



The Maryland State  
Fair  
4-H and FFA Rabbit &  
Cavy Show  
August 28, 2010  
The Maryland State Fairgrounds  
2200 York Road  
Timonium, MD 21093

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**Entries are made on line at web address on the next page. Please fill out a Self Certification Certificate, which is at the end of this catalog, and bring it with you the day of check in.**

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**Show Secretary**

Karen Callahan

**Show Superintendent**

Dr. Wendy Feaga

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**Judges: Dr. Wendy Feaga and Travis Finkle**

*This is a 4-H & FFA fair youth rabbit & cavy show: entries are limited to FFA & 4-H'ers who have enrolled in the Maryland State 4-H program by July 1. This show is sanctioned by ARBA which does not allow exhibitors who have passed their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. 4-H and FFA members who are 19 may compete in the meat pen class which we do not consider as part of the ARBA show.*

*Entries for the Maryland State Fair are made on line through the MSF web site at <http://www.marylandstatefair.com> online registration link. This is only a 4-H show – there is not an open show. Entry deadline is July 31. To join 4-H, please contact the extension service in your area: you may visit <http://extension.umd.edu/>, then 4-H youth and development, then join 4-H to get a list of local extension agents.*

*Exhibitors are limited to 5 rabbits or cavies and 1 meat pen. Late entries will be taken until August 7th. In order to enter late, the 4-Her must call Rebecca at the state fair directly (410)-252-0200 xt.231. The late entry fee will be stated at that time.*

*Rabbits and cavies are to be entered Saturday, August 28, at noon at the Poultry/Rabbit Building. Rabbits and cavies will be released at 8 PM on August 28. Only ear number only changes are allowed and these will be taken at entry. Rabbits must have legible tattoos and cavies must be tattooed or have ear tags in their left ear prior to the show.*

**OFFICIAL ARBA SANCTIONED SHOW**

Eric Stewart, Secretary, PO Box 5667, Bloomington IL, 61702,  
Sanction fee \$25 adult show, \$20 youth show; adult dues \$20, youth \$12  
ARBA Convention, Minneapolis, MN, Nov 7-11, 2010

**AWARDS**

**Rabbits and Cavies:**

**Best in Show – Plaque**

**Reserve in Show – Plaque**

**Premiums for breed classes:**

**First place: \$5.00**

**Second- Twentieth place \$3.00**

**Best of Breed – Rosette**

**Best of Variety – Ribbon**

**Additional Rabbit Awards:**

**Second Reserve – Plaque**

**Best Woolled Breed – Plaque**

**Best Commercial Breed – Plaque**

**Best Fancy Breed - Plaque**

**Showmanship: please sign up for showmanship when you enter your rabbits and cavies. That contest will run simultaneously with the rabbit and cavy show.**

## Show Rules

### Division Rules & Regulations:

- a. Exhibitors and their exhibits must comply with the "General State Fair Rules & Regulations", "General 4-H and FFA Rules & Regulations", "Animal Rules & Regulations", the "Maryland 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics", the "Health Regulations for Livestock Exhibited in Maryland", these "Division Rules & Regulations" and the applicable "Section Rules & Regulations".

Pre-entry is required. **YOU MUST USE THE INTERNET ENTRY SYSTEMS FOUND AT [www.marylandstatefair.com](http://www.marylandstatefair.com) Internet entries are due July 31st.** Exhibitors without internet access should contact their County Extension Educator for assistance. All release forms are due to your County Extension Educator by **July 31st**.

**Entries for the 4-H Rabbit Show will be received in the Poultry/Rabbit Building beginning at 12 noon on Saturday, August 28, 2010. The 4-H Rabbit Show will begin at 1 pm with Meat Pens first. This will be a carrier show with animals being released at 8 p.m.**

- b. Ear number substitutions will be allowed in same breed, variety, age and sex on the day of the show. No substitutions will be allowed for a different breed. Rabbits must be tattooed in left ear.
  - c. All exhibits must be a breed recognized by ARBA. Mixed breeds are not allowed. The book, "Standard of Perfection" outlines the standards for each recognized breed. It can be ordered online at [www.arba.net](http://www.arba.net) or by calling (309) 664-7500. Exhibitors are responsible for obtaining a Rabbit Breeds and Varieties List from their 4-H Extension Educator to assist in properly filling out the entry form.
  - d. Exhibitors are limited to a total of 5 entries in the breed classes and 1 entry in the market pen class (3 rabbits/pen).
  - e. Any exhibit displaying signs of disease or in poor fleshing condition will be refused entry. The decision of the Superintendent is final.
  - f. With the exception of meat pens, rabbits under 3 months old or over 2 weeks pregnant will not be allowed. Meat pens should be at least 8 weeks old and not over 10 weeks of age.
2. **Ownership:** All rabbits must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2010.
  3. **Judging:** This is an official American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) sanctioned show.
  4. Only rabbits entered in the show may be brought onto the fairgrounds. **The selling of rabbits on the fairgrounds is NOT PERMITTED.**
  5. Spectators, including family members/friends of Exhibitor, will only be allowed to observe the judging table from a reasonable distance as determined by the Superintendent. No one will be allowed in the cage area during judging except carriers and Exhibitors.
  6. The Grand Champion Market Rabbit must be sold through the Livestock Sale. Exhibitors of the Reserve Champion may sell their animal if they choose. Exhibitors are limited to a maximum of two species.
  7. **Rabbits will be required to have a Self Certification Rabbit Health Form.**

### Rabbits staying for display:

Please indicate what rabbits you would like to leave for display for the week after the show. These will be cared for the poultry staff. There will be an extra premium of \$5 per rabbit for these left for display. A maximum of 20 rabbits may be accepted for this display.

## **Showmanship Contest:**

Anne Copenhaver, chairman, [aBecka@netscape.com](mailto:aBecka@netscape.com)

### **Section Rules & Regulations:**

1. **Pre-entry is required which you can do on line when you enter your rabbits and cavies.** Exhibitors will compete according to their 4-H Age (age as of 1/1/10) except for those entering in the Novice class (1<sup>st</sup> project year participating in Showmanship). Superintendent may at their discretion split classes.
2. Rabbit or cavy used must be entered in the State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy show and be owned by the Exhibitor competing in this section.
3. There will be a 15-minute limit on presentations. Exhibitor's knowledge may be tested by answering questions related to the breed exhibited, diseases and standard management practices. Exhibitors may enter either the rabbit or cavy showmanship section, but not both.

### **CLASSES**

H15 Showmanship - Novice (1st year -4-H ages 8-18)

H16 Showmanship – Junior (4-H ages 8-10)

H17 Showmanship – Intermediate (4-H ages 11-13)

H18 Showmanship – Senior (ages 14-18)

Premiums: First place \$5.00, Second through 20<sup>th</sup> \$3.00

Plaque for Champion Novice, Junior, Intermediate and senior

## **Poster Contest:**

### **Section Rules & Regulations:**

1. 4-H'ers are invited to plan an educational exhibit to be on display during the State Fair in the Rabbit Building. The exhibit may be an informational poster or other educational display. Youth and adults working together are encouraged. Contact the Superintendent for more info. Each Exhibitor may enter 2 exhibits.
2. 4-H Members carrying a Rabbit project in the current year are eligible to participate. A \$5 Participation Premium will be paid. Remember– Cavy Educational Exhibits are offered in Department J, class 100.

### **CLASS**

H100 Rabbit Educational Exhibit

Premiums: Participation award \$5.00