



## Needville Youth Fair 2026 Meat Pen Rabbit Rules

**Chairman:** Scott Wieghat – (832) 473-2961  
**Vice Chairman:** Julie Kveton – (281) 204-7848  
**Judge:** Jennifer Schimpf

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### 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.