

# FFA Livestock

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# 2023

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***Rules & Premiums***

# FFA

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Poultry – Holly Covington, Walters  
Rabbits – Julie Ketterling, Rosemount  
Farm Crops – Oak Kelsey, Marshall  
Agriculture Technology – Nick Milbrandt, Elmore  
Judging Contests – Dan Dylla, Wells  
Tractor Driving – Al Stemper, Foley  
Dorms – Stephanie Brandt, Gaylord  
Vegetable & Potato – Joe Ramstad, Delano  
Landscape – Bob Marzolf, LeSueur  
CHS Miracle of Birth – Jim Ertl, Rosemount

**Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve.**



The FFA show at the Minnesota State Fair  
was established in 1947.  
2023 marks the 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## MINNESOTA STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

**\*\*\* IF YOU CHEAT - YOU WILL BE CAUGHT! \*\*\***

The Minnesota State Fair takes very seriously the rules and ethics concerning animal welfare and will penalize exhibitors when rules are broken. Punishable offenses include violation of the rules and ethical code practices described in the Minnesota State Fair Open and FFA Livestock Premium Books including the International Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics. Use of non-approved medications and feed additives, or improper withdrawal periods on approved medications, have resulted in penalties. Artificial enhancements, surgeries or injections that alter or enhance an animal's phenotype are also prohibited.

**Penalties for violations include any or all of the following:**

- Expulsion from entry at any Minnesota State Fair livestock show (including 4-H, open, FFA or MN Beef Expo);
- Suspension from entry for a period of years;
- Surrender of all premiums, awards and/or sale proceeds;
- Reimbursement of all associated costs incurred by the Minnesota State Fair;
- Referral to the NALS&RMA Rules Infraction Database;
- Referral to law enforcement for violations of the U.S.D.A. Meat Inspection Act;
- Notification of code of conduct violation to school authorities;
- Other penalties as determined by the Minnesota State Fair.

It is the exhibitor's responsibility to read and understand all the requirements of the Minnesota State Fair Premium Book. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Penalties may also be assessed against family members and/or any fitters of the animals of the violating exhibitor. Violators of the U.S.D.A. Meat Inspection Act are subject to significant fines and/or prison sentences if convicted in a court of law.

**Substance Testing:**

Minnesota State Fair conducts tests on all market livestock champions. Additionally, random tests are conducted on various livestock exhibited at the Minnesota State Fair. The tests are conducted by a federally approved laboratory. If a positive initial test is found, a confirmation test is performed to confirm the results. The testing procedures are very sensitive and can identify substances of less than one nanogram. The laboratory can and does test for a wide range of legal and illegal substances.

**No Self Administration of Medicine on Livestock on Fair property:**

While on Minnesota State Fair property, do not administer any medication or calming agents without permission of state fair officials. The state fair veterinarians are here to help when you have a health issue with your livestock. They charge a minimal fee to consult with and/or treat the livestock. Exhibitors are required to use the services of the state fair veterinarians and should not take chances by self-administration of medications of any sort. Leave needles and syringes at home!

**Minimize Risk of Rules Violations:**

- **Know what is in your feed.** Check all labels before use of any product. Certain products approved for one species may not be approved for all species. For example, Beta Agonist products like Optiflex are approved for cattle and Paylean is approved for hogs; however, neither of these products are approved for lambs or goats. Make sure your show feeds and show feed supplements do not contain violation-causing ingredients for your species.
- Follow all withdrawal requirements of any additive to the full extent of the label on the product. Penalties may be assessed on the exhibitor for improper withdrawal.
- Be sure that all family and others assisting with care of your animals are aware of the rules you as an exhibitor are subject to. Remember, you are responsible for what is in the animal and not someone else; the legal responsibility rests on your shoulders.
- Maintaining the integrity and safety of the meat derived from the livestock in competition is the primary reason for the policies and procedures referred to above. We cannot lose sight of the fact that we have a moral and ethical responsibility to produce meat that will be totally safe for the consuming public. **Those who disrespect these responsibilities can and will suffer the consequences.**

FFA Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ FFA Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian (F) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent or Guardian (M) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify that this FFA Member is in good standing with the Chapter and School; and that they have attested to me that their animal(s) is/are their project and is/are eligible to be shown in accordance with the rules of this show. Furthermore, I am aware of the expectations and consequences this member has agreed to in order to exhibit at the State Fair as a representative of our FFA Chapter and school; and I will support the State Fair's actions to carry out the penalties mentioned above if this member is found to be in violation of the rules of this show.**

