NEA District Fair
General Livestock Rules

Applies to All Animal Divisions

Entry & Pre-Entry Requirements

1. **Pre-Entries Due:** Friday, September 4th, 2026
2. **Online Entry:** www.neadistrictfair.com (beginning August 20th, 2026)
3. **Entry Fees:**
    - Cattle, Swine, Goats, Sheep: $10.00
    - Poultry & Rabbits: $5.00
4. **Prize Money:** $5.00 of each entry fee is returned as prize money for exhibits that are shown. This is included with the premiums received.
5. **Check-In:**
    - Bring an online receipt to the gate.
    - Present receipt at show registration to pick up passes in the Livestock Office, located at the west end of the Cattle Barn.
6. **Pen & Tack Rules:**
    - No reserving or re-marking of pens.
    - No tack pens until all animals are in place.
    - Pen assignments are made by species superintendents at check-in.

Ownership & Eligibility

1. Exhibitors (Junior, Senior, or Open) must have owned and taken care of animals for 60 consecutive days prior to the fair.
2. **Junior Division Eligibility:**
    - Open to Bonafide 4-H members currently enrolled in a club.
    - Open to Bonafide FFA members currently paid members of a chapter.
    - Junior exhibitors may enter different animals in both Junior & Open divisions but must pay separate entry fees for each show and must exhibit a different animal than is entered in the junior show.

Breed Shows

1. **Applies to all livestock divisions**
2. **Minimum Requirements:**
    - At least 3 head and 2 exhibitors per breed must be present to constitute a breed show.
    - Breeds not meeting minimum are placed in “All Other Breeds” (AOB)

Rules & Restrictions

1. No non-registered intact males may be shown.
2. The Fair Association or any of its board members, employees, or volunteers are not liable for loss, damage, or injury to any exhibit or animal.
3. Night watchman provided by the Fair Association.
4. Exhibitors must provide bedding.
5. Smoking is prohibited in barns or stall areas.
6. No dogs are allowed in barns or stall areas.
7. Exhibitor pens must be cleaned out before leaving, or prize money may be forfeited.
8. NEA District Fair may remove any animal with sickness or health issues at any time.
9. Prize checks are void after 90 days.
10. All exhibitors must sign the Exhibitor Code of Conduct during online registration, failure results in automatic disqualification.

Belt Buckle Awards-Junior Division

Species	Award Description
Swine	**Market Hog, Commercial Gilt, Breeding Gilt**
Beef Cattle	**Market Steer, Commercial Heifer, Supreme Bull, Supreme Heifer, Mini Beef Heifer, Mini Beef Bull**
Goats	**Market Goat, Commercial Doe, Overall Breeding Doe, Overall Breeding Buck**
Sheep	**Market Lamb, Commercial Ewe, Overall Breeding Ewe, Overall Breeding Ram**
Dairy Goat	**Junior Doe, Senior Doe**
Dairy Cattle	**Standard Bull, Standard Female, Mini Bull, Mini Female**
Poultry	**Best of Show**
Rabbits	**Single Fryer, Meat Pen, Best of Show**
Waterfowl	**Best of Show**
Llama	**Best of Show**

Herdsman Award

1. Awarded to Junior Exhibitors keeping livestock and exhibits in all species neat, clean, and well-arranged throughout the fair.
2. Judged by the Livestock Manager.

Livestock Judging Contest

1. Open to Bonafide 4-H and FFA Members
2. Banners awarded to 1st Place-Junior & Senior Teams
    - Junior: under 14 years of age by September 1st, 2026.
    - Senior: 14 years of age or older by September 1st, 2026.

Showmanship Awards

1. Divisions: Novice, Junior, Senior
2. Species: Goat, Market Sheep, Breeding Sheep, Beef Cattle, Dairy Goat & Cattle, Swine, Poultry, Rabbit
3. Banners will be awarded for showmanship.
    - Note: Department superintendent advises contestants on rules and regulations for all awards in showmanship.

Additional Notes

1. All animals on fairgrounds-including pet zoos, children's barnyard animals, Old McDonald Farms, etc.-are subject to all rules and regulations.

New Protest Rule

1. **Deadline:** Submit in writing within 30 minutes of class completion.
2. **Protest Fee:** $100.00 cash (refunded if sustained)
3. Must clearly state rule violation and provide supporting evidence.
4. Only exhibitors, parents/guardians, or advisors in the class may file.
5. Protests cannot be based on judges' placement or opinion.
6. The Superintendent & Executive Committee will review; the decision is final.
7. Animals involved may be held in place during protest investigation.
8. Malicious or frivolous protests may result in disciplinary action or removal from grounds.

Rabbit Division

Junior & Open Competition

Superintendent: James Cunningham
Assistant Superintendent: Tina Cruce

Ownership & Possession Requirements

1. All animals must be in the physical possession and daily care of the exhibitor for 60 consecutive days prior to the opening day of the fair.

