



Needville Youth Fair

2026 Meat Pen Rabbit Rules

Chairman: Scott Wiegat – (832) 473-2961

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Judge: Jennifer Schimpf

Key Dates

Event	Date	Time
Online Entry Deadline	Monday, March 16, 2026	
Tattoo/Entry	Monday, March 23, 2026	7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (NYF Fairgrounds)
Check-In & Sift	Wednesday, April 29, 2026	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Rabbit Show	Wednesday, April 29, 2026	Immediately following check-in

Rules & Regulations

1. General Compliance

- All exhibitors must comply with the Needville Youth Fair General Rules.

2. Project Ownership

- All rabbits must be the legal property of the exhibitor and under their daily care throughout the project.
- Exhibitors purchasing rabbits must take possession before the tattoo/entry date.
- Family tagging is allowed for immediate family members living in the same household.

3. Tattoo & Validation

- Tattooing and validation will be held Monday, March 23, 2026, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Needville Youth Fairgrounds.
- Tattooing establishes eligibility for individual or family tag-in.
- Rabbits with incorrect, altered, or missing tattoos will be disqualified.

4. Entry Limits & Fees

- Each exhibitor may tattoo and validate a maximum of twenty-five (25) bunnies.
- The first 15 bunnies cost \$30.00, 16–20 cost \$40.00, and 21–25 cost \$50.00.

5. Breed & Weight Requirements

- Meat pens must consist of three (3) rabbits of the same breed and variety.
- Eligible breeds: Californian and New Zealand. No crossbreeds allowed.
- Weight limits: 3 lbs. 8 oz. minimum and 5 lbs. 8 oz. maximum per rabbit.

6. Weigh-In & Health

- Each rabbit will be weighed once at check-in with a one (1) ounce variance allowed.
- Rabbits exceeding or under weight limits will disqualify the entire pen.
- Rabbits deemed unhealthy (ear mites, conjunctivitis, sniffles, diarrhea, etc.) will be disqualified.

7. Showmanship & Judging

- All meat pen rabbits will be judged on meat type, flesh condition, fur, and uniformity.
- This is not an ARBA-sanctioned show; toenails and teeth are disregarded.
- Showmanship will be judged following the show for exhibitors showing their own projects.
- Grand and Reserve Champions will be awarded in each age division.

8. Sale Eligibility & Care

- Twenty-two (22) pens will qualify for the sale.
- Exhibitors must provide their own water and feed containers and care for their animals during the fair.
- Rabbits must remain caged on the fairgrounds until checkout on Sunday.

9. Buyer Restrictions

- Auction buyers shall not be approached by anyone to buy back or be asked to donate their animal back to the exhibitor.

10. Final Authority

- All decisions made by the Division Chairman and/or Vice Chairman are final.