

# Rabbits

## Dept. RB



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**RABBIT MISSION STATEMENT:** To provide an attractive and fun area for the exhibition of rabbits. To promote the rabbit industry and to showcase a variety of breeds of rabbits for the entertainment and education of the exhibitors and the Montana State Fair goers.

**PREMIUMS:** \$3,000

**JUDGES:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Lawrence Weeks, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Josh Humphries

### 2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(All activities listed are in the Poultry/Rabbit Barn)

#### Friday, July 9

5 pm Entry forms due, Entry Office

#### Friday, July 30

10am-10 pm Rabbit entries accepted

#### Saturday, July 31

7:30-8 am Rabbit entries accepted

8:30 am Rabbit Show 1

ARBA Sanction #COA3503

#### Sunday, August 1st

8:30 am Rabbit Show 2

ARBA Sanction # COA3504

After Judging rabbit entries will be released

Every effort will be made to follow the above schedule, but due to unforeseen circumstances the schedule is subject to change.

**NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THE  
POULTRY/RABBIT BARN!**

### \*Premium Checks\*

Premium checks will be mailed within one month after the close of the Montana State Fair.

# General Rules

- a. All participants at Montana State Fair events are responsible for reading the General Information and Livestock Information sections of this handbook and complying with policies listed therein.
- b. AGREEMENT TO ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS HEREIN STATED IS UNDERSTOOD WHEN THE EXHIBITOR SUBMITS THE ENTRY FORM.
- c. **All entrants must complete a W9 form at time of entry to receive premiums.**
- d. No entry will be considered complete unless accompanied by the appropriate entry fees. Late entries are subject to double entry fees on a space available basis.
- e. All exhibitors shall purchase admittance tickets. A \$25 exhibitor pass includes 10 adult admissions and/or a vehicle. Exhibitors 6-18 years may purchase a \$20 exhibitor's pass that includes 10 admissions—no vehicle. State Fair will provide one additional exhibitor's pass for each \$50 of entry fees.
- f. Use the attached entry form to enter rabbit divisions. Additional entry forms are available online at [www.montanastatefair.com](http://www.montanastatefair.com) or at the State Fair Administration Office.
- g. Entry forms and fees may be mailed or delivered to the State Fair Administration Office, open weekdays from 8 am-5 pm. Mailed entry forms and fees should be sent to: Entry Office, Montana State Fair, 400 3<sup>rd</sup> St NW, Great Falls, MT 59404.
- h. ONE EXHIBITOR PER ENTRY FORM. All entries must be made in the name of the actual owner of the rabbit.
- i. Each entry must be completed in full. Include the class code. Tattoo number MUST be listed for each individual rabbit.
- j. All possible care will be exercised by State Fair in handling exhibits, but no responsibility for loss or damage in transit or during any phase of the exhibit will be assumed by State Fair.
- k. All exhibits must be examined by the superintendent before being allowed in the exhibition building.
- l. Any animal showing symptoms of disease shall be removed from the building at once and cared for by the proper authorities. A representative from the Montana State Livestock Sanitary Board will be in the building most of the week and will help examine exhibits upon arrival.
- m. Requirements of the State Livestock Sanitary Board as outlined in Chapter 12, Paragraph 1207, of the state regulations governing poultry shows will apply in this department.

- n. All exhibits will be cooped under the superintendent's supervision and no exhibit may be removed from cages or handled in any manner by an unauthorized person except by special permission of the Superintendent. THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.
- o. **ALL RABBITS PRESENT IN THE RABBIT/POULTRY BARN, WHETHER THEY ARE BEING SHOWN OR DISPLAYED FOR SALE, MUST MEET ARBA MINIMUM JUNIOR WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR THEIR BREED. EXHIBITORS DISPLAYING RABBITS, WHETHER FOR SHOW OR FOR SALE, THAT DON'T MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO REMOVE THEM FROM THE BARN IMMEDIATELY.**

### Official ARBA Sanctioned Shows

**Eric Stewart, Executive Director**

P.O. Box 5667, Bloomington, IL 61702

Dues: Individual: \$20/year; \$50/3 years.

Husband/Wife: \$30/year; \$75/3 years.

