


# Pen of Meat Rabbit

## 2019 Rules and Regulations for the Hernando County Fair Youth Livestock Show and Sale

**Mandatory meeting Thursday, January 31st, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., however if you are unable to attend this MANDATORY meeting the make-up meeting will be held on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**

1. This project competition is only open to those exhibitors **NOT** showing a swine or steer project at the 2019 Hernando County Fair. **PEN OF MEAT RABBIT ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED BEGINNING, Monday, December 3rd, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M.** A \$20.00 non-refundable entry fee for each Pen of Meat exhibitor is required. Entry Form and \$20.00 entry fee must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019. (Must be postmarked by this date for acceptance). ***There is a limit of only 10 entries allowed for this project. ALL SIGNATURES ON ENTRY FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ELIGIBILITY – NO COPIED SIGNATURES ALLOWED.***
  -  Exhibitors to Hernando County from other counties must submit a letter (**two weeks prior to deadline**) to the HCFAYLC, expressing their reason for wanting to show in Hernando and not their County of residence. Approval may be allowed, after the HCFAYLC has contacted the County in which they reside, and verified the reasons to be true and justified. **(Letters that have been sent in the previous year will be accepted.)**
2. **Rabbit Pen of Meat consists of three meat rabbits of the same breed and variety. *Recommended weight at fair check-in; according to A.R.B.A, minimum of (3 1/2) pounds and a maximum of (5 1/2) pounds.***
3. **CHECK-IN:** April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. bring your three (3) best rabbits with you to the fairgrounds, as there will be no back up or substitution rabbits allowed. Rabbit weights will be certified. Exhibitors registering animals **MUST** be present at check-in. all animals will be inspected: No sick, diseases, or animals with mites will be accepted.


**USE APPROPRIATE CONTAINERS FOR TRANSPORTING RABBITS**
4. **MANDATORY CHECK-IN MEETING:** April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with Exhibitors and Parents, as soon as last animal has been checked in.
5. Exhibitors may not compete against themselves. (Only one entry per exhibitor/club/chapter).
6. The HCFAYLC would like to emphasize, general care, grooming, cleaning of stalls/pens, and feeding of animals. This will be the Responsibility of the Exhibitor, with assistance only from FFA Advisor, 4-H Leader, Livestock Committee, Parent/Guardian, or fellow exhibitor. Care and Feeding includes providing feed and water.
  - **All Rabbit and Poultry Exhibitors – Feeding and cleaning of animals should be done at least once a day, and MUST be completed by 9:00 p.m. each day or one (1) hour after shows.**
  - **There will be no feeding, watering, or bathing of animals during any livestock show.**
  - **Additional care may be provided, at the discretion of the HCFAYLC.**
  - **Failure to clean pens after removal will result in a \$25.00 FINE.**
7. **SHOWMANSHIP:** Rabbit Showmanship will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019, beginning at 5:00 p.m. *Showmanship is MANDATORY for all exhibitors except CLOVER BUDS (it is optional). If cloverbuds choose to participate the showmanship will start at 4:00 p.m.*

**Exhibitors who do not participate in the Mandatory Showmanship will have the following penalties invoked:**

  - **Market Animals-** Animals will be sold at Buyback price.
8. **JUDGING:** Rabbit judging will take place on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 all rabbits will be judged in their pens. All pens must be unlocked by 10:00 a.m. that morning.
9. **PEN OF MEAT RABBIT EXHIBITOR AWARDS AND AUCTIONS:** Exhibitor awards will begin on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Auction begins at 6:30 p.m. Buyer's dinner begins at 7:00 p.m.
  - Each exhibitor is asked to bring a dessert for the Buyer's dinner on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Two or more exhibitors are asked to bring one dessert per family. Desserts can be dropped off in the auditorium starting at 10:00 a.m.

- Buyers gifts are highly recommended for your projects. These gifts do not have to be expensive it's the thought that counts. Examples: Plants, BBQ supplies, Gift Cards, Gift Baskets of anything you feel your buyer will love.

