

# 2011 MARKET RABBIT RULES

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COMMITTEE: Ray Alexander, Joyce Alexander, Howard Roberts, Kasey Roberts, Amanda Garret, Tim Garret, Wesslee Davis, Judi Schwenke

Breed Date: June 16, 2011

Showmanship Clinic: Thursday, August 11, 2011 ( 7:00pm. )  
This meeting is **MANDATORY**

Tag-in & Tattoo Clinic: Saturday, August 27, 2011 (9:00am – 1:00pm) **MANDATORY**

Check In: Thursday, September 29, 2011 (8:00 – 10:00am)

Show: Meat Market Thursday, September 29, 2011 (10:00am)

Show: Breeding Rabbits Thursday, September 29, 2011 (immediately following market show)

Showmanship: Thursday, September 29, 2011 (during market rabbit show)

Awards: Thursday, September 29, 2011 (immediately following showmanship)

Good Housekeeping Award: Sunday, October 2, 2011 (9:00am)

Release: Sunday, October 2, 2011 (8:00 – 10:00am)

All rabbits not checked in between 8:00 am and 10:00 am on September 29, 2011 **WILL BE DISSQUALIFIED.**

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entry fee is \$25.00 for the first project and \$10.00 for each additional project.
2. Market rabbit entry fees are due at the time of Tag-In and Tattoo Clinic.
3. All market rabbit exhibitors are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Waller County Fair Association and the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA). All rules for elimination and disqualification apply. A youth must be present to place and remove the meat pen from the judging table if required.
4. There will be a Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting August 11, 2011 7:00pm at the fair grounds. The exhibitor and one parent/legal guardian must attend in order to tag-in any market rabbit entries.
5. To enter and be eligible to show, all rabbits must be tagged-in and tattooed with WCF on Saturday, August 27, 2011 at 9:00 am at the Waller County Fairgrounds. All rabbits will be validated on this date. NO rabbits will be tagged in unless the exhibitor and one parent / legal guardian were present at the mandatory exhibitor meeting where the rules were received and signed for. All rabbits being shown must have a valid tattoo in the left ear prior to check-in at show on September 29, 2011. We will provide tattooing day of tag-in if unable to complete yourself. **NO** tattooing will be done at the show, and should be done at least a week prior to show. This will be a family tag-in. Failure to attend tag-in / tattoo clinic and exhibitor meeting (without written prior approval of valid reason and signed by chairman) will result in disqualification.

6. All exhibitors are asked to help with fund raising and donations. All money goes to the rabbit committee fund for prizes and show expenses.
7. The showmanship contest is mandatory (unless ineligible due to grades). There will be three classes of showmanship: Senior 14-19; Junior 11-13; and Sub-Junior 9-10 as of September 1, 2011. Showmanship contest will consist of hands on judging and written test. Each part will count as 50% of total score.
8. The placing of the meat market rabbits may be called out by the Judge, comments given and then taken off the table by the youth exhibitor. The Awards for Market Show will be presented at the conclusion of the Showmanship Contest.  
Awards will be presented as follows:
  - Market Contest – Grand & Reserve Champion belt buckles (1<sup>st</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> place – ribbons)
  - Breeding Show – Grand & Reserve Champion trophies (1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> place ribbons)
  - Showmanship Contest – Grand & Reserve belt buckles (1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> place ribbons)
  - Good Housekeeping - Certificate and cash for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place
  - Could be more awards depending on donations received.
9. Entries in the Market Show are limited to only two (2) meat pens per exhibitor. A meat pen consists of three (3) of the same breed meat type rabbits of either sex. The recognized meat breeds are: California, New Zealand, Satin, Palomino, Champagne D'Argent and Cinnamons.
10. Meat pens entered in the WCF should not be over 76 days old and must weigh between 3 to 5 pounds each the day of show (2oz variance on each end may apply).
11. All exhibitors have the choice of purchasing rabbits for their meat pens, or they may raise their own rabbits by breeding their own stock. Stock must be purchased and owned by June 16, 2011. The exhibitor must purchase their meat pen rabbits on or before August 27, 2011.
12. If the meat pen does not make the sale during the competition, there will be no soliciting to sale your project during the youth auction.
13. All exhibitors selling in the Waller County Junior Livestock Auction must turn in their *HAND WRITTEN* thank you notes to the Chairman by October 17, 2011. The thank you note should be unsealed, with postage affixed. If they are not received by October 17, 2011, there will be a \$100.00 fine due to the Fair Association.
14. In order to receive your fair check the Chairman must receive a copy of "Proof of Project Delivery" and "Proof of Picture Delivery".
15. Meat pens will be assigned cages by entry. The checked in meat pen is the only three (3) rabbits allowed in each cage. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to feed and water their project by 9:00 am and 6:00 pm each day. Each exhibitor **must** bring their own food and water containers. Each exhibitor must provide their own feed.
16. Good Housekeeping award will be awarded to the top two individuals that keep their cage clean, rabbits with food and water, and area beneath cage clean of waste.
17. Please make sure you read the PARENT WORK RULE #3 of the General Rules and Regulations. If this rule is not met, the exhibitor's animal will not be allowed to sale in the auction or freezer sale.
18. Unsportsmanlike conduct of exhibitors, parents and or guardians will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification. If an exhibitor, his/her representative, or guardian interferes in any way with the Judge, shows disrespect to them, to the show or to any committee person, the Waller County Fair may withhold from such exhibitor's project check the amount of \$100.00 or take any other steps deemed appropriate (see WCF rule #27).

19. Exhibitor, exhibitor's family member(s), exhibitor's guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeeman, volunteers, spectators and/or visitors violating and/or failing to cooperate with security personnel, officers, division chairman, committeemen and/or officials of the fair in all matters, including fair policy, these rules and regulations, parking, etc. may not be allowed to enter, tag-in and/or participate, or may have their entries cancelled, and/or may forfeit all rights and privileges to enter, participate and/or exhibit in the future at the Waller County Fair (see WCF rule #28).
20. It is the responsibility of the chairperson, committee members, exhibitor and parents to make sure the correct tagged animal is delivered to or loaded upon the proper trailer. Swapping of animals will not be allowed! If caught swapping your animals, you will be banned and forfeit all rights to participate in future fairs (see WCF rule #28). This rule applies to committee persons, exhibitors, parent(s) or any other persons (breeders, grandparents, friends, aunts, uncles, etc.) associated with the above mentioned (see WCF rule #30).
21. Under NO circumstances should an exhibitor or parent ask for your project back after it has been sold through the Junior Livestock Auction or Freezer Sale. Doing so falls under unsportsmanlike conduct (see WCF rule #27 and #31).
22. Each Chairperson will submit a list of all entries to the fair secretary before leaving the grounds on Thursday, September 29, 2011 and will submit final placing order to the secretary one hour after judging is complete. Any exhibitor wishing to pull-out (PO) their animal from the sale order, must submit this request in writing one hour after judging on Thursday, September 29, 2011 or the animal will be sold through the Junior Livestock Auction. Failure to abide by this rule will bar exhibitor from the following Waller County Fair (see WCF rule #32).
23. There will be a Youth Breeding Rabbit show to follow the Market Show. Please see attached Youth Breeding Show rules.