

RABBIT

MARKET RABBIT DIVISION (Meat Pens)

Director: Joyce White

Superintendent: Joy Lucas

Committee: Angela Gattis, Krista Hudgens-Gleaves, James Bradley

Judge: Michael Franke

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| Arrival Date & Time: | Monday, February 26, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. |
| Show Date & Time: | Monday, February 26, 2024 | 1:00 p.m. |
| Weigh In Date & Time: | Monday, February 26, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. |
| Release Date & Time: | Monday, February 26, 2024 | After judging and award presentations |

Entry Cost: \$30 per pen of three

NO LATE ENTRIES

VALIDATION: **Saturday, January 20, 2024** 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Division Rules:

All entries are subject to the General Rules and these additional rules.

OWNERSHIP: All rabbits must be property of exhibitor prior to validation date of January 20, 2024. All entries must be made on official TELS market entry form.

Meat Pens must be bred 100 days prior to show (November 19, 2023).

Meat pens will consist of 3 rabbits, all of the same breed or the pen will be eliminated. Age should be between 10-12 weeks of age. **Weight will not be over 5½ lbs or less than 3½ lbs per rabbit.**

Pens will be divided into heavy, medium and light weight divisions within the 3.5 to 5.5 lb weight limits.

All rabbits must be permanently and clearly tattooed in the left ear. THIS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE YOU ARRIVE FOR VALIDATION!!! ARBA rules state: All animals must be permanently and legibly tattooed in the left ear. The tattoo is to only contain numerals 0-9 and/or letters A-Z. The tattoo is to contain no language of a profane or sexual nature. (A) An exhibitor may not enter more than one animal in the same class with the same ear number. (B) Rabbits not legibly earmarked must be disqualified from the class. Legibility of the earmark is at the discretion of the judge. (C) Animals possessing an ear number that does not match the ear number on the exhibitor's entry form must be disqualified from the class and the class number reduced.

All rabbits will be weighed in the presence of the show superintendent when checking in the day before the show. If any of the rabbits, in a pen, weighs more than the maximum or less than the minimum, the entire pen will be disqualified and removed from the grounds, however one or two of those rabbits could be entered in fryer category if approved weight. There will be only one reweigh allowed before end of weigh in time. Overweight rabbits could be entered in the breeding division.

All A.R.B.A. disqualifications and eliminations apply to each meat pen. Exception: Body Smut on Californians (Himalayan marked) animals. All A.R.B.A. general faults apply to each pen.

Any of the A.R.B.A. recognized/listed commercial meat type breeds are eligible. No mixed breeds.

- A. Californian
- B. Satin
- C. Checkered Giant
- D. Crème D'Argent
- E. Chinchilla American
- F. Cinnamons
- G. Hotot
- H. Champaign D'Argent
- I. New Zealand
- J. Palomino
- K. French Lop
- L. American

No exhibitor or spectator will be allowed in the judging area at any time. Only exhibitors will be allowed in designated areas. One adult will be allowed to assist each youth during sale order selection.

Exhibitors will provide their own food and water. They must also bring their own feeders and water bottles. No sawdust, shavings, hay/straw or any other bedding will be allowed in the cages. **Each exhibitor will clean up all trash from their cage areas.**

Division Awards:

Class Ribbons for 1st – 5th place

Grand Champion (buckle)

Reserve Champion (buckle)

Grand Champion & Reserve Champion plus 7 pens chosen by judge are eligible to be in the premium event – total 9 pens in premium event. (5 alternates will also be identified)