Department 18H
Rabbits
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1. **All rabbits must be tattooed prior to rabbit check-in.** Tattooing will be available the first Monday in June from 6pm to 8pm at the Ionia Fairgrounds.
2. Rabbits will arrive on 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.
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 exhibitor's expense, will examine the animal.
5. Rabbits must be in the exhibitor's possession by May 1 and market pen does must be in exhibitor's possession by April 1 of the current year. There is **NO** sharing of animals outside of immediate family; brothers and sisters.
6. Each exhibitor may enter up to five (5) pens, this includes their market project.
7. Only rabbits entered and shown in 4-H during the Fair will be allowed in the barn.
8. **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 4-H barn must be housed, during the entire Fair, in the 4-H barn. 4-H rabbits may not be moved to another barn. 4-H rabbits housed in the open barn must remain there for the entire Fair.
9. Each barn duty shift must have an adult in the crew. Release time will be on the last Sunday of the Fair at 10:00 a.m. with clean-up to immediately follow. You or your representative must be present to pick up your rabbits and clean your share of the barn.
10. **ALL 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year rabbit exhibitors must show a rabbit in showmanship. All exhibitors must show in at least two different rabbit events, with the exception of the costume class.**
11. All classes will be judged by ARBA rules. **JUDGE'S DECISION IS FINAL!**
12. **ALL PENS MUST BE CLEANED PRIOR TO EXHIBITOR LEAVING THE GROUNDS.**
13. **Exhibitors showing in the Ionia County 4-H Rabbit Show must adhere to the State 4-H Dress Code Guidelines.**
14. **Any requests of the Superintendent must be submitted in writing to the Ionia County 4-H Coordinator or to the Superintendent by June 25. Any other request of the Superintendent must be submitted in writing 24 hours in advance.**
15. Exhibitors participating in the Ionia County 4-H Rabbit Program may not show rabbits through 4-H in any other county Fair during the current year. Violators may not participate the following year in the Ionia Free Fair.
16. No medicating of animals will be allowed while at the Fair.

Entry forms are available for download on the Ionia Free Fair website.

Ionia Free Fair is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged articles prior to, during or after the Fair.

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 (8-19 only)

	Clover Climber Showmanship (ages 5&6 only)
4955	Cloverbud Showmanship (age 7 only) **Prize:** Participation Ribbon
4956	First Year Showmanship, ages 8-19
4957	Novice Showmanship, all ages *with superintendent approval only
4958	Junior Showmanship, ages 8-11
4959	Intermediate Showmanship, ages 12-14
4960	Senior Showmanship, ages 15-19

Prizes: 1-6 Place Rosettes
Plaques for First Year, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Winners

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.

Four Class Breeds

Placing ribbons, three (3) per class

Be sure to enter the correct class number for your breed!

	Sr Buck	Sr Doe	Jr Buck	Jr Doe
Florida White	4961	4962	4963	4964
Fuzzy Lop	4965	4966	4967	4968
Mini Satin	4969	4970	4971	4972
Polish	4973	4974	4975	4976
Dutch	4977	4978	4979	4980
Havana	4981	4982	4983	4984
Himalayan	4985	4986	4987	4988
Holland Lop	4989	4990	4991	4992
Jersey Wooly	4993	4994	4995	4996
Dwarf Hotot	4997	4998	4999	5000
Mini Lop	5001	5002	5003	5004
Standard Chinchilla	5005	5006	5007	5008
Mini Rex	5009	5010	5011	5012
Netherland Dwarf	5013	5014	5015	5016
Rex	5017	5018	5019	5020
Silver Marten	5021	5022	5023	5024
Any other four class breed	5025	5026	5027	5028

Best Four Class
Prize: Plaque

Six Class Breeds

Placing ribbons, three (3) per class

Be sure to enter the correct class number for your breed!