FFA Advisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ FFA Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

School Administrator Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Administrator's Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_



## Biosecurity Recommendations for Exhibitors

### At the Fair:

#### Remember to:

- Report health concerns to the official veterinarian.
- Not share equipment with other exhibitors.
- Minimize nose-to-nose contact with other livestock.
- Minimize animal-to-human contact.
- Avoid use of communal water sources.
- Minimize animal stress by keeping them cool and comfortable, and providing food and water from home.
- If you're also caring for animals at home while exhibiting at the fair:
  - Do the chores at home first.
  - Change clothes to care for the animals at home and at the fair.
- Wash your hands with soap and water and dry them well.

### Before Returning Home:

- Clean and disinfect all equipment (tack, buckets, shovels, wheelbarrows).
- Properly dispose of unused bedding, hay, and feed.
- Wash your hands with soap and water and dry them well.

### At Home:

- Shower, blow your nose, and put on clean clothes and shoes.
- Clean and disinfect vehicles and trailers used to transport animals home from the fair.
- Keep returning livestock separate from other animals for up to four weeks.
  - Feed and work with returning animals last.
  - Wear different clothes and boots when working with returning animals.
- Wash your hands with soap and water and dry them well.

# Tentative Schedule

## Thursday, August 24

8 a.m. **Landscape Design & Construction Contest Judging - Outside CHS Miracle of Birth Center –**

## Friday, September 1

4 a.m.-1 p.m. **Livestock arrival** – Livestock Complex

8 a.m. **Weigh and tattoo market hogs** – Christensen Pavilion

9 a.m.-2 p.m. **Swine, sheep and goat check-in** – Christensen Pavilion

9 a.m.-4 p.m. **Cattle check-in** – FFA Superintendent's Office

10 a.m.-1 p.m. **Weigh and tag market lambs and commercial breeding ewes** – Christensen Pavilion

10 a.m.-1 p.m. **Weigh and tag meat goats** – Christensen Pavilion

10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Dorm check-in and bunk assignments** – FFA Superintendent's Office

11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Weigh and ultrasound market beef** –

12-2 p.m. **Veterinary Inspection of breeding sheep** – Christensen Pavilion - in pens

1:30 p.m. **Ultrasound carcass hogs** – Christensen Pavilion

2:30-3:30 p.m. **Ultrasound carcass lambs and meat goats** – Christensen Pavilion

3:30 p.m. **Safe Tractor Operator's Contest** – Compeer Arena and West Exercise Ring

4-6:30 p.m. **Code of conduct forms turned in and t-shirts handed out** – FFA Superintendent's Office

6 p.m. **Dairy cattle and general livestock judging contests** – Compeer Arena

## Saturday, September 2

8 a.m. **FFA Sheep - Breeding Wool:** Columbia, Corriedale, Babydoll Southdown, Rambouillet, Natural Colored, All Other Wool Breeds – Christensen Pavilion - New Fashion Pork (East) Ring  
Bill Disberger, Wamego, KS

8 a.m. **FFA Meat Goats:** Dairy and Meat Market Goats, Breeding Meat-Type Goats, Showmanship – Christensen Pavilion - West Ring  
Cal Schultz, Stillwater, OK

8:30 a.m. **FFA Dairy Cattle:** Red & White, Showmanship, Purebred Holstein, Jersey, FFA Dairy Special Awards – Compeer Arena - South Ring  
Tyler Otte, Randolph, MN

8:30 a.m. **FFA Dairy Cattle:** Guernsey, Milking Shorthorn, Any Other Breed, Showmanship, Grade Holstein, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss – Compeer Arena - North Ring  
Nate Donnay, Glencoe, MN

1:30 p.m. **FFA Sheep - Market:** Showmanship, Market Lambs & Commercial Breeding Ewes – Christensen Pavilion - New Fashion Pork (East) Ring  
Justin Stacy, Oktaha, OK

3 p.m. **FFA Swine - Breeding:** Showmanship, Any Other Breed, Poland China, Spotted Hogs, Duroc, Chester White, Hampshire, Berkshire, Yorkshire, Landrace, Crossbred Gilts – Christensen Pavilion - West Ring  
Dan Lane, Elkader, IA