The national convention for 2010 will be held in Minneapolis, MN on November 7<sup>th</sup> to November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

#### MONTANA STATE FAIR-SHOW #1

ARBA Sanction #COA3503 - July 31, 2010

- Send completed entry form and remit entry fees to Montana State Fair, 400 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NW, Great Falls, MT, 59404, by deadline listed in schedule, or to Helen Eden. Designate on entry, SHOW ONE.
- Premiums and ribbons for this show.

#### MONTANA STATE FAIR-SHOW #2

ARBA Sanction # COA3504 – August 1, 2010

- Send completed entry form and remit entry fees to Montana State Fair, 400 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NW, Great Falls, MT, 59404, by deadline listed in schedule, or to Helen Eden. Designate on entry, SHOW TWO.
- Premiums and ribbons for this show.

## Special Awards

### SHOW #1 AND SHOW #2

BEST IN SHOW RABBIT-\$15 and plaque

BEST IN SHOW RESERVE RABBIT-\$10 and plaque

### SHOW #1

#### STATE FAIR SPECIAL AWARDS

BEST RABBIT SHOWN BY YOUTH-rosettes and 1<sup>st</sup>-\$5;  
2<sup>nd</sup>-\$3; 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$2

MOST RABBIT MILES OUT OF STATE-1<sup>st</sup>-\$5; 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$3

BEST DISPLAY ALL BREEDS OUT OF STATE-1<sup>st</sup>-\$5; 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$3

MOST RABBIT MILES IN MONTANA-\$1<sup>st</sup>-\$5; 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$3  
BEST DISPLAY ALL BREEDS IN MONTANA-1<sup>st</sup>-\$5; 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$3  
BEST DISPLAY OVERALL-\$10

BEST OF BREED IN 5 LARGEST CLASSES-\$7.50

BEST OPPOSITE SEX IN FIVE LARGEST CLASSES-\$5

BEST DISPLAY OF SINGLE ROASTER (5 or more)-\$5

BEST DISPLAY OF MEAT PEN (3 or more)-\$5

BEST OVERALL COMMERCIAL FUR-\$5

FIVE LARGEST BREED FUR CLASSES-\$5 for each first place winner

### BUSINESS SPECIAL AWARDS

BEST RABBIT SHOWN BY YOUTH-50# feed sponsored by Mountain View Co-op and Harvest States

### REGULATIONS FOR SHOW #1 AND SHOW #2:

- All rabbit general rules apply.
- American Rabbit Breeder Association chartered and sanctioned shows are governed by the latest official show rules of the association. Exhibitors who wish to register their stock under this system will have the opportunity to do so during these shows with ARBA registrar.
- All rabbits will be judged according to ARBA Standard of Perfection. Sanctions at the shows will be recognized as required by sanction rules.
- All rabbits exhibited must bear registration of pedigree, tattoo numbers properly placed in ear, and listed on entry blank and shipping crates.
- No substitutions of entry unless of the same class, sex, age and breed.
- There will be a fee of \$1 charged for tattooing rabbits and a 50 cent charge for each changed made on entry blank. No ear number on entry blank will constitute a change.
- All allowable changes must be made before the start of judging.
- Management will refuse entry of all diseased and unsightly animals and entry fees on such animals will be forfeited.
- The Montana State Fair and its representatives will not be responsible for damage or loss to exhibits. All care will be exercised by same to prevent damage or loss. Watchmen will be on duty at all times.
- Judge's decisions are final. Anyone interfering with, attempting to influence or deceive the judge will be disqualified and any awards won forfeited along with entry fees.
- All fur entries must be entered in regular class to be eligible.

12. Rabbits disqualified from regular class are ineligible for participation in fur class except for animals eliminated for being over or under weight.
13. There must be 5 or more entries to compete for fur specials.
14. No breeding will be allowed in the showroom without consent of both owners and knowledge of show superintendent.
15. Cooping pens are available on a first come basis. Preference will be given to out of state and out of town exhibitors.
16. All exhibitors will be responsible for handling their own animals to and from the show table unless prior arrangements are made with the superintendent.
17. No litters accepted for display. Display could put health and welfare of young rabbits in jeopardy.
18. Any changes in scheduled judging times will be posted at the poultry, pigeon and rabbit desk in the display building.

Handsome ribbons will be awarded in all regular classes on 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> place at judge's discretion.