

DEPARTMENT I - RABBITS

Superintendent/Show Secretaries

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TBD

Judging

Saturday, September 12th, 2026 at 9:00 AM

SPECIAL RULES

1. After online entry, you will receive via mail an exhibitor letter and an attachment (**show entry form**) with instructions that must be returned to the Superintendent prior to the show. **You must submit the entry form no later than 9:00 pm on Wednesday, September 9, 2026** via email to donnajrichards@hotmail.com.
2. All rabbit exhibitors must fill out a Self Certification of Rabbit Health prior to loading animals at home and shall be presented to the designated fair and show representative upon arrival at the show. The required form may be found on the Maryland Department of Agriculture website at <https://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx>
3. **The OPEN Rabbit Show will begin at 9:00 am OPEN will follow Youth on each judge's table. Youth Meat Pens judged first. This will be a carrier show with animals being released at the end of the show or as allowed by the Superintendent.**
4. Ear number substitutions will be allowed in same breed, variety, age and sex on the day of the show. No substitutions will be allowed for a different breed. **Rabbits must be permanently tattooed in left ear.**
5. **The fitting and preparation of all animals for exhibit is the responsibility of the Exhibitor.**
6. All exhibits must be a breed recognized by ARBA. Mixed breeds are not allowed. The book, "Standard of Perfection" outlines the standards for each recognized breed. It can be ordered online at www.arba.net or by calling (814) 297-8233. Exhibitors are responsible for obtaining a Rabbit Breeds and Varieties List to assist in properly filling out the entry form.
7. Any exhibit displaying signs of disease or in poor fleshing condition will be refused entry. The decision of the Superintendent is final.
8. With the exception of meat pens, rabbits under 3 months old or over 2 weeks pregnant will not be allowed. Meat pens should be at least 8 weeks old and not over 10 weeks of age.
9. **Ownership:** All rabbits must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor by August 1st of the current year.
10. **Judging:** This is an official American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) sanctioned show.
11. Only rabbits entered in the show may be brought onto the fairgrounds.
12. The ARBA National Convention will be held October 24-28, 2026 in Reno, NV ([2026 ARBA Convention](https://arba.net/2026-ARBA-Convention)). ARBA Contact: Eric Stewart, Executive Director, PO Box 400, Knox, PA 16232-0400 Phone (814) 297-8233. ARBA Website: <https://arba.net/>
13. Following the Youth Market Pen judging, all ARBA recognized breeds will be judged in an order decided on by the show superintendent based on the number in each breed and will be posted at the judging table prior to the start of the show.
 - a. Market Pen consists of 3 rabbits that are all the same breed & variety, mixed breeds are not allowed.
 - b. Age restriction: must be under 70 days old.
 - c. Market Pen weight restriction: each rabbit must weigh a minimum of 3 ½ lbs. and cannot weigh more than 5 ½ lbs.
 - d. All breeds will compete together in meat pens.
- e. **Awards:** Premiums and ribbons will be awarded to the 1st – 10th Place exhibits in each breed. Rosettes will be awarded for Best/Best Opposite of Breed, Best/Best Opposite Varieties and Best/Best Opposite Groups in all breed classes.
- f. **Judges' decisions are final. Harassment of judges or show officials will not be tolerated.**
- g. If you would like to sponsor the cost of a breed sanction, you must contact the show secretary no later than August 1, 2026.
- h. You will be issued a parking permit and admission pass (1 per exhibitor) when you arrive and check-in.
- i. Entry Fees are \$5.00 per animal.
- j. The Youth Show and the Open Show are sanctioned separately, youth may enter both shows.
20. Rabbits will be accepted at the SOUTH END of the COW PALACE according to the following schedule:

Arrival on **Saturday, September 12th at 7:30 AM**

Judging will take place **Saturday, September 12th, 2026 at 9:00 AM**

Rabbits will be released on **Saturday, September 12th following the show** (at Superintendents discretion).

Rabbit Breeds / Sections (\$5 per animal)

Section 1 - American	Section 15 - Creme D'argent	Section 28 – Giant Chinchilla	Section 41 - New Zealand
Section 2 - American Chinchilla	Section 16 - Czech Frosty (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 29 – Harlequin (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 42 - Palomino
Section 3 - American Fuzzy Lop (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 17 – Dutch (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 30 - Havana (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 43 – Polish (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)
Section 4 - American Sable (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 18 - Dwarf Hotot (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 31 - Himalayan (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 44 – Rex (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)
Section 5 - Argente Brun	Section 19 - Dwarf Papillon (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 32 - Holland Lop (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 45 – Rhinelander (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)
Section 6 - Belgian Hare (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 20 - English Angora (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 33 - Jersey Wooly (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 46 - Satin
Section 7 - Beveren	Section 21 - English Lop	Section 34 - Lilac (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 47 - Satin Angora (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)
Section 8 - Blanc de Hotot	Section 22 - English Spot (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 35 - Lionhead (Not eligible for breed classes H5/H6)	Section 48 – Silver (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)
Section 9 - Blue Holicer (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 23 - Flemish Giant	Section 36 - Mini Californians (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 49 - Silver Fox
Section 10 - Britannia Petite (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 24 - Florida White (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 37 - Mini Lop (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 50 - Silver Marten (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)
Section 11 - Californian	Section 25 - French Angora (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 38 - Mini Rex (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 51 - Standard Chinchilla (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)
Section 12 - Champagne D'argent	Section 26 - French Lop	Section 39 - Mini Satin (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 52 – Tan (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)
Section 13 - Checkered Giant	Section 27 - Giant Angora	Section 40 - Netherland Dwarf (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)	Section 53 – Thrianta (Not eligible for breed classes H5, H6)
Section 14 - Cinnamon			Section 54 – Market Pen (Not eligible for classes H1 through H7)

RABBIT CLASSES

H1	Senior Buck
H2	Senior Doe
H3	Junior Buck
H4	Junior Doe
H5	6-8/Intermediate Buck
H6	6-8/Intermediate Doe
H7	Market Pen (Section 54 only)

RABBIT PREMIUMS

RABBIT CLASSES

The first-place animal in all breeds will be paid \$6.00. Second-place is \$5, third-place is \$4, fourth-place \$3, fifth through tenth-place is \$2.

RABBIT AWARDS

Banners will be given for

Best in Show
First Reserve in Show
Second Reserve in Show

Grand Champion Market Pen
Reserve Champion Market Pen