



# SALEM COUNTY FAIR

## INVITATIONAL COMMERCIAL RABBIT SHOW

Sponsored by Hoppy Stock 4-H Club

### COMMERCIAL RABBIT SHOW RULES

Show Superintendent – Sara Cobb

Show Secretary – Aimee Huff

**Judging Date: August 10, 2023**

**Show begins at 3 pm**

**Judge: TBD**

All Salem County Fair / 4-H general rules and regulations apply.

1. Rabbits must be registered via current NJ 4-H **Livestock Registration Form**.
2. ENTRIES ARE TO BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JULY 31, 2023. Entries may be email to [hoppystock4Hclub@gmail.com](mailto:hoppystock4Hclub@gmail.com).
3. **No day of show entries will be accepted.**
4. Entry payment may be submitted CASH or PAYPAL only. \$3 entry fee per rabbit per class.
5. All exhibitors must be 4-H members. Cloverbud members who are in K - 3rd grade as of September 2022 may only enter the Cloverbud exhibition. The Cloverbud Exhibition is non-competitive and all Cloverbud participants will receive a participation award.
6. Check-in for ALL Salem County Fair 4-H members will take place on **Monday, August 7 (time TBD)** at the Salem County Fairgrounds Rabbit Barn. Rabbits checked on Monday **MUST** be cared for properly by the exhibitor until they are released at 9:00 pm on Friday. Check-in procedures will include checking class entries, health checks, and weigh-in. **NO changes will be made to the class list after Monday check-in.**
7. Check-in for all non-Salem County 4-H members will take place at **2 pm on the day of the show.**
8. Animals must be free of disease. Any animals found with any disease(s) will not be allowed to remain on the fairgrounds.
9. All animals must have a legible, permanent tattoo in the left ear.
10. LIMITATIONS: Exhibitors are limited to one meat pen and two other commercial classes.
11. Rabbits will be judged following the current ARBA standards and rules.
12. Rabbit should be placed in their class based on the age of the rabbit. Use show date as date to determine age for class entry.
  - Junior Buck or Doe – under six months of age
  - Senior Buck or Doe- over six months of age
13. **Commercial meat pen and single fryer entries exhibited by Salem County 4-H members MUST be auctioned to the highest bidder at the SCF Livestock Auction on Friday at 5 pm in the Livestock Arena.** *Stewer and roaster entries may be included in the auction at the exhibitors' request. This request must be made during check-in.*
  - All sale rabbits must complete a vet check within 21 days prior to Salem County Fair.
  - Members will be required to send buyer letters with at least one option for processing.
  - Members will receive a check from Hoppy Stock 4-H Club for the purchase price no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>.
14. Show at your own risk. The Salem County Fair Association and the Hoppy Stock 4-H Club accept no responsibility for loss in the event of fire, theft, or accident. Precautions will be taken to keep our show safe.
15. This is a 4-H show and the 4-H Code of Conduct is in effect. This applies to all members, leaders and parents/guardians/Parents/Leaders are responsible for the behavior of their children.



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### Awards

1. The Danish System will be utilized to award ribbons. Places 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> will be awarded per class.
2. Additional prizes will be awarded to Grand and Reserve Champions.

### Commercial Rabbit Classes

Class 100 Purebred Market Single Fryer

Class 101 Crossbred Market Single Fryer

1. Single Fryer division: **All rabbits in the class may not be born before June 1, 2023**
2. Weight requirements: 3.5 – 5.5 pounds
3. This fryer must not be pulled from the meat pen

Class 200 Purebred Market Roaster

Class 201 Crossbred Market Roaster

1. Roaster division: **All rabbits in the class must be born after February 23, 2023 and before June 1, 2023**
2. Weight requirements: 5.5 – 8 pounds
3. Exhibitors may show two rabbits in the roaster class
4. This fryer must not be pulled from the meat pen

Class 300 Purebred Market Single Stewer

Class 301 Crossbred Market Single Stewer

1. Stewer division: **All rabbits in the class must be born on or before February 23, 2023**
2. Weight requirements: minimum of 8 pounds
3. Exhibitors may show two rabbits in the stewer class

