

## CLASS G. Market Birds

(Current year hatch, raised by exhibitor and eligible to be sold in the sale. Exhibitor must be present during judging to participate in the sale. Showmanship is mandatory.)

- 1) Broilers (two birds, same sex, 2 1/2-5 lbs)
- 2) Roasters (two birds, same sex, 5-10 lbs not over 10 lbs)
- 3) Duckling - Duck (minimum weight 6 lbs)
- 4) Duckling - Drake (minimum weight 7 lbs)
- 5) Turkey - Hen (minimum weight 14 lbs not over 26 lbs)
- 6) Turkey - Tom (minimum weight 23 lbs not over 36 lbs)
- 7) Goose (minimum weight 10 lbs)
- 8) Gander (minimum weight 11 lbs)

## CLASS H. Pigeons

(Young bird classes date hatched January 1 or after)

Young	Young	Old	Old
Cock	Pullet	Cock	Hen
1)	2)	3)	4)
5)	6)	7)	8)
9)	10)	11)	12)

Commercial breeds  
Fancy breeds  
Performing breeds

### Special Awards:

**Miller & Sons Supermarket** - All ribbons. Trophy to Champion of the following. Rosette to Reserve Champion of each class grouping.

- Class A: Champion Junior, Intermediate, Senior Showmanship  
Class B: Champion Standard  
Class C: Champion Bantam  
Class D: Champion Duck  
Class E: Champion Goose  
Class F: Champion Turkey  
Class G: Champion & Reserve Champion Market Bird  
Class H: Champion Pigeon

**Merit Award** - Awarded to an exhibitor on basis of bird care, cleanliness, knowledge, courtesy, and sportsmanship

**Rosette** - Awarded to "Best of Show" exhibited in Department 7

### **Mark your calendars for the... Fourth Annual Rooster Crowing Contest Saturday, July 22 at 7 p.m. Pavilion 2 - Showing C**

We are excited to invite Poultry exhibitors to participate in the Rooster Crowing Contest! This fun event is sure to provide a friendly, entertaining contest for poultry exhibitors, their friends, family and fair attendees.

#### **What you need to know:**

1. The Rooster Crowing Contest is open to Poultry exhibitors who entered a rooster in a breed or showmanship class at the 2017 Dane County Fair. Contact one of the Poultry Department Chairs at the fair to enter the contest.
2. You must be entered in the Rooster Crowing Contest by 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 22. No entries will be accepted after 4 p.m.
3. Each exhibitor may enter one rooster. Only one rooster per cage is acceptable.
4. One to two judges (non-participating exhibitors or parents) will be assigned to each cage to count crows.
5. Over the time span of 20 consecutive minutes, the crows of each rooster will be counted. A declared "go time" will be given to start counting crows. The rooster with the most crows during that time will be the winner.
6. Participants may not touch animals to make them crow.
7. Any sort of cruelty to the animals will NOT be accepted and will result in automatic disqualification from the contest.
8. Prizes will be awarded to the top crowing rooster and the top three participants.

## RABBITS Department 8

**Check-In:** Tuesday, 1 - 8 p.m., Pavilion 2 - Southwest corner

### **Judging: Pavilion 2 - Showing C:**

**Thursday, 8:30 a.m., Table 1**, Conference Judging Class A, Commercial and Best Commercial followed by Class B, Market Rabbits followed by Class D Fancy Breeds and Best Fancy

