

## Fryer-Pen Rabbit Show

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| <b>Chairman:</b>                | <b>Terry Shurtleff</b>   | <b>(936) 870-7980</b> |
| <b>Committee Members:</b>       | Jana Buchanan, Peggy McKay, Sharia Stabler   |                       |
| <b>Advisor:</b>                 | Summer Neumann   |                       |
| <b>Fair Board Rep:</b>          | Roxanne Warren   |                       |
| <b>Entry Fee:</b>               | \$10.00 (additional pens \$5.00)   |                       |
| <b>Voluntary Meeting:</b>       | Thursday, January 19, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.<br>Grimes County Fair Grounds   |                       |
| <b>Registration Deadline:</b>   | Thursday, February 9, 2012 @ 5:00pm<br>Grimes County Extension Office  |                       |
| <b>Tattoo – In Date:</b>        | Monday, May 7, 2012  |                       |
| <b>Tattoo- In Time:</b>         | 7:00 p.m.  |                       |
| <b>Check – In Date:</b>         | Tuesday, June 5, 2012  |                       |
| <b>Check – In Time:</b>         | 7:30   |                       |
| <b>Judging Date:</b>            | Tuesday, June 5, 2012  |                       |
| <b>Judging Time:</b>            | 8:00 a.m. Animals not eligible for sell must be removed within two hours following the completion of the show. |                       |
| <b>Release Date &amp; Time:</b> | Friday, June 8, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.  |                       |

### Classes:

1. Market Rabbits
2. Grand Champion Rabbit
3. Reserve Champion Rabbit
4. Senior Showmanship
5. Junior Showmanship

### Rules:

1. This is a youth show governed by A.R.B.A. rules. Elimination and disqualification are by A.R.B.A. rules and the general rules and regulations of the Grimes County Fair.
2. All eligible Grimes County 4-H and FFA members are qualified to compete.
3. Any exhibitor can purchase a meat pen(s). When purchasing a meat pen, the exhibitor must provide a breeding/kindle certificate from the breeder. Exhibitors must own their breeding does. Breeding does' tattoo numbers and breeder's information (for purchased pens) must be registered with the committee by the deadline date above at the Grimes County Extension Office. Forms provided by committee.
4. Exhibitor can show two (2) meat pens. Meat pens can be bred by the exhibitor or purchased pen(s). Exhibitor can only show one (1) bred pen and one (1) purchased pen. (i.e. exhibitor cannot show two (2) purchased pens). Rabbits within a purchased pen

must all be from one breeder and weaned from the doe by the tattoo date. Exhibitors can tag in no more than 10 head for a purchased pen.

5. Purchased pens will be judged in a separate category from exhibitor bred stock.
6. Only one market rabbit pen will be eligible to sell unless this is in conflict with General Rule #5.
7. **Premium Sale:** 35% of all exhibited entries are eligible for the premium sale. Premium sale entries will be broken down as follows: Bred Pens – 60% of the 35% will be eligible for the Premium Sale. Purchased Pens – 40% of the 35% will be eligible for the Premium Sale.
8. **The bottom 10% of each class will not be eligible for either sale.**
9. All participants/exhibitors must take the one mandatory meeting in order to remain eligible for competition. The mandatory meeting will be **Monday, May 7, 2012, 7:00 p.m.** at the Grimes County Fair Grounds. At this mandatory meeting we will tattoo all eligible bunnies and complete all paperwork. Each youth must fill out these forms and all eligible bunnies must be tattooed by the rabbit committee with the Grimes County Fair Mark at this time.
10. Meat Pens: Three (3) rabbits of the same breed and variety not more than 70 days old and for each rabbit not to exceed five (5) pounds, and not less than three (3) pounds. There will be a 1 ounce weight tolerance.
11. Rabbits entered in the meat pen competition must be PERMENTLY TATTOOED in the right ear with the Grimes County Fair mark per rule #4 and permanently tattooed per A.R.B.A. rules in the left ear. Both ears must be marked to be eligible to show.
12. Each exhibitor must place and remove rabbits from the table. Only in cases of extreme hardship and then only with a written letter to the Committee Chairman, will an exhibitor be excused from showing an animal and being present at the sale. You must give 24 hours prior notice.
13. Each exhibitor will be responsible for feeding and caring for their rabbits, and keeping the pen and surrounding areas clean at all times during the Fair. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed and clean fresh water for their pens.
14. No alternate(s) will be accepted after weigh-in.
15. If one or more rabbits are over/under weight or eliminated the whole pen is eliminated.
16. Breeds accepted are California and New Zealand.
17. In submitting an entry of meat pens, exhibitors agree to allow the rabbit committee to check the meat pen and doe without prior notice. If exhibitor cannot produce litter and doe, the entry will be sent back to the exhibitor.
18. No soft plastic containers inside of the rabbit cages, only containers that cannot be eaten or turned over will be allowed.
19. Release slips will only be given after your area has been checked for cleanliness by your division chairman. Due to heat extremities, it will be the Committee Chairman's

decision as to whether or not rabbits will be allowed to leave the Fairgrounds with the exception of the Grand and Reserve Champion Market Rabbits, which must stay.

Exhibitors are responsible for loading out the rabbits.

20. All showmanship contestants must wear proper attire including shirts tucked in and belt if needed. Tank tops, sleeveless shirts, T-shirts, shorts, mid-drift shirts, and short shirts are not considered proper attire. For protection from scratches, long sleeves are recommended, but not mandatory.
21. All sale rabbits will sell at the auction live. It will then be the responsibility of the exhibitor to check with the buyer to see if he or she wants to take possession live or dressed, packaged and frozen. Delivery must be made within fourteen (14) days following the sale. Once delivered to the buyer, the buyer must sign a statement form (provided by GCFA) stating that they have been delivered. Then this statement form must be turned in with your thank-you notes by July 1<sup>st</sup> in order for you to receive your check.
22. After the show, the only rabbits to remain on the fairgrounds will be the Grand and the Reserve Grand Champion pen.