

# NUECES COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW RABBIT DIVISION

## RABBIT

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2011 GRAND CHAMPION MARKET RABBITS  
EXHIBITED BY:  
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**Market & Fryer Rabbits Property of the Exhibitor  
and On-Feed.....December 10**  
**Validation - Market and Fryer Rabbits Only.....December 10**  
**Breeder Rabbits - On Feed.....December 10**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this division is to educate, demonstrate, and encourage 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA members in the importance of rabbit production, selection, standards of perfection and promote the interests of the rabbit industry.

**NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS and PARENTS**  
**Grand and Reserve Champion Market Rabbits will be terminal and witnessed by 2 or more show representatives.**

**One Hour Rule:** Exhibitors choosing to retain ownership of their animal for future use must notify the division superintendent in writing within 1 hour after their class judging. Refer to General Rule #27 for further information.

**Thank You Letters:** Thank you letters are required from all exhibitors of blue ribbon, red ribbon or sifted projects to all buyers, add-on supporters and sponsors of awards for all divisions. (Refer to General Rule # 35 for further information/penalties.)

## **NUECES COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW RABBIT DIVISION**

### **RULES: RABBIT DIVISION**

1. **Classes:** There will be three (3) classes in the rabbit division:
  - Class 1 Market Rabbits;** limit of one pen of three per exhibitor
  - Class 2 Single Fryers;** limit of two entries per exhibitor
  - Class 3 Breeder Rabbits;** no limit of entries
2. **Breeds:** All rabbits entered in the show must be purebred. A complete listing of breeds can be found in the ARBA Standard of Perfection. Class 1 Market Rabbits and Class 2 Single Fryers must be a recognized medium meat breed such as Californian and New Zealand. Class 3 Breeder Rabbits must be one of forty seven (47) breeds recognized by the ARBA.
3. **Validation:** December 10, 2011 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the RMBRF (exact location to be determined). ALL RABBITS must be the property of, on feed and under daily care of the exhibitor at the time of validation. All rabbits eligible for Class 1 Market Rabbits, Class 2 Single Fryers and Class 3 Breeder Rabbits will be tattooed at this time by a committeeman for permanent identification. Breeder Rabbits already having a legible numerical and/or alphabetical tattoo will not need to be re-tattooed. Breeder rabbits not having a legible numerical and/or alphabetical tattoo will be tattooed at this time. Numerical and/or alphabetical numbers will be recorded for each exhibitor. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
4. **Check-In/Weigh and Sift:** Market rabbits and single fryers will be weighed and sifted on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the RMBRF. Breeder Rabbits will be weighed and sifted Tuesday, January 17, 2012 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at the RMBRF. All rabbits will be weighed in the presence of a qualified judge and must meet weight standards for class and breed according to ARBA Standard of Perfection. Market Rabbits and single fryers not weighing between three and five pounds or displaying any sign of disease, external parasites or physical abnormalities will be sifted. If any rabbit in the pen is sifted, a qualified alternate may immediately be substituted in the presence of the sifting judge or the entire pen will be disqualified. All sifted rabbits must be removed from the barn immediately following check-in. There will be no refund of entry fee for sifted animals.
5. **Showmanship:** Showmanship will begin at approximately 6:00 PM following check in on Wednesday January 18, 2012 in the show arena. Showmanship will consist of written questions from the ARBA Standard of Perfection and the NCJLS Rule book. The contestants will compete in age groups of Junior, Intermediate and Senior (refer to NCJLS General Rules #18) with the top 5 from each group selected for a hands on demonstration and interview with the rabbit judge. The judge will then select from the fifteen contestants an overall Showmanship Champion. The written tests will be returned to the contestants for review immediately following showmanship.