**Thursday, 8:00 a.m., Table 2**, Individual Conference Judging, Class C, Pet Rabbits followed by Class E, Showmanship.

**Department Chairperson:** Brenda Reilly, 212-4419

**Superintendents:** Justin Cimaroli, Christi (577-3924) & Gary Ringelstetter and Ron Rogers

**Eligible 4-H Project Areas:** Animal Sciences - Rabbits

### **Regulations:**

1. **\*\*NEW THIS YEAR\*\*** Youth planning to show OR sell a small animal at the Dane County Fair will need to attend at least one educational meeting pertaining to the type of animal they intend to show or sell. Youth intending to sell an animal MUST attend a Small Animal Market Sale Meeting. They will then fill out an Educational Card to show they attended these meetings.
  - a) If an exhibitor plans to sell their animal at the Small Animal Market Sale, they MUST attend a qualifying meeting specifically targeted to those participating in the sale. This meeting is also considered an educational meeting.
  - b) The Small Animal Educational Card must be turned in to the Dane County 4-H Office **no later than June 15**. Failure to do so will result in ineligibility to show or sell at the Dane County Fair.
2. All exhibitors must read and adhere to the Youth Exhibitor Code of Practice as stated on page 10.
3. This fair will be judged under the latest show rules of the American Rabbit Breeders Association. Ask any superintendent for information on how to obtain a copy of these rules.
4. Showmanship is recommended for all exhibitors. Be sure to enter the appropriate grade category. Judging is individual conference and will be done on a first come basis. A sign up sheet will be posted and judging will start at 9 a.m.
5. Up to 15 lots may be entered per exhibitor, excluding Showmanship and Costume.
6. All entries must be owned by the exhibitor by April 15 of the exhibit year.
7. An exhibitor enrolled in the rabbit project may show two managerial animals. Exhibitors or their family members, showing managerial animals, may not own or show any other rabbits. A rabbit managerial form is available through the Extension Office and must be filled out and on file at the Extension Office by April 15 of the exhibit year.
8. Commercial, Market and Fancy breeds must be purebred. Breed must be included on the Fair entry form.
9. Pet rabbits may be crossbreds.
10. If unsure of rabbit's sex or breed, call the department chair.  
**Try to purchase rabbits with pedigree papers.** This can be important. Junior rabbits must be at least 12 weeks old to exhibit. Any animal(s) of questionable age will be accepted at the discretion of the committee. **Showing animals younger than 12 weeks is very stressful and could stunt future growth.**
11. Exhibitors are responsible for the daily feeding and care of entries. Exhibitors are required to provide crocks or bottles for water and feed. Rabbits with improper dishes may be sent home. In addition, exhibitors are responsible for bringing their own bedding such as wood shavings.

12. **All exhibitors** are responsible for the general housekeeping and clean-up in their area. Exhibitors must clean-up after their animals and regularly dispose of waste in an appropriate manner. Exhibitors must completely clean out their spaces at release time. Example: clean off boards, fold cages, and stack in a pile. **Please provide your own tools and equipment for clean-up.** Department superintendents will explain proper procedure for the department.
13. Exhibitors must be present for judging. See a superintendent for any judging conflicts.
14. All rabbits must be permanently and legibly tattooed. Tattoo number must be listed on the exhibitor's Dane County Fair entry form. All tattoos should be done before the Fair; contact Small Animal Committee members with any questions.
15. All Market Rabbits must be raised from birth by the exhibitor.
16. All Market Rabbits will be weighed on check-in day. This weight will be used for judging. Any animal not making weight or over weight by more than 1/4 lbs. will not be eligible to sell in the Small Animal Market Sale. It is an honor to sell quality meat and this will keep sale animals of the highest quality. See further sale requirements under Small Animal Market Sale.
17. Any rabbit showing signs of disease and/or colds will be removed from the show and sent home promptly. If one or more entries are showing signs of a highly contagious disease (ear mites, lice, snuffles, etc.), the superintendents have the right to send home all animals in that entry for the protection of the other animals.
18. Superintendents have the right to carefully check the tattoo, condition, behavior or welfare of any animal as is necessary and bring any questions to the owner's attention.
19. Any rabbit found to have been entered in the wrong class at the time of judging will be dropped a placement and be ineligible for further judging (ex: Best of Breed). Rabbit may still be shown in showmanship and costume class if entered. If an exhibitor has any question on class entry, rabbit color, sex, weight, etc., Superintendents will be happy to assist to enter the rabbit in the proper class on check-in day if asked.

**Recommendations:**

1. **A long sleeve shirt or show coat should be worn when handling or showing your rabbit.**
2. Exhibitors are encouraged to enter appropriate lots in Animal & Vet Sciences, Department 10.
3. Clubs or individuals are encouraged to decorate their area and cages, display their club signs, and keep their area clean. Please use displays that are informative and educational to the general public. Please remove all decorations at the end of the Fair.
4. **Terms**

Commercial Breeds - used mainly for meat and fur.

Fancy Breeds - used mainly for pet and show.

- A. Two classes are provided for all breeds under 9 lbs. senior ideal weight.
  1. Junior Rabbit - under 6 months of age on Fair check-in day or not over maximum junior weight.
  2. Senior Rabbit - over 6 months of age on check-in day.
- B. Three classes are provided for all breeds having 9 lbs. or over minimum senior weight.
  1. Junior Rabbit - under 6 months of age on check-in day or not over maximum junior weight (If over weight, must be entered as 6-8).
  2. 6 - 8 Rabbit - 6 months of age and under 8 months of age on check-in day.
  3. Senior Rabbit - 8 months of age or over on check-in day or having attained minimum senior weight.

<b>Premiums:</b>	<b>Blue</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Pink</b>
Class A, B, C, D	\$2	\$1.75	\$1.50	\$1.25
Class E	\$3	\$2.50	\$2	\$1.50
Class F	No Premiums Paid			

## Interested in Rabbits???

The Sunday **FREE** Rabbit Raffle is an excellent opportunity for youth interested in exhibiting Rabbits to get involved with the project.

