739-0628

This form is to be completed by all rabbit exhibitors and turned in with the entry fees to the 4-H Leader/Ag Teacher of the club/chapter that they will be exhibiting under. **ONE FORM PER CHILD** - For family tag: List all doe's on each child's form.

**The meaning of Family Tag shall be "immediate family living in the same household" (i.e. brothers, sisters, stepbrothers, stepsisters, half brother and half sisters, or legal guardian of). Refer to rule 7 of the General Livestock Rules.**

**Animal Ownership:** At the time of kindling (giving birth), each exhibitor must own the doe or does from which they pick their meat pens and that possession must be in effect at the time the market entries are due but not less than 70 days prior to the meat pen show. Both the doe and babies must be available for random checks any time from 70 days prior to the show until the date of the show. In the event that a doe with a live litter dies, the doe should be temporarily preserved (possibly freezing) and the Rabbit Chairperson immediately notified. The litter may be fostered to another doe and once the death has been verified by the chairperson, the doe may be disposed of. The rabbit's location, tattoo, breed, and variety must be filled out on the Meat Pen Rabbit Entry Verification Form.

Exhibitor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club/ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
(One Exhibitor Per Form)

Ag Teacher/4H Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor's contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Rabbits: Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Pens Entered: 1 or 2

**The following information verifies ownership by the exhibitor of the does that will be used to kindle their official Meat Pen Entry**

TATTOO	BREED	VARIETY		TATTOO	BREED	VARIETY
Example: AB12	Ex: New Zealand / Californian	Ex: White, Red, or Black		Example: CD34	Ex: New Zealand / Californian	Ex: White, Red, or Black

By signing below I verify that the exhibitor is in possession of the doe or does that will kindle the litter or litters that will be used to select their meat pen entry for the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. That possession was in effect at least 71 days prior to the meat pen show.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Club 4-H Leader or Ag Instructor

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 Date

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 Parent or Legal Guardian of Exhibitor

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 Date

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 Exhibitor

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 Date