3 p.m. **FFA Poultry:** Chickens, Other Poultry, Showmanship – Poultry Barn

## Sunday, September 3

8 a.m. **FFA Sheep - Breeding Meat:** Showmanship, Suffolk, Dorset, Hampshire – Christensen Pavilion - New Fashion Pork (East) Ring  
Bill Disberger, Wamego, KS

8 a.m. **FFA Swine - Market Hogs:** Showmanship, Market Hogs – Christensen Pavilion - West Ring  
Dan Lane, Elkader, IA

9 a.m. **FFA Rabbits:** Breeding Rabbits; Small Breeds, Breeding Rabbits; Large Breeds, Market Rabbits – Poultry Barn

10 a.m. **FFA Beef Cattle:** Showmanship, Market Beef, Prospect Market Calf and Dairy Steer, Limousin, Hereford, Charolais, Angus, Any Other Purebred, Any Other Registered Composite – Compeer Arena - South Ring  
Willie Weis, St. Ansgar, IA; Patrick Wall, Pleasantville, IA

10 a.m. **FFA Beef Cattle:** Shorthorn, ShorthornPlus, Simmental, Red Angus, Foundation Simmental, Commercial Beef Heifer, Showmanship – Compeer Arena - North Ring  
Willie Weis, St. Ansgar, IA; Patrick Wall, Pleasantville, IA

1 p.m. **FFA Sheep - Breeding Meat:** Southdown, All Other Meat Breeds – Christensen Pavilion - New Fashion Pork (East) Ring  
Bill Disberger, Wamego, KS

9-10:30 p.m. **FFA Dance** – Compeer Arena

**Monday, September 4**

9:30 a.m. **Driver's loadout meeting - Outside west door of Compeer Arena –**

10 a.m. **Parade of Champions and Awards Program - Sponsored by Bremer Bank** – Compeer Arena

1-5 p.m. **Livestock released –**

# FFA Rabbits

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 Assistant Superintendent..... Julie Ketterling, Rosemount, MN  
 Board Member..... Gordy Toenges, Alden, MN

## FFA GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION.

1. The FFA Livestock Show will be held four days, from Friday through Monday, Sept. 1-4, 2023.
  - A. **Non-livestock FFA competitions.**
    1. **FFA Agriculture Technology.** On display in the Agriculture-Horticulture building.
    2. **FFA Crops.** On display in the Agriculture-Horticulture building.
    3. **FFA Vegetable & Potato.** On display in the Agriculture-Horticulture building. Saturday through Monday, Sept. 2-4, 2023.
    4. **FFA Landscape Design & Construction.** Outside the FFA Leadership Center and CHS Miracle of Birth Center.
    5. **FFA Agricultural Interactive Exhibits/Demonstrations.** FFA Leadership Center and Christensen Stage.
    6. **FFA Safe Tractor Operator's Contest.** Friday, Sept. 1, 2023 at Compeer Arena.
    7. **FFA Dairy Cattle and General Livestock Judging Contests.** Friday, Sept. 1, 2023 at Compeer Arena.
2. The Minnesota State Fair will provide sleeping quarters for the FFA exhibitors and advisors as space permits. All students, regardless of age, must be supervised at night. Supervision of FFA exhibitors while they are at the fair is the responsibility of the chapter advisor. An adult, parent, administrator or instructor must accompany the exhibitors.
  - A. **Dorms.** Dorm reservations will be accepted Aug. 1–14, or until dorm space has filled. Requests must be made through the FFA website at mnffa.org. No telephone requests accepted.
    1. For information on dorm space availability, check the FFA website at mnffa.org.
    2. Those requesting space after dormitory space is filled are responsible for obtaining lodging off grounds.
  - B. **Sleeping in the barns -- unless in the dorms -- is not permitted.**
3. **Curfew 11 p.m.** All FFA exhibitors must observe an 11 p.m. curfew.
4. **Code of conduct.** All exhibitors will present a code of conduct statement signed by their parents, advisor and exhibitor.
5. **Prohibited.** The consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or any controlled substances by FFA exhibitors is prohibited. Violators will forfeit their eligibility to show.
6. It is recommended that the fitting and preparation of livestock be done by the exhibitor and family members. Herdpersons accompanying exhibitors must adhere to the same rules as the FFA members. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of the exhibitor for future shows.
7. All attendants or persons leading or driving an animal into the judging arena must be FFA members, neatly attired and their attire must be kept neat and clean throughout the show.
8. Breed or farm shirts are not permitted in the show ring.
9. The State Fair reserves the right to test any entry for body growth enhancing substances, drugs or medications.
  - A. **Exhibitor Livestock Responsibilities and Consequences form (ELRC).** All livestock exhibitors must complete an Exhibitor Livestock Responsibilities and Consequences form (ELRC). This form must be submitted and RECEIVED by the Competition Office by Monday, Aug. 21, 2023 (the Monday prior to fair opening). Form available on the State Fair website or in each livestock section.
  - B. **If form is NOT received** by the deadline, livestock entries subject to forfeit the right to show.
10. State Fair officials (which may include the official veterinarian and FFA livestock staff) reserve the right to remove any sick animal from exhibit.