Details:

1. The Free Rabbit Raffle is open to any 4-H or FFA member not in the project or who only has one rabbit.
2. If you participate in the Raffle and are selected for a Rabbit, you must show the rabbit in 2018.
3. Raffle participants must have their parent's permission. Parents **MUST** sign the raffle tickets.

The rabbits will be on display on Sunday. The drawing will be held at 4 p.m. All rabbits must stay in the Pavilion until animal release at 7:30 p.m. Raffle participants must be present to win.

### CLASS A. Commercial Breeds

Sr	Sr	6-8	6-8	Jr	Jr	
<u>Buck</u>	<u>Doe</u>	<u>Buck</u>	<u>Doe</u>	<u>Buck</u>	<u>Doe</u>	
1)	2)	3)	4)	5)	6)	Californian
7)	8)	9)	10)	11)	12)	New Zealand (All colors)
13)	14)	15)	16)	17)	18)	Satins (All colors)
19)	20)	21)	22)	23)	24)	*Any other commercial breed

**\*Note:** Be sure to state breed on entry form. Flemish Giant has been moved to any other fancy breed.

### CLASS B. Market Rabbits

**(Must be purebred, raised by exhibitor and sold in the sale. Showmanship participation is mandatory.)**

- 1) Meat Pen - To consist of three rabbits, all the same breed and variety of either sex. No rabbit may be over 69 days old and may not be under 3 1/2 lbs. or over 5 lbs. Rabbits may not be entered in any other lot.
- 2) Single Fryer - A single rabbit, either sex, not over 69 days old and not under 3 1/2 lbs. or over 5 lbs. Rabbit may not be entered in any other lot.
- 3) Roaster Rabbit - A single rabbit, either sex, between 69 and 180 days old and over 5 lbs, but not over 8 lbs. Rabbit may not be entered in any other lot.

### CLASS C. Pet Rabbit

Single rabbit entries of either sex must have been in exhibitor's possession since April 15 of current year. Pet Rabbit lots must be shown by owner. **A rabbit cannot be shown in both a pet and a breed class. The exhibitor of a Pet Rabbit can only show in 1 Pet Class and 1 lot of Showmanship.** Pet Rabbit lots do not compete for Best in Show.

Lots:

- 1) Exhibitor - Grades 3-4
- 2) Exhibitor - Grades 5-6
- 3) Exhibitor - Grades 7-8
- 4) Exhibitor - Grades 9+

### CLASS D. Fancy Breeds

Sr	Sr	6-8	6-8	Jr	Jr	
<u>Buck</u>	<u>Doe</u>	<u>Buck</u>	<u>Doe</u>	<u>Buck</u>	<u>Doe</u>	
1)	2)	--	--	3)	4)	Dutch - all colors
5)	6)	7)	8)	9)	10)	French Lop
11)	12)	--	--	13)	14)	Holland Lop - Solid
15)	16)	--	--	17)	18)	Holland Lop - Broken
19)	20)	--	--	21)	22)	Mini Lop
23)	24)	--	--	25)	26)	N. Dwarf - Self/Shaded
27)	28)	--	--	29)	30)	N. Dwarf - Agouti/AOV
31)	32)	--	--	33)	34)	N. Dwarf - Tan
35)	36)	--	--	37)	38)	Mini Rex - Castor Color
39)	40)	--	--	41)	42)	Mini Rex - Broken
43)	44)	--	--	45)	46)	Mini Rex - Any other reg color
47)	48)	--	--	49)	50)	Polish - All colors
51)	52)	53)	54)	55)	56)	*Any other Fancy Breed
57)	58)	59)	60)	61)	62)	*Any other Wool Breed

**\*Note:** Be sure to state breed on entry form.

## CLASS E. Showmanship

- 1) Exhibitor - Grade 3-4
- 2) Exhibitor - Grade 5-6
- 3) Exhibitor - Grade 7-8
- 4) Exhibitor - Grade 9+

## CLASS F. Costume Class

- 1) Exhibitor - Grade 3-5
- 2) Exhibitor - Grade 6-8
- 3) Exhibitor - Grade 9+

### Special Awards:

**Reilly's Rabbits** - Trophy to best in each Costume Class.

**Miller & Sons Supermarket** - All ribbons. Trophies: Best Commercial Rabbit, Best Fancy Rabbit, Best Market Rabbit, Best Pet Rabbit. Rosettes: Best Meat Pen Rabbits, Best Single Fryer Rabbits, Best Roaster Rabbits, Reserve Champion Showmanship Rosettes, Best Rabbit of each Breed Division.

