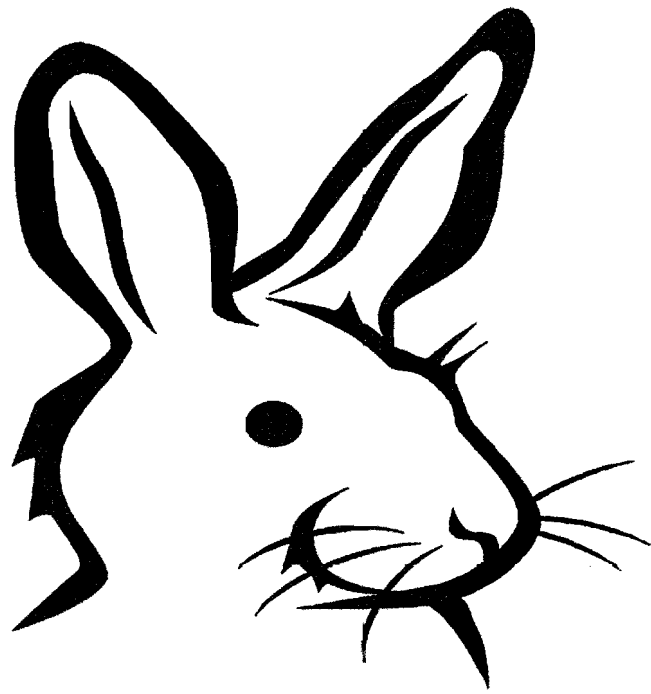


Desoto County Fair



Rabbit Rules

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2011 Rabbit Calendar of Events

November 2, 2010 Mandatory Meeting at DeSoto Country Fairgrounds at 7pm
December 1, 2010 Entry Fees Due to Rabbit Chairman by 7 pm
December 1, 2010 Pre Entries Due @ De Soto County Fairgrounds 6pm-7pm
January 3, 2011 Rabbit Entries Due
January 22, 2011 Rabbit Check In's 8-10 am
January 22, 2011 Rabbit Show @ De Soto County Fairgrounds at 2pm
January 23, 2011 Rabbit Showmanship @ DeSoto County Fairgrounds at 2pm
January 28, 2011 Livestock Awards @ 5pm
January 30, 2011 Rabbits Released 12-2 pm

General Fair Rules

On Behalf of the De Soto County Fair Association, you are invited to be a part of the Youth Rabbit Exhibit at the 2011 De Soto County Fair.

The Management of the De Soto County Fair Association reserves the right to amend, add, or/and interpret the following rules and regulations, to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and difference in regard to, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the fair.

The De Soto County Fair and Livestock Committee assumes no responsibility for the safety, loss or well being of exhibits. However, every reasonable precaution will be observed.

The owners or custodian of the property of any kind brought to the Fairgrounds, either for the exhibit or for other purposes, assumes as a condition of its admission to the fair grounds, all risk and/or responsibility for its loss, damage, or theft. The Fair or its Officers cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, elements, accidents or other conditions or causes. Whether the exhibits, property of the Exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left there or any other property of any nature whatsoever.

Exhibitor must reside in De Soto County and be currently enrolled and actively attending a De Soto County Elementary, Middle, or High School Program. Exhibitors must be a bona fide member of a chartered 4-H or FFA program and be 8 years of age and be no older than 19 years of age as of Sept. 1, 2010. The Fair Board and Livestock Committee will reserve the right to ask for proof of school attendance. All 4-H and FFA Leaders/Advisors will furnish an attendance record to the Livestock Chairman on January 2, 2011. Each Exhibitor must meet the requirements of the 4-H or FFA to be eligible to participate at the Fair.

Exhibitors and Parents should not be under the influence of a controlled substance or alcohol.

Physical conditions of Exhibitors which management considers to be a problem in the show or sale

may result in the management not accepting any entry or allowing the entrant to participate in the show or sale.

