

# Department 23

## Rabbits

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**There will be a \$1 per class entry fee charged for all rabbit exhibits.**

1. The fairgrounds and facilities will be ready to receive rabbit exhibits 4pm-7pm. on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.
2. All rabbits must be entered in the name of the caretaker/owner. All rabbits must have been in the exhibitor's possession and ownership for at least thirty days prior to the fair.
3. All rabbits will be inspected upon arrival to the fair, and any animal showing signs of disease will be rejected. Superintendent reserves the right to refuse entry to the show and to remove from the show all diseased (including ear mites), sick and/or unsightly specimens.
4. Cages will be furnished on a first come basis. Feed will be furnished.
5. Rabbits will be fed and cared for by department superintendent.
6. No rabbit exhibit will be allowed to leave the fairgrounds until the official check-out time. **All unclaimed animals will be given away after check out time. We are not responsible for rabbits or other animals left in the barn after check out.**

**Please Note: Judging Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 9am with Rabbit Showmanship to follow.**

### Division 94: Rabbits

01	Junior Doe (under 6 months of age)
02	Senior Doe (over 6 months of age)
03	Junior Buck (under 6 months of age)
04	Senior Buck (over 6 months of age)
05	Pen of 3 fryer rabbits – 2 does and 1 buck

### Division 95 – Rabbit Showmanship

**THE EXHIBITOR MUST OWN HIS/HER RABBIT IN ORDER TO SHOW!**

The exhibitor and exhibitor's ability to handle their rabbits will be judged. All rabbit exhibitors are encouraged to participate.

Class 1 - Wee Junior Class (up to age 8)
Class 2 - Junior Class (ages 9 - 13)
Class 3 - Senior Class (ages 14 - 19)

### Special Rabbit Event

**Beautiful Bunny- fix a can with rabbit and exhibitor names.**

**A prize will be paid to the one that collects the most money.**

## **2023 LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

### **Saturday, September 9• 10 a.m.**

The Junior Livestock Auction is to promote the continuation of 4-H and FFA Junior exhibitors in Cleburne County. The purpose of the auction is to raise money for that exhibitor to reinvest in their projects or to go to further their education. Without the generosity of the bidders, this would not be possible. The Junior Livestock Auction is open to Cleburne County 4- H Active Members and FFA Junior exhibitors residing in Cleburne County or belonging to a FFA chapter or 4-H club based in Cleburne County. Exhibitors will be allowed to sell one (1) animal only. Any exhibitor that is not present for the auction will not be allowed to sell the premium on their animal. The livestock will be auctioned for premium only. Any buyer wanting to buy the animal must negotiate with the owner. The Livestock Auction Committee reserves the right to change the number and type of animals in the auction based on fair attendance.

There will be a limit of 23 animals in the livestock auction. These will include the Grand and Reserve Champion market animals in each species (unless one exhibitor shows the Grand and Reserve, then they will sell only one, allowing a lower placed animal to make the auction) (This will also be limited to grand and reserves that best exhibit the individual species). Also included in the auction will be the supreme breeding beef, supreme dairy goat, supreme breeder goat, supreme breeding lamb and supreme breeding swine. The supreme breeding beef may be chosen from the supreme heifer, supreme bull and grand champion commercial heifer, overall junior poultry exhibit, and the overall junior rabbit exhibit. Any other animals making the auction will be decided on a percentage of the total number of market animals entered per specie.

The Livestock Auction committee consists of the livestock superintendent, selected board members, vocational-agriculture teachers from all schools in the county and the agricultural extension agent. Junior Livestock Auction premium checks may be written and held until all donations for such premiums are paid to the Cleburne County Fair and Livestock Show. There will be a \$10 nomination fee for any animal making the auction. The final Livestock Auction list will be released/posted Friday at the following the Livestock Show. Recommendations and/or decision of Livestock Auction Committee are final. Any presale money that is collected for the auction, the auction committee will determine where that money will be applied.