**Exhibitors MUST provide an appropriate container for transportation of rabbits from fair to buyer.**

10.  Unbecoming conduct on the part of an exhibitor will at the discretion of the Hernando County Fair Association, (HCFA), result in disqualification of the exhibitor and require immediate removal of the animal/s and the exhibitor from the Fairgrounds - with the loss of awards, premiums, show and/or sale privilege and across the board add-ons. Profanity at any event with the Fair will result in disqualification.
- Unbecoming conduct with ANY individual associated with the exhibitor on the Fairgrounds will result in removal of that person/persons from the grounds.
11. Thank you Letters for Buyers and/or Belt Buckles are due on Monday, April 22nd, 2019 between 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – All Thank You Letters must be handwritten by the exhibitor in pen (cloverbud can be in pencil). Reminder: Exhibitors will be charged \$50.00 per buyer, add-on, and/or belt buckle for each appropriate thank you letter not received by the deadline. Youth are encouraged to turn letters in early so they can be reviewed and replaced if necessary.
12. **BELT BUCKLE THANK YOU APPLIES TO ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS WINNING BELT BUCKLES.**




**ALL THANK YOU LETTERS FOR BELT BUCKLE SPONSORS AND BUYERS ARE DUE BY **MONDAY, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019** between 4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THANK YOU LETTERS TO BUYER'S AND/OR BELT BUCKLE SPONSORS:**

- Letters **MUST** be handwritten in pen (cloverbud can use pencil) by the exhibitor.
- Proceed to ***"Picture Table"***, and locate your Buyer's and/or Belt Buckle Sponsor Pictures.
- Take envelope provided by the HCFAYLC for mailing your Thank You Letters.
- Go to Barn Office and get your Buyer's and/or Belt Buckle Sponsor Addresses.
- Address envelope provided by HCFAYLC, and place a stamp on it - **DO NOT SEAL ENVELOPE.**
- Return to Barn Office, and turn in your Thank You Letter/s.

**BRING YOUR OWN STAMP - STAMPS ARE NOT PROVIDED**

13.  Exhibitors Add-on list will be ready for pick-up on **Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019** by 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
14. Appropriate and proper **handwritten in pen by the exhibitor (cloverbuds are optional)** thank you letters for all add-ons must be turned in to the Fair Office by 6:00 p.m., **on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** All thank you letters must be in an unsealed, stamped, addressed envelope.
15. Any questions or protest concerning compliance with the rules and regulations or the eligibility of an exhibitor or his/her animal must be submitted in writing to the Livestock Committee Chairman within 24 hours after the discovery of the infraction along with a fine of \$50. The HCFAYLC and/or Fair Board may investigate possible infractions of rules at any time.
16. Exhibitors will be assigned stall/pen space by the HCFAYLC. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping there are clean and neat during the fair. The HCFAYLC will be using a Yellow and Red Tag Penalty System for making sure all animals are cared for and that the area in and around your stalls/pens are maintained. If a member of the HCFAYLC observes that your animal, or your stall/pen is being neglected you will receive a Yellow Tag (which is a warning), with the reason for it written on the tag. If the HCFAYLC notices your project/stall/pen is being neglected in any manner again, you will be given a Red Tag and fined \$50.00.

17. The HCFAYLC sponsors a Herdsman Award.

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: \_\_\_\_\_



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Status: \_\_\_\_\_

**2019 Pen of Meat Rabbit Entry Form  
Hernando County Fair Youth Livestock Show & Sale**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address, if different: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home#: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell#: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Age as of September 1, 2018 - CIRCLE ONE** *Clover Bud: (5-7) Junior: (8 - 10) Intermediate: (11 - 13)*  
*Senior: (14 & Older)*

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ **County of Residence** \_\_\_\_\_

Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H or FFA Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Club/Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Leader/Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Leader/FFA Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Agent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT I HAVE COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ENTRY, AND THAT I AUTHORIZE MY CHILD TO ENTER THIS PROJECT IN THE HERNANDO COUNTY FAIR YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE. WE BOTH AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS.***

Exhibitors Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**T-Shirt Size**

*Circle Appropriate Size*

Child Small      Adult Medium

Child Medium    Adult Large

Child Large      Adult X -Large

Adult Small      Adult XX - Large

**Return Entry Form, and \$20.00 Entry Fee, to the Fair Office at:**

**Hernando County Fairgrounds - P.O. Box 10456 -  
Brooksville, FL 34603**

***Entries MUST be received by 4:00 p.m. January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, or postmarked by this date, for acceptance.***

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**All decisions of the HCFAYLC are FINAL!**