## SMALL ANIMAL MARKET SALE

**Check-In:** Tuesday, 1 - 8 p.m., Pavilion 2 - Showing C

**Sale:** Friday, 7 p.m., Pavilion 2 - Showing C

**Committee Chairperson:** David Johnson 608-516-8418  
Brandi Johnson 608-444-0282

**Superintendents/Committee:** David & Laura Johnson,  
Cynthia Majors-Culp, Greg & Betty Wolff and Chad Xander

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  - c) Additional requirements may be specified at these meetings, such as not mailing the "Buyer Contact" form by the required date. NOTE: It is not the responsibility of the Small Animal Sale Committee to track down missing forms or to process forms that are late.
2. Any exhibitor who is attending college or university and is unable to attend any one of the qualifying meetings will be required to write a 1000 word essay on a current industry topic in each species area (poultry, waterfowl, rabbits) in which there is intent to sell. This option and topic must have approval from the Small Animal Sale Committee. The essay is due to the 4-H Extension Office, 5201 Fen Oak Court, Rm. 138 Madison, WI 53718-8812 on or before June 15. In addition to the essay, a minimum of one year prior sale participation is required to be eligible to sell.
3. Upon check-in, all exhibitors and their parents with animals in the Market Sale will be required to sign a form stating proper withdrawal times have been observed for any drugs used. **Read and observe proper withdrawal times stated on drug labeling. To be safe, do not medicate your animals/birds.**
4. If at any time, prior to or after judging, an animal(s) shows signs of disease and/or colds, or neglect, said animal(s) will not be eligible to sell in the Small Animal Market Sale.

5. **Even if eligible, any exhibitor who decides not to sell an animal in the Small Animal Market Sale after showing in the Market Classes will be barred from the Market Classes and Sale for the next year.**
6. All exhibitors must be available one hour before the sale, during the sale and after the sale to sign their paperwork.
7. Market Rabbit and Poultry exhibitors must sign up for and participate in an appropriate showmanship class to be eligible to sell.
8. Small Animal Market Sale Committee reserves the right to limit sale animal lots based on number of entries. The Small Animal Sale will consist of no more than 100 qualifying lots. If the sale exceeds 100 lots, an exhibitor meeting will take place after judging to explain how lots will be eliminated from the sale.

### Objectives:

1. To provide small animal exhibitors an opportunity to raise and sell top quality poultry and rabbits at the Dane County Fair.
2. To provide incentive and encourage a stronger development of white meat animal projects.
3. To recognize members who do quality work in breeding, selecting, feeding and showing their market poultry and rabbits.

### What Will Be Offered:

1. Poultry to be auctioned are the qualifying entries in each Poultry Market Class (Class G).
2. Rabbits to be auctioned will be the qualifying entries in each Rabbit Market Class (Class B).

**NOTE: PLEASE enter your animals in the Market Classes and Small Animal Market Sale only if you intend for it to be sold and butchered.**

### Who Can Buy:

1. Anyone interested in encouraging youth.
2. Anyone who enjoys and appreciates good quality white meat.
3. Anyone who would gain beneficial advertising value.
4. Anyone interested in buying good market breeding stock.

### Sale Provisions:

1. Potential bidders register at sale ring (no obligation).
2. Animal weights will be provided, but bidding will be based on entry basis (i.e. meat pen, pair or single animal class entry).
3. All accounts are to be settled with clerk immediately after sale.
4. Sale order will be determined by drawing numbers except Champions and Reserve Champions.
5. Sale participants must be present when their animal is called to the auction block or they forfeit the right to sell. This will be strictly enforced. Participants are responsible for bringing their animals to the sale ring.
6. Neither the Fair nor the Sale Committee or Small Animal Committee will make a guarantee as to sale price. **It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to help bring in prospective buyers.**

### Special Requirements:

1. Entries open to all bona fide 4-H, FFA members or any other youth organization in Dane County. See Regulation #1 for educational qualifying meeting requirement.
2. Make entries on regular Dane County Fair entry forms under the respective Market Classes as noted in the Fair Premium Book.
3. The number of animals exhibited and the number of premiums given will follow County Fair Regulations.
4. It will be up to the exhibitor who sells an animal to see that the live or (if the buyer wants) dressed animal is delivered to the buyer within 30 days of the sale unless prior arrangements are made. When other arrangements are made, the agreement is to be between buyer and seller, and buyer should sign-off on the animal. All books on the sale will close 30 days after sale. Failure to deliver an animal within this time period will result in a one year ineligibility status from sale participation the following year.