Schedule & Check-In

1. **Check-In:** Wednesday, September 30th, 2026 - 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM
2. **Must Be in Place By:** Wednesday, September 30th, 2026 - 12:00 PM
3. **Judging:** Wednesday, September 30th, 2026 -1:00 PM
4. **Release:** Wednesday, September 30th, 2026 at the conclusion of the show.

Pre-Entry & Bedding

1. **Pre-Entries Due:** Friday, September 5th, 2026
2. **Online Entry:** www.neadistrictfair.com (beginning August 14th, 2026)
3. **All Rabbits open and youth will be brought in on the day of show, September 30th, 2026. This is an open-carry show, no pens/coops will be assigned.**
4. **All RABBITS MUST HAVE PERMANENT TATTOO IN THEIR LEFT EAR FOR IDENTIFICATION.**

Registration & Show Rules

1. Judging will be done in Barn #1.
2. The rabbit show will have the following contests:
    - Judging Contest
    - Breed Identification Contest
    - Commercial Meat Pens
    - Commercial Single Fryer
    - Commercial Roaster
    - Commercial Stewer
    - Youth Rabbit All Breed Show
    - Open Rabbit Show

3. Judging Contest
    a. The judging competition is a hands on competition.
    b. The competitor will have seven (7) minutes to judge four (4) rabbits and place them in 1-4 order, then move to the next set of rabbits and judge them placing them in order from 1-4. There will be four (4) sets of rabbits to place in order.
    c. Judging Contest will begin Wednesday, September 30th, 2026 at 1:00 PM
    d. Open to all youth ages 9-18.
    e. Awards will be given to the 1st place winners in the Junior and Senior Divisions.
4. Breed Identification Contest
    a. The Breed ID is set up for exhibitors to ID the rabbit in the cage.
    b. No contact from the exhibitor will be allowed.
    c. The exhibitor will identify the breed, show room variety, class, and registration variety.
    d. Cavy ID will also be requested.
    e. Breed Identification Contest will begin Wednesday, September 30th, 2026 at 2:00 PM
    f. Open to all youth ages 9-18.
    g. Awards will be given to the 1st place winners in the Junior and Senior Divisions.
5. Showmanship
6. Commercial Meat Pens

a. Meat pens shall consist of three rabbits all the same breed and variety.
b. Broken Meat pens must also be of the same variety and breed.
c. A meat pen does not have to come from the same litter.
d. Age limit is 10 weeks old.

7. Commercial Single Fryer
    a. Age limit is 10 weeks old.
    b. Minimum weight of 3.5 pounds, Maximum weight of 5.5 pounds.
8. Commercial Roaster
    a. Age limit is 6 months old.
    b. Minimum weight of 5.5 pounds, Maximum weight 9 pounds.
9. Commercial Stewer
    a. Age limit is 6 months or older.
    b. Minimum weight of 8 pounds.

Note: For complete rules regarding Commercial Youth Meat Pen Rabbit Show, please see American Rabbit Breeders Association Standards of Perfection.

10. Youth Rabbit All Breed Show
    a. Youth rabbit judging will be held at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, September 30th, 2026 in Barn #1.
    b. Youth Rabbits will be released after the show on Wednesday, September 30th, 2026.
    c. Exhibitor entries in the YOUTH and OPEN Rabbit Division must be checked in by 12:00 PM on Wednesday, September 30th, 2026.
11. Open Rabbit Show
    a. Rabbit judging will be held immediately following Junior (youth) show on Wednesday, September 30th, 2026 in Barn #1.
    b. Open rabbits will be released at the conclusion of the show.
    c. All OPEN entries must be brought in on Wednesday, September 30th, 2026 between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM.
    d. All entries will be judged by breed.
    e. Classes are open for Adult and Junior Exhibitors.
    f. A minimum of 25 rabbits must be pre-registered or the show will be cancelled.

Note: These shows are not ARBA sanctioned. All Rabbit competitions will be set up following the conclusion of activities in Barn #1 on Wednesday, September 30th, 2026. Start times may vary due to the use of the ring in Barn #1.

Rabbit-Open and Junior Competition

Class	1st	2nd	3rd
Junior Doe	$13	$11	$9
Intermediate Doe	$13	$11	$9
Senior Doe	$13	$11	$9
Junior Buck	$13	$11	$9
Intermediate Buck	$13	$11	$9
Senior Buck	$13	$11	$9
Meat Pen	$23	$21	$19
Fryer	$13	$11	$9
Roaster	$13	$11	$9
Stewer	$13	$11	$9
Grand Overall Junior -Rosette	$5		
Res. Overall Junior -Rosette	$3		
Grand Overall Intermediate -Rosette	$5		
Res. Overall Intermediate -Rosette	$3		
Grand Overall Senior -Rosette	$5		
Res. Overall Senior -Rosette	$3		
Best of Show -Buckle, Banner, Rosette	$10		
Reserve Best of Show -Banner, Rosette	$5		
Grand Champion Meat Pen -Buckle, Banner, Rosette	$25		
Reserve Champion Meat Pen -Banner, Rosette	$15		
Grand Champion Single Fryer -Buckle, Banner, Rosette	$10		
Reserve Champion Single Fryer -Banner, Rosette	$5		