

FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION 2010 RABBIT SHOW

CHAIRMAN: Peggy Fishbeck
CO-CHAIRMAN: Buster Oler

BREED DATE (<u>Suggested</u>)	Thursday, June 10, 2010	
TATTOO/ENTRY DATE	Thursday, August 19, 2010	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
RABBIT CHECK-IN & SIFT	Thursday, September 23, 2010	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
RABBIT SHOW	Thursday, September 23, 2010	7:00 p.m.
CHECK-OUT	Sunday, October 3, 2010	8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

MEAT PEN OF 3 RABBITS

The top twenty (20) pens will sell in the Jr. Livestock Auction. The next ten (10) placing Meat Pen of 3 Rabbits of exhibitors not eligible for the Jr. Livestock Auction may be eligible for the Freezer Sale. (see Freezer Sale Rules for eligibility).

AWARDS:

Grand Champion Meat Pen of 3 Rabbits - Buckle, Banner and Rosette
Reserve Champion Meat Pen of 3 Rabbits - Trophy, Banner and Rosette

RULES

1. All Meat Pen Rabbits are subject to the Fort Bend County Fair Association General Rules & Regulations and the Livestock Department Rules and Regulations.
2. All ARBA faults, eliminations and disqualifications not superseded in these rules shall apply to this show. This is **NOT** an ARBA sanctioned show.
3. All meat pen rabbits may be either kindled & raised by the exhibitor or purchased from a breeder. Exhibitors purchasing rabbits from a breeder must buy and **take possession** of the rabbits prior to the Tattoo/Entry date. All Meat Pen Rabbits must be the legal property of the exhibitor.
4. The Official start date of the meat pen rabbit project will be the designated Tattoo/Entry date. Exhibitors must own, and be caring for their rabbits at this time and throughout the feeding period. The feeding period ends upon check-out from the show. Exhibitors are to care for their own rabbits at the show. **DO NOT** feed and water any other exhibitor's rabbits. If an exhibitor needs someone other than an immediate family member to feed and water their rabbits at the show, a written request must be given to the Rabbit Chairman for approval. If approval is granted, **ONLY** rabbits stated in request will be allowed to be fed by someone other than the immediate family. If approved, a copy of approved request will be on file in Livestock Office.
5. All rabbits must be fed and cared for by the exhibitor. Rabbits must be fed in Fort Bend County and remain in Fort Bend County. Any rabbits found in violation of the Official Livestock Rules after tattooing will be disqualified from the show. This division is subject to the Fort Bend County Fair Livestock Department Rules and the Fort Bend County Fair General Rules.
6. The Fort Bend County Fair Rabbit Committee will tattoo all eligible bunnies on the third Thursday in August, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The tattooing will be held at **Fort Bend County Extension Facility in the Education Center**. Tattooing establishes animal eligibility for individual and/or family tag-in. Rabbits with incorrect, altered, or no tattoo will be eliminated at the official Fair check-in.
7. Meat Pen Rabbit Project Entry Form (1 per family) and the entry fee(s) (\$10.00 per exhibitor) must be

turned in to Rabbit committee at the designated tattooing/entry date. This is the official starting date of the project.

8. Family tagging consists of "immediate family living in the same household". (i.e. brothers, sisters stepbrothers & sisters, half brothers & sisters.) This does not include cousins, nieces and nephews.
9. Meat pen will consist of three (3) rabbits, all the same breed & variety. Eligible breeds are Californian, Palomino, Rex, Satin, and New Zealand. **NO CROSS BREEDS** are allowed. The **suggested** age limit is: approximately 75days old at show time. The weight limits are: five (5) pounds maximum and three and one-half (3½) pound minimum for each rabbit.
10. **At Check in & sift time at the fair, Rabbits will have one (1) weigh per rabbit, with a one (1) ounce variance given. The scales will be certified at fair time.**
11. All rabbits must be weighed by a member of the FBCFA Livestock Weight Committee in the presence of the Judge. If any one (1) rabbit in the pen weighs more than the maximum allowable weight or less than the minimum allowable weight, the entire pen is disqualified. If any one rabbit is deemed "unhealthy" or is disqualified by the Judge, the entire pen is disqualified.
12. The rabbits presented to the FBCFA Livestock Weight Committee member and the Judge will be the exhibitor's "Official Entry". **NO ALTERNATES** allowed at official check-in time.
13. **The Judge's decision is final.**
14. Only the top Twenty (20) pens of rabbits will be required to remain in coops throughout the duration of the fair for display. All others are required to check out immediately following the rabbit show.
15. Exhibitor is to furnish his/her own water & feed "crock-type" containers and is responsible for providing feed and water for their rabbits throughout the duration of the fair. No outside hanging containers are allowed.
16. Exhibitors are required to bring their own shavings for bedding. Shavings must be pine.
17. If your animals make the sale, you will be given a disposition sheet at the time of checkout. This will advise you to whom and where to deliver your processed or live animals. (Exhibitor is responsible for processing his/her own rabbits.)
18. Check out for all livestock and poultry making the Junior Livestock Auction or the Freezer Sale Sale will be on Sunday, October 3, 2010 from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM as outlined in the Fort Bend County Fair Livestock Schedule. Exhibitors must attend to clean up their pen/stall/area and receive their disposition papers.

All exhibits must be owned by the exhibitor. All exhibits must be an actual part of the exhibitor's current project under his or her individual management and/or regular daily care. Net profits must terminate with exhibitor. Exhibitors must present evidence of ownership from the date of validation of the project initiation as required by the various departments. All exhibitors must comply with the general rules of the livestock department and the Fort Bend County Fair.

All exhibitors must have a minors release on file in the fair office in order to participate in activity on the fairgrounds, only one release per exhibitor per year is required.

All sellers must submit a thank you letter to his/her buyer which must be received at the Fair Office (within 2 weeks after end of Fair) before auction payment will be released for mailing. (Fair Office will forward thank you letter to buyer.)