Class 400 Cloverbud Market Single Fryer, Roaster, Stewer (see rules above for class requirements)

Class 401 Cloverbud Pen of 3 Fryers (see rules below for class requirements)

Class 500 Pen of 3 Purebred Fryers

Class 501 Pen of 3 Crossbred Fryers

### Meat Pen Class

16. Meat pens will consist of three rabbits – all the same breed and variety
17. Rabbits do not have to come from the same litter
18. **All rabbits in the class may not be born before June 1, 2023** (10 weeks old or younger)
19. Weight requirements: 3.5 – 5.5 pounds
20. All rabbits must be weighed in the presence of a judge. If any one rabbit in the pen weighs more than 5.5 pounds or less than 3.5 pounds the entire pen is disqualified.
21. Exhibitors may show one meat pen per class.

Champion and Reserve Champion Individual Commercial Rabbit (classes 100-301)

Champion and Reserve Champion Pen of 3 Commercial Rabbits (classes 500-501)



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## Breeds for Commercial Classes\*:

American	Checked Giant	Havana	Silver Fox
Angora (Giant)	Chinchilla (American)	Lop (English)	
Beveren	Chinchilla (Giant)	Lop (French)	*Crossbreeds within
Blanc de Hotot	Cinnamon	New Zealand	these breeds only
Californian	Crème D'argent	Palomino	
Champagne D'argent	Flemish Giant	Satin	

Point Schedule for Judging Meat Pens	
Meat Type	40 points
Condition of Flesh	30 points
Uniformity of Body and Weight	20 points
Fur	10 points

Point Schedule for Judging Single Fryers	
Meat Type	45 points
Condition of Flesh	35 points
Fur	20 points

**Meat Type – 40 Points:** Type is the most important factor in judging these pens. The best meat type is found in those fryers that are compact and short, with the body well filled, rounded, and solidly fleshed. Smooth, well filled hips and good depth of body are especially important. Protruding hip bones or prominent "razor backs" are serious faults. The width and depth of loin, thickness of the hindquarters, and well developed shoulders are important to the meat carrying type of the fryer. The hindquarters are most important, loin second, and forequarters are third in importance.

**Condition – 30 points:** All fryers in a pen must be in prime condition. This reflects the care and management practices of the breeder. The fryers must be firm and solid. They must not show any signs of flabbiness, softness, looseness, or pottiness. The pelt must be tight over the body and the animals must be clean and show no signs of neglect or disease.

**Uniformity – 20 points:** This is a combination of the other three requirements. It denotes the ability of the breeder to pick three fryers for each pen which have the other three qualities in equal amounts, and will reflect the general quality of the herd from which they came. Uniformity must be present in weight, size, appearance, condition, meat type, fur and should be as similar in all respects as possible.



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**Fur – 10 points:** Fur should conform to the **breed** description in the Standard and be uniform on all three animals in the pen.

Disqualifications from Competition – All ARBA Disqualifications from Competition and **breed** Disqualifications from Competition apply to each meat pen, with the following exception:

- Body smut on Californian or Himalayan marked animals.
- Non-descended testicles on bucks.

**Note:** On Californian meat pens and single fryer, the frosting due to genetic characteristics or nest box chilling shall not be a disqualification. Such animals are to compete as if their pelts were white, as called for in the standard.

If one rabbit in the pen is overweight or underweight, the entire pen is Disqualified from Competition.

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All ARBA General Faults apply to each meat pen.



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**COMMERCIAL RABBIT SHOW ENTRY FORM**

**Show Date:** August 10, 2023

**Location:** Salem County Fairgrounds

**Exhibitor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

Be sure to submit your entry to [hoppystock4hclub@gmail.com](mailto:hoppystock4hclub@gmail.com) or mail to Sara Cobb.

EAR/TAG #	BREED	VARIETY	CLASS	SEX	ENTRY FEE \$3/head \$9/meat pen
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>					

**Cash or Paypal payments will be accepted.**

Send Paypal payments to: [hoppystock4hclub@gmail.com](mailto:hoppystock4hclub@gmail.com)

Mail cash payments to: Sara Cobb, 155 Cobbs Mill Road, Bridgeton, NJ 08302