11. **Eligibility.** Minnesota high school or post-secondary FFA members who are regularly enrolled in an agricultural education program, or who are active members of a FFA chapter in good standing with the state FFA association. Wisconsin sections 1, 2 and 3 may show in crops and tractor driving only.
  - A. Incoming 9th grade students are eligible to show if enrolled in, or have completed a course in, a grade 9–12 agricultural education program for the current year.
  - B. FFA members enrolled in new or reestablished programs are not eligible to exhibit until the fair following the first academic year of operation, unless previously a member in good standing at another established chapter/school.
  - C. Exhibitors who have not graduated from high school must have been enrolled in at least one agriculture class during the current year, and must be current paid members of the state and national FFA associations.
  - D. This is the last year of eligibility for those who were first eligible to participate in a State Fair FFA show in 2016 and should have graduated high school in 2020.
12. **Substitution.**
  - A. In case of illness, or other extenuating circumstances, another FFA member may show the animal of an FFA exhibitor. The substitute must be approved by the department superintendent.
  - B. Substitution of animals will be permitted outside a class and within the breed division originally entered in all species.
13. **Signs.** Signs in the barns must be no larger than 2' high and 6' long. In the cattle barn, they may not hang in aisle; and must be below wire, above stall boards and treated with a fire retardant.
14. **Pedigrees.** To receive points for the premier exhibitor and specie trophy awards, exhibitors must produce proof of registry the first day of the FFA livestock show.
  - A. Exhibitors must produce pedigrees by the morning of the last day of the FFA livestock show for the breeding shows in order to receive premiums.
    1. Original certificates or official digital copy (.pdf or web version from issuing breed organization) on tablet or phone. Photos of original certificate are NOT acceptable.
      - a. **Poultry and rabbit exhibitors.** Do not need to provide pedigrees, but must be the bona fide owner of the animals.
  - B. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make sure the registration certificates are checked by the Competition Department.
  - C. Entries without proof of registration will be recorded on judging sheets as being shown but will be ineligible for premiums.
15. **Awards.**
  - A. **Breeding livestock premier exhibitor.** A permanent traveling trophy will be awarded to the chapter having the highest quality exhibit at the show. The Minnesota State Fair will award a plaque to the overall chapter winner.
    1. To be eligible, an exhibitor must list his/her chapter on their original entry form.
    2. The chapter must have entries in four of five divisions (beef, dairy, swine, sheep and goats) of the FFA Livestock show.
    3. Points computed on exhibits of livestock where the entry was received prior to the closing date and the proof of original registry is presented on the first day of the FFA Livestock show.
      - a. In the event of a tie, the number of champions, first, and second premiums, in that order, will be considered.
    4. All divisions will receive points based on the number of animals in the class.
      - a. In beef, swine, sheep, and goat divisions for example, if there are 15 animals in the class, the first place animal would receive 15 points, second place 14 points, etc.
      - b. In the dairy division, points will be doubled.
      - c. All breeding classes and commercial female classes will be included.
      - d. No points will be awarded in groups.
      - e. **Champions in all divisions will be awarded points on the following basis:** Champions; 10 points each for junior, senior and grand champions. Reserve champions, 5 points each for junior and senior champions.
  - B. **Breeding specie premier exhibitor.** Permanent traveling trophies awarded in beef, dairy, swine, sheep, and goat to the chapter having the highest quality exhibit at the show. The Minnesota Livestock Breeders' Association will award a plaque to the overall chapter winner.