	Sr Buck	Sr Doe	6-8 Buck	6-8 Doe	Jr Buck	Jr Doe
Californian	5029	5030	5031	5032	5033	5034
Champagne D'Argent	5035	5036	5037	5038	5039	5040
Silver Fox	5041	5042	5043	5044	5045	5046
English Lop	5047	5048	5049	5050	5051	5052
French Lop	5053	5054	5055	5056	5057	5058
New Zealand	5059	5060	5061	5062	5063	5064
Satin	5065	5066	5067	5068	5069	5070
Flemish Giant	5071	5072	5073	5074	5075	5076
Any other six class breed	5077	5078	5079	5080	5081	5082

Best Six Class

Best in Show

Prize: Plaque **Prize:** Plaque

Costume Class

Prizes: 1-6 Place Ribbons
Entries will be judged on originality, theme, and creativity

5091	Costume, ages 8-11
5092	Costume, ages 12-14
5093	Costume, ages 15-19
5094	Costume, Cloverbud and Clover Climbers Participation Ribbon Only

Breed Judging

Prizes: 1-6 Place Rosettes

5095	Junior Breed Judging, ages 8-14
5096	Senior Breed Judging, ages 15-19
5097	First Year Breed Judging, all ages (Only if this is the first year you have participated in the Breed Judging Class)

Progeny

Placing ribbons, three (3) per class

1. Entry in this class will consist of two (2) animals owned by the same 4-H exhibitor (mother and offspring).
2. **Animals cannot be shared for the Progeny Class (Junior or Senior Class).**
3. One shall be the mother (may be raised or purchased by the exhibitor) and the second animal shall be one of its offspring raised (<u>not</u> purchased) by the 4-H exhibitor.
4. Offspring must be ten (10) weeks to six (6) moths of age.
5. The offspring is required to stay and be housed at the Fair. It is also to be shown in its respective breed class.
6. The mother is not required to stay at the Fair or be shown in its breed class.
7. **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.**

5098	Progeny Class, ages 8-14
5099	Progeny Class, ages 15-19

Market Rabbits

1. **Exhibitor may only enter one (1) market pen. (Pen of 3 or a single fryer.)**
2. Market pens must be bred and raised by exhibitor; they cannot be purchased. Weight limit for market pen trios are 3.5 pounds to 5.5 pounds; market fryers may weigh up to 6 pounds with the age limit of no older than 70 days old. Doe must be in exhibitor's possession by April 1 of the current Fair year. Exhibitor must be the sole owner of the doe (no 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 pen eliminated or disqualified of the show table, will not be sold. 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 can be sold at the auction for personal profit (rabbit market pen, poultry market pen, or eggs).**
8. Grand and Reserve Champion units will sell. Should an individual receive Grand and Reserve Champion in more than one category, they must designate unit to be sold for personal profit by noon on the Sunday following judging.
9. Weigh-in will be conducted in the order of arrival. **No parent may weigh-in their child's pen.**
10. There will be no addition or subtraction of weight.
11. 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.
12. Market pens must all be the same breed and variety (color).
13. All exhibitors/sellers of market pens must have at least three (3) photos taken the night of the sale.
14. Exhibitors must show and sell their own animals.
15. If pedigrees are available; it will be between the buyer and the seller.
16. If a market rabbit is donated back to the exhibitor, the rabbit or its offspring must be exhibited at the next Fair.
17. Market pens will be judged by ARBA rules and standards.
18. All market pen rabbits must be tattooed with the Ionia County 4-H tattoo. Tattooing will be held on the first Monday in June from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Ionia Fairgrounds.
19. First year exhibitors are not eligible to exhibit market pens. A 4-H member may show a rabbit and/or poultry market pen if he/she is nine (9) years of age (4-H age), has been a full 4-H member or a Cloverbud for one year, AND has participated in that species showmanship for at least one year.
20. **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 Department H, with the exception of the Costume Class.**
21. 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. A single fryer entry is eligible for an A rating, but will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion. A market rabbit project book must be completed. All market rabbit rules apply.
22. An exhibitor may bring a single fryer (3.5 -6 lbs.) in lieu of a pen of three (3).
23. On a 4-H member's last year as an active member, they may show and sell 2 of the 3 following market projects; a rabbit or poultry (chicken, duck, turkey, goose) pen and a dozen eggs IF they have shown in that species at least one year. They will also have to sign a statement stating this is their last year.
24. Exhibitor must handwrite a "thank you" note and deliver their rabbit (live or butchered) to their buyers in a timely manner.

5100 Market Pen of Three (3)
5101 Market Fryer (placing ribbons only)

Prizes: 1-6 place Rosettes

Grand Champion Market Pen
Prize: Special Award