

MARKET RABBIT DIVISION

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Check/weigh in Market Rabbits – 7:00-8:00 a.m. Monday of show week

Market Rabbit Show – Monday of show week – 8:00 a.m.

Market Rabbit Entries due Sept. 1st NOLATE ENTRIES

Market Rabbit Validation- Wednesday Sept. 11th – 4:30-6:00 TVE

Release of Non-Sale Market Rabbits immediately following the judging

Youth Auction – Friday – 12:00 p.m.

Freezer Sale – Friday following Youth Auction

New Rule 2019

1. Market Rabbit Division is subject to the General Rules and Regulations in addition to these Division Rules.
2. All exhibitors must abide by all other rules to be eligible to show.
3. No substitution or refund of entry fees will be allowed of exhibitors because of failing grades making exhibitor ineligible to show their entry. NO refunds for any reason.
4. The exhibitor must be present for judging. Substitution – See General Rule #12. Exhibitor must place rabbits on the table for judging. Adults are not allowed to place rabbits on the table.
5. After Market Rabbits have been placed on table only TVE Officials will handle the rabbits.
6. Rabbit Judge's decision is final.
7. Each exhibitor may show only one Market Pen of Rabbits.
8. Market Rabbits shall consist of three rabbits, either sex, not over 70 days old.
9. Each rabbit should weigh a minimum of three (3) pounds and not to exceed five and half (5 1/2) pounds each.
10. All rabbits in a pen shall be the same color and breed. No crossbreds will be shown.
11. One sifted rabbit will disqualify the entire pen. Substitutions will not be allowed.
12. The top ten (10) pens of rabbits will be sold at the Youth Auction on Friday.
13. Exhibitor will have the option of withdrawing his/her meat pen from the auction. If there is a withdrawal the next pen will be moved up. See General Rules & Regulations for specific deadlines for withdrawing from the auction.
14. Rabbits must be permanently tattooed in the left ear with 3-5 consecutive numbers, letters, or combination of each. Tattoos MUST be clearly readable by the rabbit committee/judge. Tattoo numbers will be written on entry form at the time of weigh-in by Market Rabbit Chairman.
15. All Market rabbits will have a validation tattoo placed in the right ear at date and time to be announced. Only those rabbits that have been validated will be allowed to show in October. There will be a 1.00 per rabbit validation fee, you may validate as many as you would like.
16. The top ten (10) pens of rabbits must be delivered to the buyer as per buyer's specifications within 14 days after the Sale. Exhibitor not delivering animals within 14 days will forfeit all proceeds from the Youth Auction or Freezer Sale.
17. No late entries will be accepted in Market Rabbit Division.
18. Exhibitor is responsible for the care and feeding of animals staying on grounds – See General Rule #9G
19. TVE is not responsible for any loss or damages.
20. **Entry Deadline and Fees**
 - a. Entry deadline – September deadline.
 - b. Market Rabbits - \$20.00 per pen (pen consists of three rabbits) No Late Entries will be accepted.
21. **Eligibility Market Rabbits**
 - a. See General rule #4 I
 - b. Market rabbits must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor under the supervision of Ag Science Instructor or County Agent. The exhibitor, at the exhibitor's residence, must maintain continuous ownership and care of the animal. See General Rule #11 for exception.
 - c. The exhibitor must have owned all rabbits entered since they were kindled. Furthermore, the doe that kindled each entry must have been the bonafide property of the exhibitor at the time the entry was kindled.
22. **Auction – Youth and Freezer – Thank You Notes**
 - a. Exhibitors who qualify for the Youth Auction must see important information @livestock office for instructions.
 - b. Exhibitors wanting to place their animals in the Freezer Sale must notify the Livestock Office in writing (forms available in Livestock Office) before 12:00 p.m. Wednesday of show week. No late forms will be accepted. There is no withdrawal from the freezer sale after this time.
 - c. **NO paint, glitter or permanent decoration allowed on animals participating in premium youth auction or freezer sale.**
 - d. Youth Auction participants must complete a Thank You Note for each buyer. Thank You Notes will be available. Freezer Sale participants must pick up a Thank You Note at check-in

- e. No Auction/Freezer Sale check will be distributed without a Thank You Note.
- f. All thank you cards with the exception of add ons must be turned in to the livestock office by 12:00 p.m. Sat of show week!
- g. Cards must be unsealed and signed by exhibitor. Any cards not turned in by end of show must be self-addressed and stamped- no exceptions.
- h. All add on thank you cards must be turned into the TVE fair office unsealed in a self-addressed stamped envelope addressed to the buyer. READY TO MAIL
- i. Checks will not be ready for pick up before January and will not be mailed. Any checks left over 90 days will be voided and put back into the auction fund. Checks will not be reissued.
- j. All broiler exhibitors that sale thru either the youth auction or the freezer sale will be required to get a release form signed from the buyer at delivery of broilers (forms are available at the livestock office) and these must be turned back into the TVE office. This must be done within your 14 days or your proceeds will be forfeited. It is your responsibility to get contact info for the buyer.
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