1. Two or more exhibitors per chapter must exhibit to receive this specie award.
  2. Points calculated on the same basis as for breeding livestock premier exhibitor.
  - C. **Market livestock premier exhibitor.** Permanent traveling trophy, awarded to the chapter having the highest quality market livestock exhibit at the show. The Minnesota Livestock Breeders' Association will award a plaque to the overall chapter winner.
    1. Chapter must exhibit in three of four species (beef, swine, sheep and goats).
    2. Points calculated on the same basis as for breeding livestock premier exhibitor.
    3. In carcass classes, all indexed entries, qualified or not, will receive points.
    4. Champion and reserve champion individuals and carcasses will receive 10 and 5 points respectively.
    5. **For Exhibition Only (FEO) class placings** do not count toward market livestock premier award.
  - D. **Market specie premier exhibitor.** Permanent traveling trophies awarded in beef, swine, sheep, and goat to the chapter having the highest quality exhibit at the show. The Minnesota State Fair will award plaques to the chapter winners
    1. Two or more exhibitors per chapter must exhibit to receive this specie award.
    2. Points calculated on the same basis as for market livestock premier exhibitor.
  - E. **Supreme exhibitor.** Permanent traveling trophy, awarded to the chapter having the highest quality overall combined breeding and market livestock exhibit at the show. The Minnesota State Fair will award a plaque to the chapter winner.
    1. Chapter must exhibit in three of five species (beef, dairy, swine, sheep and goats).
    2. Points calculated by adding the chapter's breeding and market points (as calculated in the above rules) together.
  - F. **Supreme specie premier exhibitor.** Permanent traveling trophies awarded in beef, swine, sheep, and goat to the chapter having the highest quality exhibit at the show. The Minnesota State Fair will award plaques to the chapter winner.
    1. Two or more exhibitors per chapter must exhibit to receive this specie award.
    2. Points calculated on the same basis as supreme premier exhibitor.
  - G. **Douglas K. Baldwin Award.** The Minnesota State Fair offers an award in memory of Douglas K. Baldwin, to a Minnesota FFA member based upon length of time participated in the FFA livestock show and with outstanding qualities of leadership, competence, cooperation, courtesy, congeniality, and citizenship. Information on this award may be found on the Minnesota FFA website [mnffa.org](http://mnffa.org). The Minnesota State Fair will award a plaque.
16. **Minnesota State Fair Scholarships.** Available to young adults from greater Minnesota or those enrolled in an agriculture program in 2022-2023.
- A. Applications must be submitted via online application by Aug. 1 at 4:30 p.m. For more information and to apply, visit the Minnesota State Fair website at [mnstatefair.org](http://mnstatefair.org) and search "scholarship".
  - B. A qualified committee will review applications and select the recipients. Scholarship recipients will be notified by telephone of their award by Aug. 14, 2023.
17. The show officials solicit and welcome the advice and input of parents and exhibitors.
18. **IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics.** Submission of entry indicates an agreement to abide by all conditions and rules listed below.
- A. Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics", fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.
    1. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine examples. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.
  - B. **The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:**