Each Exhibitor must assume all liability in case of death or injury to his or her animal until the end of the fair or until the animal is removed from the fairgrounds. At which time, market animals become the liability of the purchaser.

The Livestock Committee reserves the right to reject or require removal of any animal because of health, unmanageably, aggression or inferior quality any time during the fair.

All protest must be in writing, stating the complaint be accompanied by a fee of \$50, which shall be forfeited to the fair, in case the protest is not sustained and must be delivered to the Fair Management within 24 hours after cause of protest.

Any person who knowingly violates any of these rules and provisions forfeits all rights, privileges, and premiums.

Age determination of showmanship and record book awards shall be based on the Exhibitors age as of September 1, prior to the fair. Awards shall be divided into two classes Junior, Intermediate, and Senior.

The Livestock Show Categories and Market Steer, Heifers, Market Swine, Poultry, Rabbits, and Goats. **Entry by Exhibitor expressly implies their willingness to accept the decision of all the judges.**

There will be a (non-refundable,) registration fee of \$25 due at the mandatory meeting. The fee will entitle a week fair pass for Exhibitor and 2 parents. Additional passes may be purchased. This Fee does not include a fair membership as in the past years. For each additional child it is a fee of \$10.00 per child.

General Rabbit Rules

All exhibitors in this division are governed by the General Rules of the De Soto County Fair Youth Livestock Show. Upon acceptance into the Fair, exhibitors are under the supervision of the De Soto County Fair Youth Livestock Committee. At the discretion of the Youth Livestock Committee, any unbecoming conduct on the part of any exhibitor will result in disqualification, immediate removal of their animals from the Fairgrounds, and the loss of any premium or awards. All animals must conform to all State of Florida Health Rules.

All property entered in the fair for any purpose shall be subject to the control of the Livestock Committee. Tampering with any animals entered, such as filling with foreign substances, etc. is prohibited. The use of tranquilizers on show animals or possession of the same after the arrival to the fair will be considered as a form of tampering. Tampering will result in immediate disqualification of the animal. No chemicals are to be administered within 30 days of the show date, unless administered by a veterinarian, and accompanied by a letter from his or her. Shots or medication may not be given to animals while at fairgrounds, except with the permission of the barn superintendent and under the supervision of a veterinarian.

All vehicles used to service animals (such as feed) must take place between livestock opening, and one hour before fair is open to the public. All vehicles must be moved outside the fence one hour before the fair opens to the public. General Rules of the barn are, no climbing on the gates, bleachers, or cages.

Children are to be kept under control by their parents. Help keep the small animal area clean at all times. If you see paper or cans on the ground pick them up, and throw them in the trash. During the judging of the animals if you are running around, carrying rabbits improperly, or causing trouble of any kind, which can disturb the judges or exhibitor showing their rabbits, you will be asked to leave, your rabbit will not be shown, and premium will be forfeited. During judging you are to sit in the bleachers and observe. You will be told when you need to get your rabbit and put it up on the table. No one will be allowed at the judging table unless they have their rabbit up there, or if they are asked to be their by the rabbit chairman. Failure to do so will cause animal not be shown. Children are to bring their own animals up to the table. **If they need help the animal chairman will assign someone to help them.**

All exhibitors will be required to stay in the area of the rabbit judge until the end of the show. Leaving before the show is over will cause forfeit of premiums. No joint ownership of animals will be accept as an entry. All exhibitors, leaders, and parents are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous, professional, positive, and sportsmanship like manner at all times, or they will be dismissed from the fair and will be banned from participating in future fairs.

