

## Department 18 – CAVY

BARBARA DOWNING, SUPERINTENDENT

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NY State Fair Entry Dept.: <https://nysfair.ny.gov/competitions/how-to-enter/>

**ENTRY DEADLINE: July 30, 2026**

*Exhibitor Fee:* \$15.00  
*Entry Fee:* \$1.00 each entry  
*Entry Arrival:* Mon, 08/24/26: 4 pm - 8 pm  
Tues, 08/25/26: 10 am - 8 pm

Entries must be officially checked in at front table to assign a coop number, and then may be cooped by exhibitor or staff.

*Entry Removal:* Mon, 09/07/26: Entries released starting at 10 am to exhibitors only. General release starts at 2pm.  
Tues, 09/08/26: All cavies must be removed by 11 am. Please note that vehicles are not permitted on the fairgrounds between the hours of 8:30 a.m.- 11:30 p.m. during days of the fair.  
Entry must be checked out with assistance from a staff member and awards picked up in person. We ask that you remain in showroom and assist until all your animals are dispersed.  
No awards will be mailed. Please coordinate animal removal exceptions with the Superintendent.

*Judging Day:* Sunday, August 30, 2026: Judging starts at 10 am

### JUDGE

Shelia Schwartz-Zych ..... NY

### SPECIFIC CAVY DEPARTMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The rules printed herein, and the Poultry Building General Rules are made a part of the conditions under which all entries of exhibitors are made, and exhibitors are respectfully requested to read them carefully, thereby avoiding confusion at the time of the Fair and to ensure they are entering their exhibit correctly.
2. Due to space limitations, there may be a cap on Cavy entries. Entries over the limit will be subject to restrictions at the discretion of the Superintendent. (No additional passes will be given for entries over 12 animals.)
3. Animal health regulations listed must be complied with, as well as all general regulations of the Poultry Building in separate file. All entries are subject to general rules and Animal health regulations listed in the poultry building general rules.
4. The Fair reserves the right to add or substitute judges if conditions warrant.
5. The greatest possible care will be given to all exhibits, but the Management will not be responsible for any accident, mistake, loss or damage that occurs. Specimens are entered at the sole risk of the owner. Competent personnel will be in attendance and the Management will do all in its power to ensure the safety and protection of the exhibits. Each specimen must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.
6. At check-in, all cavies must meet the minimum weight requirement as set forth by the ARBA standard. Any diseased or injured animal will be rejected and sent home at the discretion of Management.
7. Cavies must be checked in by Fair Staff and pass a health check before being placed in a coop.
8. Cavies must have an approved ear tag in the left ear. This is an ARBA Rule. Any animal not permanently marked will be rejected.
9. 4-H'ers must let the Superintendent know which cavies will be shown in the 4-H Show. This includes animals used for the Decathlon event.
10. Animals entered into the show may be sold only if the animals are judged but cannot leave the building until exhibits are released. Please pick up a statement of additional rules regarding sales upon check-in.
11. No exhibitors are allowed to enter the building outside of the posted public building hours unless the Superintendent is notified in advance.
12. Ribbons and specials must be picked up on closing day.
13. To compete for display prizes, exhibitors must exhibit at least ten single entries.

**THIS IS AN OFFICIAL ARBA SANCTIONED SHOW**  
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American Rabbit Breeders Association: Eric Stewart, PO Box 400, Knox, PA, 16232, 814-797-4129, [www.arba.net](http://www.arba.net).  
 Membership: Adult: (19 & over \$20/year, \$50/3 years. Two adult combination \$30/year, or \$75/3 years. Youth: (18 & under) \$12/year, \$30/3 years. Family: \$30/year +\$5 each child, \$75/3 yrs + \$10 per child. International Memberships add \$10/year handling fee. International members (excluding Canada and Mexico) pay add \$40/year for the Domestic Rabbits Magazine.

The 103rd Annual ARBA Convention will be held in Reno, NV from Oct 24th to 28th, 2026

Points to count for NY Sweepstake Awards. New York State Rabbit & Cavy Association information can be found at [www.nyrcba.com](http://www.nyrcba.com)

Remark Cards will not be used. You are welcome to record your own show results during judging and are encouraged to carry your own animals as long as you wear a Staff Vest. You will be provided a copy of your control sheets along with awards in your check out packet at end of Fair.

**American Cavy Breeders Association:** Pat Singer PO Box 1330 West Point, CA 95255 209-268-6736  
[secretary@acbaonline.com](mailto:secretary@acbaonline.com). Membership: Adult - (New) \$25, 3 yrs \$60 (Renewal) \$20, 3 yrs \$55 Youth - (New) \$20, 3 yrs \$45 (Renewal) \$15, 3 yrs \$40 Family - (New) \$30, 3 yrs \$75 (Renewal) \$25, 3 yrs \$70 Sanction Fees: OPEN \$15 – Youth \$10.00 Please Note Price Change as of July 2022 Mail Memberships and [cbaonline.com](http://cbaonline.com). Send Show Reports to: Ken McCracken 13550 Spring Cypress Rd Cypress, TX 77429 [acbasweeps@gmail.com](mailto:acbasweeps@gmail.com) [www.acbaonline.com](http://www.acbaonline.com)

**Division AA – SPECIAL AWARDS**

Every effort has been made in compiling our rules and regulations to conform to the association standards as furnished. However, in any possible discrepancy that may develop, State Fair Rules will apply-

<b>ENTRY FEES, PRIZES &amp; PREMIUM POINTS</b>					
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Cavy Class Premiums	\$2.25	\$1.75	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cavy Class Awards	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Best of Breed Awards	Special Award & Rosette provided by New York State Fair				
Best Opposite of Breed Awards	Special Award Rosette provided by New York State Fair				
Best In show - Special Award	Plaque offered by New York State Fair				
Exhibitor fee (per department)	\$15.00				
Cavy entry fee per entry	\$1.00				

**Department #18 – CAVIES**

Juniors up to 4 months of age, minimum weight 12 ounces, maximum 22 ounces. Intermediates up to 6 months of age or weight over 22 ounces and up to and including 32 ounces. Seniors over 32 ounces.