

# **NEWAYGO COUNTY FAIR RABBIT MARKET PROJECTS RULES**

## **MARKET CLASS REQUIREMENTS**

Rabbit Market Project animals do not require a pedigree or even to be pure-bred.

Market rabbits will be judged by the Commercial Rabbit Standard (see website for Commercial Rabbit Standard)

**MEAT PEN OF THREE** - Age and weight to follow both the Fryer and Roaster requirement. Meat pen rabbits consist of three rabbits, all of the same breed (or cross) and variety (color/pattern). Meat Pen rabbits do not necessarily need to come from the same litter.

**FRYER** - no older than 12 weeks old. Weight ranges from 3.5 to 5.5 lbs.

**ROASTER** - no older than 6 months old. Minimum weight is 5.5 lbs, maximum weight is 9 lbs.

All production reports and project information is required to be in a notebook when turned in.

The exhibitor may enter animals in each class - Single or Pen - but only one entry per class. If a class entry exceeds weight for Fryers, the entry may be moved up to Roaster at weigh-in.

All animals must have permanent, legible tattoos of a unique identification in the left ear.

Animals will be inspected for general health and condition during check in for the fair. Any animal showing signs of illness, disease, injury, or poor body condition (underweight) will not be allowed to exhibit at Fair. Rabbit weigh-in will occur as rabbits are checked in for Fair. The exhibitor must be present for weigh in. The weight of each rabbit will be recorded on the project record for that particular rabbit and class.

Rabbits may not be exhibited in both Breed and Market classes at Fair during the same year. Rabbits exhibited in Showmanship class can be from either Breed or Market classes.

Exhibitors may enter one Single and one Pen of rabbits for the Small Animal Sale. Rabbit Market Projects entered in the Small Animal Auction do not have to be auctioned for **TERMINAL SALE**. It is the winning Bidder's choice to have the animals dispatched at the time of winning the auction.

## **RABBIT PROJECTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

April 22 - 26 - Market Fryer Breed date range

Throughout May - Showmanship Clinic Series

See the Newaygo County Fair Rabbits Facebook page for the workshop announcements.

Fair Entry Deadline – July 1

July 15 - 5pm

Submit all cage reservations, both breed classes and market classes, to Melissa.

July 27 - Barn cleanup, setup, Tattoo Clinic

August 3 - Rabbit Check-in 9 am - 12 noon

Market Project weigh-in and Project Books submitted

### **Points of Contact:**

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