

# DEPARTMENT #37 – JUNIOR RABBIT MEAT PEN

## RABBIT MEAT PEN

Judge: Melissa Magee - Westley, CA

<b>Entries Close:</b>	Sunday, June 30, 11:59 p.m.
<b>Arrival Time:</b>	<b>Friday, August 2, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$10.00 per entry class
<b>Limit:</b>	A total of two market animals or market pens per exhibitor
<b>Weigh-In &amp; Judging:</b>	<b>Weigh-in – Friday, August 2, Upon Arrival</b> <b>Judging – Saturday, August 3, 1:00 p.m.</b> Meat Pen Show followed by Showmanship (FFA followed by 4-H youngest – oldest)
<b>Exhibitor Meeting:</b>	<b>Sunday, August 4, 5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Auction:</b>	<b>Monday, August 5, 1:00 p.m. (or after the lunch break) – Dorfman Ring</b>

### Rules

1. Exhibitors must be present in the showroom and in uniform during judging.
2. Junior exhibitors are expected to care/feed/water their own animals. Feeding and watering must be completed by 9:00 a.m. daily and as needed. No adults will be allowed to tend or handle the animals. Cages must be cleaned daily.
3. All rabbits must be identified with unique permanent ear tattoos, in the left ear that correspond to the entry.
4. Each entry to be one breed and color. May not be entered in any other class. All breeds judged together.
5. All market ready rabbit meat pens will be auctioned Monday, August 5th, at approximately 1:00 p.m. in the Junior Livestock Auction. Junior Auction Rules apply to this class. Auctioned pens become sole possession of the buyer at the time of sale.
6. Rabbits **must** be transported from barn to sale ring in proper carrier. ie. cage, dog carrier etc. No open containers or boxes. Animals must be returned to the barn following sale.
7. All meat pens sold will be processed.
8. Meat rabbits will be weighed upon check-in.
9. Pre-entry into showmanship is required. Please see Department 52 for showmanship rules. Sifted animals will be released immediately after showmanship (a livestock release slip will be needed) .
10. Exhibitors will be expected to sign-up and complete a two-hour "barn duty" shift.

### MEAT PENS – SCORECARD FOR JUDGING

Meat Type.....	40%
Condition of Flesh.....	30%
Uniformity in Body and Weight.....	20%
Fur.....	10%
TOTAL .....	100%

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Division 3701 – FFA Market Rabbit Meat Pen

Division 3702 – 4-H Market Rabbit Meat Pen

### Class

1. Three Rabbits, same breed – 3.5 minimum to 5.5 pounds maximum each animal – not over 70 days old.

## RABBIT MEAT PEN SHOWMANSHIP

Pre-entry into showmanship is required. Exhibitors must enter showmanship by close of entries.

### Division 3704 – Rabbit Meat Pen Showmanship

*FFA exhibitors in 7th & 8th grade will enter FFA Novice if this is their first year showing this species. Otherwise they will enter FFA Advanced.*

### Class

1. FFA Novice
2. FFA Advanced
3. 4-H Market Meat Pens Jr exhibitors 9-10 years
4. 4-H Market Meat Pen Jr exhibitors 11 thru 13 years
5. 4-H Market Meat Pen Sr exhibitors 14 years & over



2023 Supreme Rabbit Meat Pen  
Exhibited by Andrew Horak, Green Valley 4-H