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of, consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.
  - a. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved, and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.
  - b. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications, for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian. \*The Minnesota State Fair allows exceptions in breeding classes for sound management practices such as mastitis or pneumonia control.
5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics, or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in, or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of the Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary actions taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and also in violation of federal, state or provincial statutes, regulations or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.
19. **NALS&RMA Rule Infraction Database.** Barred or Disqualified Exhibitors: The Minnesota State Fair, in cooperation with the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association (NALS&RAMA), Rule Infraction Database (RID), reserves the right to refuse entry of any exhibitor who has been barred or disqualified from any other show on the basis of unethical practices referred to in the International Association of Fairs and Exposition s (IAFE), National Code of Show Ring Ethics.
20. **Protests. Minnesota State Agricultural Society 3.12.** A protest from the decision of a judge will only be accepted from a competitive exhibitor named in the official judge's sheet for competition in the class or category under protest, and must be filed with the secretary within five (5) hours after the award has been made. An award is deemed to have been made when the notation of the decision of the judge is entered into the department award book. All protests must be made in writing and must be accompanied by a deposit of one hundred dollars (\$100). The protest must state plainly and specifically the facts upon which the complaint or appeal is based. The right to appeal will lie only when it is charged that the award has been made in violation of the rules governing the exhibit, or when it is charged that the decision of the judge has been influenced or interfered with by another person. No protest or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have over-looked an animal or article will be considered. The one hundred dollar deposit will be returned only if the protest or appeal is upheld. In protest and appeal instances where rules established by a breed association or other competitive organization with which the Society has an agreement differ from this rule, rules of the association or organization shall govern.
21. **Fire safety and electrical requirements.** The State Fair is working with the State Fire Marshal and the fair's own life safety staff to ensure an incident free exposition, and help keep safe power supplies operable in the barns. Your expected cooperation in complying with these requirements is appreciated; they will be enforced on a 24-hour basis. The state fair staff reserve the right to order excess electrical equipment removed if necessary to protect power supplies, stock and exhibitors.
  - A. **Prohibited.**
    1. **Smoking. Smoking is NOT permitted in the barn at any time.** Designated smoking areas have been established at specified locations throughout the fairgrounds. Smoking (including use of electronic cigarettes) is now permitted only in these areas.
    2. **Open flame.** Strictly prohibited.
    3. **Ignition sources.** Frying pans, coffee pots, hot plates, toasters, toaster ovens, warming trays, etc. are prohibited.
    4. Tents or structures which are covered on the top or sides are not permitted in the barns.
    5. Fuel powered generators and fuel containers are prohibited in the barn and in the livestock parking areas.
  - B. Decorative material must be rendered and maintained flame retardant in accordance with the state fire code; documentation required.
  - C. **Electrical equipment.** All electrical equipment (fans, blowers, extension cords, etc.) is subject to electrical inspection and subject to removal if unsafe and/or does not meet electrical codes.
    1. **Fans.** Any fans used must be suspended at the front of cattle. For purposes of electric conservation and safety, it is asked that fans be kept to a minimum and used only for heat stress prevention.
    2. Extra lighting in exhibit areas will not be allowed.
  - D. **Extension cords.**
    1. All extension cords must be at least 12 gauge or larger Type G, PPE, S, SE, SEO, SEOO, SC, SCE, SCT, SO, SOO, ST, STO, STOO, W or other types identified for extra-hard usage and must be of the grounding type.
    2. Extension cords must also be three-wire flexible.
    3. No lightweight (two-wire) extension cords or "zip" cords (18 gauge or smaller) may be used anywhere on the State Fairgrounds.
    4. Octopus plugs and two-wire extension cords often create a fire hazard and will be removed if found in use during an event.
    5. Cables with a "J" in the type designation (Such as Type SJT) are not permitted.
  - E. **Doors to the Cattle Barn electrical box rooms must be kept clear at all times.**

- F. **Blocking exits, walkways, extinguishers, electrical panels, or other required safety devices is prohibited.**
22. **Vehicles and parking.**
- A. **Livestock exhibitor parking, overnight.**
1. **Limited space; filled by computer generated lottery.**
  2. Complete information available online [mnstatefair.org](http://mnstatefair.org).
- B. **Livestock exhibitor parking, daily.** Ordered with livestock entries.
1. Allocated on first come, first served basis; valid only for dates showing (based on entries).
  2. Limit of two per exhibitor.
  3. License plate number(s) MUST be included with order.
- C. **Trucks and trailers.** Parked across Como Ave. in Stella lot and Block 55.
- D. **Vehicle inspection.** For security and safety concerns, vehicles entering the Minnesota State Fairgrounds beginning Aug. 7, 2023 and through the run of the fair, will be subject to inspection.
1. Vehicle entry restricted to either Gate 1 (north Underwood St.) or Gate 14 (Canfield St.).
23. **Admission fees.** Entry into the Minnesota State Fair shall be solely contingent upon presentation and surrender of a valid ticket of admission in accordance with the schedule of gate admission prices at [mnstatefair.org](http://mnstatefair.org).
- A. **Pre-fair livestock and horse exhibitor discount admission tickets.** Livestock exhibitors may purchase gate admission tickets at a discounted rate. Information on purchasing is included as a link in the confirmation email received after registering online. Limit 12 tickets per order. Available delivery methods include Print-At-Home or Regular Mail. From Aug. 10-23, 2023, sales are for Print-At-Home only.
- B. When leaving the fairgrounds, exhibitors and fair visitors may ask for a re-admittance privilege, which allows reentry onto the fairgrounds at Gate 14 on the same day without paying another admission.

#### FFA RABBIT RULES.

1. In addition to these rules, exhibitors and exhibits are bound by the overall FFA Department Rules.
2. **Entries.** Regardless of entry closing date, no entries will be accepted beyond the capacity to house them. Entries must be filled out in the name of the FFA exhibitor (defined as one person). No entries, individual or group, will be accepted after the final deadline.
 

A. **Entry deadlines.**

  1. **Mail-in.** Closes Monday, July 31, 2023 at 4:30 o.m.
  2. **Online.** Closes Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.
  3. **Late entry.** From 4:31 p.m. Aug. 2 through Aug. 11, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. (received). By mail only; no online entry. Only if barn is not full.

