

**2012 WALKER COUNTY FAIR
FRYER-PEN RABBIT DIVISION**

RULES

1. This show is not a TRBA/ARBA sanctioned show, however, ARBA rules and standards will be followed in the judging process.
2. All rabbit entries will be subject to the general rules and regulations of the Walker County Fair Association.
3. Exhibitors must own their breeding does prior to the first mandatory meeting (first Monday in November).
4. All eligible Walker County 4-H and FFA members are qualified to compete.
5. All participants/exhibitors must attend two mandatory meetings in order to remain eligible for competition. At the first mandatory meeting, information forms including breeding doe tattoo numbers will be filled out to include all breeding doe tattoo numbers. The second mandatory meeting is to complete the information forms by indicating the number of kits born still alive to each doe according to the tattoo number of each doe. The second mandatory meeting is on the first Monday in March. **THE YOUTH MUST ATTEND THESE TWO MEETINGS UNLESS PRIOR NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL OR THEY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM COMPETITION IN THE WALKER COUNTY FAIR.** Due only to reasons beyond control of the youth to attend these mandatory meetings will the participant have 7 days after the missed meeting to submit a written letter to the Committee Chairman stating the reason they could not attend. At this point, eligibility status will be determined by a WCFA Rabbit Committee vote.
6. WCFA Entry Forms will be provided at the second mandatory meeting and must be turned in along with the entry fee at this meeting in order to maintain eligibility.
7. A meat pen is to consist of 3 rabbits of the same breed or variety. Each rabbit is to be under 70 days old and weigh a minimum of three (3) pounds to a maximum of five (5) pounds to qualify for the show.
8. Rabbits entered in the meat pen competition must be permanently tattooed in the left ear with separate and unique identifying letters and (or) numbers.
9. Each exhibitor must deliver his/her meat pen to the check-in table prior to commencement of judging. Prior to or upon check-in, exhibitors will be responsible for completing all paperwork required by the WCFA. During the check-in process, weights and ear tattoo numbers will be recorded and verified. Other means of identification may be attached prior to the rabbits being placed on exhibit. Following check-in, a WCFA Rabbit Committee representative will place the rabbits on the show table. Following the judge's remarks, exhibitors are responsible for removing meat pens from the show table and placing them in the designated exhibit pens, in accordance with rule #13.
10. Only in cases of extreme hardship, and then only with a written letter to the Committee Chairman, will an exhibitor be excused from showing an animal and being present at the Premium or Freezer Sale in which the pen is sold.
11. If one or more rabbits in a pen is disqualified and/or eliminated, the entire pen is disqualified and will not be allowed to sell in the Premium or Freezer Sale and animals must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.

12. The Judge's decision on placements of the class will be final and all prizes will be awarded in accordance with A.R.B.A. *Standard of Perfection* by a licensed judge. However, should any violations of the WCFA general rules or the rules contained herein occur, exhibitors will be subject to the penalties and/or forfeiture of their winnings as stated in these rules.
13. All exhibitors will select only one fryer from the meat pen shown which shall remain on exhibit throughout the fair until the designated check-out time. No substitutions will be allowed without the written consent of the WCFA Rabbit Committee. Any allowable substitutions must be from the meat pen shown.
14. All qualified meat pens shown, as defined in rule #13, will remain on exhibit during the fair, but ONLY the top fifteen (15) pens will be sold in the Premium Sale. Any additions to or changes in the sale order will be determined by WCFA.
15. Each exhibitor will be responsible for DAILY feeding and care of his/her rabbits, keeping the pen and surrounding area clean at all times during the fair. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed and clean fresh water for their pen. No feed or water storage containers or equipment of any kind will be allowed to be stored in the exhibition area.
16. Rabbits on exhibit will be subject to inspection by the Committee to insure compliance with show rules.
17. At the conclusion of the fair, there will be a designated check-out time to remove exhibitor's rabbit(s) from the exhibition area. Upon check-out, all tattoo numbers will be verified before they are released to the exhibitor and/or their parent(s). The exhibitor and/or parent will be required to sign a release form before they will be allowed to remove the rabbit(s) from the fairgrounds.
18. Breeding stock and possible fair entries (offspring) may be subject to spot checks at the discretion of the committee between the first mandatory meeting date and the day of the rabbit show.