

# Department 17 – RABBITS

BARBARA DOWNING, SUPERINTENDENT

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**ENTRY DEADLINE: July 30, 2026**

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

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

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

*Judging Day:* Sun. 8/30/26. Judging starts at 10 am  
*Entry Removal:* Mon. 9/07/26: (Rabbits) Entries released starting at 10:00 a.m. to exhibitors only.  
General release starts at 2:00 p.m.

09/08/26: All rabbits 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. All entries must be checked out with assistance from a staff member and awards picked up in person. No awards will be mailed. We ask that you remain in showroom and assist until all your animals are dispersed. Please coordinate animal removal exceptions with the Superintendent.

## JUDGES

Jennifer Burr NY  
Deborah Vecchio (reserved)..... NY

## SPECIFIC RABBIT 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 by 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. 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.
3. The Fair reserves the right to add or substitute judges if conditions warrant.
4. 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 throughout the fair and 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.
5. At check-in all rabbits 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 and/or the State Veterinarian who is on duty throughout the fair.
6. Rabbits must be checked in at front table, pass a health check and have a coop number placed in right ear before being placed in a coop.

7. Your State Fair entry is considered entry for the show. All rabbits therefore **must** be permanently and legibly earmarked in the **left ear**. Cavies **must** have an approved ear tag in the **left ear**. This is an ARBA Rule. Any animal not permanently marked will be rejected at check-in.
8. Officials & Superintendent reserve the right to limit exhibitors and/or entries for space and safety compliance.
9. 4-H'ers must let the Superintendent know which rabbits will be shown in the 4-H Show. This includes animals used for the Decathlon event.
10. Animals entered in the show may be sold by the exhibitor only after they are judged but cannot leave the building until after the general release time on the last day of the fair. Please pick up statement of additional rules and restrictions 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 must be picked up on closing day.
13. To compete for best show display award, 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.nycrba.com](http://www.nycrba.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.

**Division AA – SPECIAL AWARDS**

Every effort has been made in compiling our rules and regulations to conform to the association standards as furnished. However, if any possible discrepancies develop, ARBA and State Fair Rules will apply. State Fair reserves the right to substitute awards. In order to compete in fur classes each animal must be entered in regular competition. Same entry fee and prizes as in regular breed classes.

<b>ENTRY FEES, PRIZES &amp; PREMIUMS</b>					
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Rabbit Class Premiums	\$4.25	\$3.25	\$2.25	n/a	n/a
Rabbit Class Awards	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Best of Breed Awards	Plaque w Rosette provided by New York State Fair				
Best Opposite of Breed Awards	Plaque w Rosette provided by New York State Fair				
<b>BEST IN SHOW</b>	Plaque and \$25.00 offered by the New York State Fair				
<b>FIRST RESERVE IN SHOW</b>	Plaque offered by the New York State Fair				

Best Show Display	\$20.00
Exhibitor fee (per department)	\$15.00
Rabbit entry fee per entry	\$1.00