B. **Entry requirements.**

  1. **Must be properly filled out in the name of the FFA exhibitor.** One person.
  2. **W-9.** Must be filled out in the name of the FFA exhibitor, with the taxpayer identification number of the FFA exhibitor, whether or not they are required to file a tax return.
    - a. **Do not use parent identification number.**
    - b. **If number is not provided,** exhibitor will not be permitted to show.
  3. **Submission of entry indicates agreement to abide by all rules and conditions listed in the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics, and the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association (NALS&RMA) Rules Infraction Database.**

C. **Fees.** Entry fees entitle animal to compete in any individual or group class to which it is eligible. Must accompany entry or it will not be accepted.

  1. **Entry fee.** \$1 per rabbit.
  2. **Late fee.** \$11 per animal. Includes entry fee plus \$10 late fee.
  3. **Returned check fee.** Any check returned for non-sufficient funds (NSF), closed account, or stopped payment, will be assessed a \$30 service fee.

D. **Refunds.** Request for refunds may be made through Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023 for amounts over \$10.

  1. **No refunds for entries canceled after Aug. 10, 2023, except in the event of contagious disease or injury.** Request for refund must be in writing, and must include a written doctor's or veterinarian's note.
  2. **No refunds \$10 and under will be issued.**
  3. Refunds sent after all department premium checks have been distributed.

3. **Ownership.** FFA exhibitor must be the bona fide owner (except as noted).
  - A. **Animals owned in partnership.** Must be in the name of a partnership by June 1 of the current year.
    1. **Immediate family.** Defined as spouse, parent, sibling or grandparent.
    2. **Out of family.** Not permitted.
  - B. **Animals must be shown solely in the name of the same FFA exhibitor, or an immediate family member, for entire show season.**
4. **Animal identification.**
  - A. All rabbits must be plainly marked with permanent marking (tattoo). No exhibit will be accepted unless permanently marked.
5. **Rabbit exhibitors will be permitted to show two entries per class.** Except in market individual fryer class, where three entries are allowed. To show in market pen class, animals must be shown individually.
  - A. Animals entered and shown in FFA may also show in open and 4-H classes, provided it is allowed by the rules of the respective open and 4-H shows and entry fees have been paid.
  - B. Market classes will consist of no more than 20 individuals per class, split by weight.
  - C. **For Exhibition Only (FEO) class.** This is a class for FFA members who do not own livestock, but wish to experience the FFA Livestock show during the State Fair. Or members who own animals but do not meet the requirements outlined in rule 3.
    1. **Two FEO individuals per FFA exhibitor.**
    2. **Animals entered in FEO class may not show in any other class, and cannot be shown additionally by any other exhibitor.**
    3. **Ineligible for championship drive.**
  - D. Registered purebred rabbit breeds with more than 10 head and/or more than three exhibitors entered as of entry closing date will be put into their own breed classification.
6. **Stalling.** Rabbits will be cooped in the Poultry Barn.
7. **Showmanship.** Exhibitors may compete in only one showmanship competition per specie and must show their own animals.
  - A. **Divisions.**
    1. **Junior.** High school freshmen and sophomores.
    2. **Senior.** High school juniors and seniors.
    3. **Advanced.** High school graduates.
  - B. **Awards.** Belt buckles will be awarded to the champion and reserve champions in each division and class.
8. **Herdsmen.** Plaques will be awarded to the chapters with the most attractive exhibits.
  - A. **Scoring.**
    1. General attractiveness of chapter and exhibitor areas. 35 points.
    2. Cleanliness of animals. 15 points.
    3. Cleanliness of coop and bedding. 15 points.
    4. Cleanliness of aisle and areas surrounding stalls. 15 points.
    5. Attitude and cooperation of exhibitors. 10 points.
    6. Conduct of exhibitors and their friends around the exhibition area. 10 points.
9. **Judging.** In all divisions of rabbits, only those breeds and varieties listed in this premium list will be eligible to compete. Changes in age and sex of entries after original entry form is filed, will not be allowed. Breeds and varieties not listed will be accepted for display purposes. Exhibitor must pay regular entry fee for display privilege, but no premiums will be awarded.
  - A. The standards of the American Rabbit Breeders' Association will govern in judging all breeds and varieties.
    1. No rabbit will be awarded first place unless it is positively worthy in the judge's opinion, regardless of number in the class.
    2. Order of judging will be determined by the superintendent.
10. **Substitution.** No substitution after entry closing date.
11. **Definitions.** Base dates for rabbits will be Sept. 2, 2023.
  - A. **Senior.** Over eight months of age for large breeds, and over six months of age for all other breeds.
  - B. **Intermediate.** Over six and under eight months of age. Not over the standard weight for the breed.