1. Eligibility: Any bonafide De Soto County 4-H or FFA member who currently resides in De Soto County or goes to De Soto County School is eligible. Should any youth exhibitor be suspended, placed in in-school suspension, or charged with a criminal offense including criminal traffic that exhibitor will be suspended from showing animals at De Soto County Fair.
2. Record Book: All youth show exhibitors must turn in a record book at the time of check in. The De Soto County Fair Small Animal Committee will have the books judged. They will be returned when the animals are picked up. Junior, Intermediate, and Senior record books will be judged separately. Winners will be announced on Friday night at the awards presentation. **Entries with no record book or an insufficient book will be considered as an Open Class entry.**
3. Entries: See the fair book for member information. Animals must have been owned on or before **November 25, 2010**. The limit is six entries per exhibitor. Meat pens consisting of three animals and occupying one cage will be considered one entry. All rabbits must be at least 10 weeks old to be shown. Entry forms are available at the County Extension Office, or forms the 4- H and FFA leaders. They must be completed and turned in to the Chairman of the Rabbit Committee on or before **January 03, 2010**. The Rabbit Committee Chairman will take pre-entries on **December 1, 2010 at the De Soto County Fairgrounds from 6pm- 7:00pm**. Unless already received by the Rabbit Committee Chairman prior to this date. **No Late entries will be accepted. Do not leave entry forms at the 4-H office or the FFA office. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make sure the completed entry form is turned in on time.**
4. Care of Animals: The Small Animals Committee will provide the care and feeding of the animals in the mornings. Exhibitors will need to sign in and do the afternoon care, feeding, and cleaning between 4-6pm each day. Each exhibitor is required to maintain clean and attractive quarters at all times. An exhibitor showing neglect of their animal shall forfeit all prize money.
5. Cleaning: It is the exhibitors responsibility to clean under their cages daily. Arrangements can be made with another exhibitor to share this job, but if it is not done daily exhibitor will be fined \$1.00 per day. This fee will be deducted from premium money.
6. Arrival: Rabbits must be checked in on **Saturday January 22, 2011 between 8:00 am and 10:00 am. NO LATE CHECKINS WILL BE ALLOWED!**
7. Responsibility: The De Soto County Fair Association will not assume responsibility for loss or damage to any exhibitor. Any animal considered to be by the Small Animal Chairman or Barn Supervisor to be sick or diseased will be sent home.
8. Meat Pens: A meat pen consists of three animals of the same breed and age. If occupying only one pen, they will be considered only one entry. They will not be judged separately. **\$10.00 will be awarded** to the first prize meat pen, provided there are two or more entries.
9. Judging: The rabbit show will be held on **Saturday January 22, 2011 at 2:00 pm**. Showmanship will held on **Sunday January 23, 2011@ 2pm**. **The judges decision will be final.**
10. Cages: Any Exhibitor or parent found to be opening the cages without the permission of the Small Animal Committee will forfeit all the premium money.
11. Handling: The Small Animal Committee has the right to handle animal when ever needed.

12. Premium: All premiums will be awarded at the awards presentation **Friday January 28, 2011 at 5:00 pm**. If unable to attend they will be given at time of checkout.
13. Release of Animals: All rabbits are to be released on **Sunday January 30, 2011 between 12 pm and 2pm**. If you cannot come at this time, it is your responsibility to make arrangements with someone else to come for you. If someone else is to pick up your animal the Small Animal Committee is to be notified in writing of who it is, and arrangements for cleaning under cages must be made. The De Soto County Fair Association is not responsible for any animals left after this time. The rabbit chairman must approve any early releases.
14. Complaints: Any complaints must be given in writing with in 2 days to the Small Animal Committee Chairman, or Barn Supervisor in order to have the matter checked into.
15. Awards: All exhibitors must be present at the awards presentation on **January 28, 2011 at 5:00 pm**.
16. Fair ID Passes: All exhibitors will receive their Fair ID Pass. You are to wear your pass at all times while on the fairgrounds. All exhibitors are not to be in the barn for any reason during normal school hours, and will be disqualified with the exception of their sale/ show day afternoon, this includes the home school exhibitors.

Nancy Allen
Rabbit Chairman

Exhibitors signature: _____

Parents signature: _____