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6. **Judging:** Market Rabbit judging will begin at 8:30 AM, Thursday January 19, 2012 in the show arena. Single Fryer judging will begin immediately following Market Rabbit judging. Breeder Rabbits will be judged on Wednesday January 18, 2012 beginning at 8:30 AM. All exhibitors must be present with their rabbits at time of judging or the exhibitor's project will be subject to elimination. Should an exhibitor have a conflict and cannot be with his/her project at time of judging, he/she must contact Rabbit Committee Superintendent immediately for consideration.
7. **ARBA Standards:** The rules of the American Rabbit Breeder Association (ARBA) Standard of Perfection latest edition will be used by the sifting judge and show judge. All ARBA disqualifications, eliminations and general faults will apply to each entry. Only qualified ARBA judges will be selected and their decisions shall be considered final. A judge shall not be required to place more than twenty five (25) entries in classes of fifty (50) or more. No committee member, board member or show associate will instruct the judge on the number of blue ribbons awarded. Instruction will however be given to the sifting and show judge that only high quality animals be accepted and rewarded blue ribbon.
8. **Release:** All Class 1 Market Rabbits receiving red ribbons shall be removed from the barn by 9:00 PM the day of judging. All Class 2 Single Fryers except Grand and Reserve Champions shall be removed from the barn by 9:00 PM the day of judging. All Class 3 Breeder Rabbits except overall Grand and Reserve Champions shall be removed from the barn immediately following Breeder Rabbit judging.
9. **Sale:** Grand and Reserve Champion Market Rabbits, Grand and Reserve Champion Single Fryers and Grand and Reserve Champion Breeders are required to participate in the Parade of Champions on Saturday. Blue ribbon Market Rabbits will sell in the Blue Ribbon Sale (see 2012 sale order) in alphabetical order according to club; this order will rotate from year to year. Exhibitors are expected to be with their rabbits 30 minutes prior to the market rabbit sale and are required to be with their rabbits at the time of sale. Exhibitors must return to their assigned cage following the sale of their project and wait for a buyer's disposition from a committee member. A buyer's disposition will let each exhibitor know what he/she needs to do with their project. Exceptions for consideration refer to general rules page 15, item number 6.

**RULES: MARKET RABBIT CLASS**

1. **Market Meat Pens:** Meat Pens shall consist of three (3) rabbits, all of the same breed and variety. Meat Pen does not necessarily have to come from the same litter. Age limit 10 weeks. Minimum of 3 pounds each. Maximum weight 5 pounds each.

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## SCORECARD FOR JUDGING -- MARKET RABBIT CLASS 3 RABBITS TO EACH PEN

Meat Type.....	40 points
Condition of Flesh.....	30 points
Uniformity in body and weight.....	20 points
Fur.....	<u>10 points</u>
TOTAL POINTS.....	100

### AWARDS - MARKET RABBIT CLASS

Grand Champion Market Rabbits.....Plaque, Banner & Buckle  
 Reserve Champion Market Rabbits....Plaque, Banner & Buckle  
 1st - 10th Placing.....1st - 10th Placing Ribbons  
 Blue, Red and White Ribbons awarded accordingly.



2011 GRAND CHAMPION FRYER RABBIT  
 EXHIBITED BY:  
 SAMUEL CLARK  
 CLOVERLEAF 4-H CLUB

### RULES: SINGLE FRYER CLASS

1. **Single Fryer:** Single fryers not over 10 weeks of age. Minimum weight of 3 pounds. Maximum weight of 5 pounds. Entry for this class will not be taken from the Market Rabbit entry.

### SCORECARD FOR JUDGING SINGLE FRYER

Meat Type.....	45 points
Condition of flesh.....	35 points
Condition of fur.....	<u>20 points</u>
TOTAL POINTS.....	100

### AWARDS - FRYER RABBIT CLASS

Grand Champion Fryer Rabbits.....Plaque & Banner  
 Reserve Champion Fryer Rabbits.....Plaque & Banner  
 1st - 10th Placing .....1st - 10th Placing Ribbons

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2011 GRAND CHAMPION BREEDING RABBIT  
EXHIBITED BY:  
SHELDON BAMMERT  
TEJAS 4-H CLUB

**RULES: BREEDING RABBIT CLASS**

All Breeder Rabbits must be of a recognized breed as set forth by the latest edition of American Rabbit Breeders Association Standards of Protection.

**Class 6 Commercial Rabbits:** including but are not limited to Californian and New Zealand will be judged as junior, intermediate and senior classes. See ARBA Standard of Perfection for all recognized commercial breeds.

Classes are as follows:

- Senior Bucks            Senior Does            (over 8 months)
- Intermediate Bucks    Intermediate Does (under 8 months)
- Junior Bucks            Junior Does            (under 6 months)

See ARBA Standard for weight requirements per breed

**Class 4 Fancy Rabbits:** including but not limited to Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf and Polish will be judged as Junior and Senior classes. See ARBA Standard of Perfection for all recognized fancy breeds.

Classes are as follows:

- Senior Bucks            Senior Does            (over 6 months)
- Junior Bucks            Junior Does            (under 6 months)

See ARBA Standard for weight requirements per breed

**AWARDS - BREEDER RABBIT CLASS**

- Grand Champion Breeder Rabbit .....Plaque & Banner
  - Reserve Champion Breeder Rabbit .....Plaque & Banner
  - Champion of Class 4 .....Rosette
  - Reserve Champion of Class 4 .....Rosette
  - Champion of Class 6 .....Rosette
  - Reserve Champion of Class 6 .....Rosette
  - 1st - 10th Placing .....1st - 10th Placing Ribbons
- Blue, Red, and White Ribbons awarded accordingly.