- C. **Junior.** Under six months of age for all breeds, and not over standard age weights.
12. **Rabbit Health Regulations and Identification.** Diseased rabbits unfit to be shown may be barred from competition by the department superintendent. Rabbits showing symptoms of disease at time of arrival or during exhibition will be disqualified and returned to the owner immediately.
- A. **Identification.** All rabbits must be plainly marked with permanent marking (tattoo). No rabbits will be accepted unless permanently marked.
  - B. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).** Not required.

## Division 61: Breeding Rabbits; Small Breeds

### Rules

1. **Small Rabbit Breeds.** American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Czech Frosty, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, Dwarf Papillion, English Angora, English Spot, Florida White, French Angora, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Jersey Woolly, Lilac, Lionhead, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex Rhinelander, Satin Angora, Standard Chinchilla, Silver, Silver Marten, Thrianta.

### Premiums for Breeding Rabbits; Small Breeds

Individuals - 9 or fewer animals showing

\$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$6 \$5 \$5 \$4

Individuals - 10 or more animals showing

\$15 \$14 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10 \$10 \$9 \$9 \$8 \$8 \$7 \$7 \$6 \$6

Champion & Reserve

\$0 \$0

### Class Listing for Breeding Rabbits; Small Breeds

- 1 FFA Senior Buck
- 2 FFA Champion & Reserve Senior Buck
- 3 FFA Senior Doe
- 4 FFA Champion & Reserve Senior Doe
- 5 FFA Junior Buck
- 6 FFA Champion & Reserve Junior Buck
- 7 FFA Junior Doe
- 8 FFA Champion & Reserve Junior Doe

## Division 62: Breeding Rabbits; Large Breeds

### Rules

1. **Large Rabbit Breeds.** American, American Chinchilla, Argente Brun, Beveren, Blanc de Hotot, Californian, Champagne d'Argent, Checkered Giant, Cinnamon, Crème d'Argent, English Lop, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Giant Angora, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox.

### Premiums for Breeding Rabbits; Large Breeds

Individuals - 9 or fewer animals showing

\$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$6 \$5 \$5 \$4

Individuals - 10 or more animals showing

\$15 \$14 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10 \$10 \$9 \$9 \$8 \$8 \$7 \$7 \$6 \$6

Champion & Reserve

\$0 \$0

### Class Listing for Breeding Rabbits; Large Breeds

- 1 FFA Senior Buck
- 2 FFA Champion & Reserve Senior Buck
- 3 FFA Senior Doe
- 4 FFA Champion & Reserve Senior Doe
- 5 FFA Intermediate Buck
- 5 FFA Champion & Reserve Intermediate Buck
- 7 FFA Intermediate Doe
- 8 FFA Champion & Reserve Intermediate Doe
- 9 FFA Junior Buck
- 10 FFA Champion & Reserve Junior Buck
- 11 FFA Junior Doe
- 12 FFA Champion & Reserve Junior Doe



## Division 63: Market Rabbits

### Rules

1. Not over 70 days of age. Weight 3 1/2 to 5 1/2 pounds.
2. **Must be purebred; no crossbred rabbits allowed.**

### Premiums for Market Rabbits

Individuals - 9 or fewer animals showing

\$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$6 \$5 \$5 \$4

Individuals - 10 or more animals showing

\$15 \$14 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10 \$10 \$9 \$9 \$8 \$8 \$7 \$7 \$6 \$6

Champion & Reserve

\$0 \$0

Fryer pen

\$15 \$14 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10 \$10 \$9 \$9 \$8 \$8 \$7 \$7 \$6 \$6

Market FEO

\$5 \$4.50 \$4 \$3.50 \$3 \$3 \$2.50 \$2.50 \$2

### Class Listing for Market Rabbits

- 1 FFA Single Fryer  
*Purebred.*
- 2 FFA Champion & Reserve Single Fryer
- 3 FFA Fryer Pen  
*Three fryers. Purebred. Same breed/variety.*
- 4 FFA Champion & Reserve Fryer Pen
- 5 FFA FEO Market Rabbit  
*For exhibition only, not eligible for championship drive.*