

2009 FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL® YOUTH RABBIT SHOW

February 26 - March 4, 2009



Chairperson: Thomas Sturgis (813) 986-4372

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Applications Available: Monday, November 17, 2008

Applications also Available at: www.flstrawberryfestival.com

Applications Deadline: must be postmarked by Friday, January 2, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

Arrival of animals: Wednesday, February 25, 2009, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Release of animals: Wednesday, March 4, 2009, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Competition open to: All youth attending Hillsborough County Schools

**IT IS SUGGESTED THAT EXHIBITOR HAVE
THEIR ANIMAL BY DECEMBER 1ST.**

ABSOLUTELY NO COOLERS, FOOD OR DRINKS IN LIVESTOCK TENT

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** No sick or diseased stock (ear mites, ear canker, etc.) will be allowed in the show.
 - 1a. In the event of government or Florida Strawberry Festival® imposed quarantine of animal(s) entered for exhibit or sale at the Florida Strawberry Festival®, the Florida Strawberry Festival® accepts no responsibility for financial, or other, loss by the exhibitor incurred as a result of the inability to exhibit and/or market the animal(s). Government refers to any City, County, State, or Federal Agency with the legal power to impose such quarantine. The preceding statement pertains to the entire time period (prior to, during, or after the exhibit days) of the show and/or sale. Financial, or other, loss refers to financial loss due to the inability to market the animal at the Festival and to loss of premiums and awards due to the inability to exhibit the animal.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** All youth attending school in Hillsborough County.
3. **BREED CLASSES:**

I. Commercial

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| A. Californian | (1) Buck |
| | (2) Doe |
| B. New Zealand | (1) Buck |
| | (2) Doe |

II. Fancy

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| A. Dutch | (1) Buck |
| | (2) Doe |
| B. Netherlands Dwarf | (1) Buck |
| | (2) Doe |

I. Commercial

C. Satin (1) Buck
(2) Doe
D. A.O.V. (1) Buck
(2) Doe

II. Fancy

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C. F Lops (1) Buck
(2) Doe
D. Florida (1) Buck
White (2) Doe
E. Rex (1) Buck
(2) Doe
F. A.O.V. (1) Buck
(2) Doe

NO MIXED BREEDS

4. Management reserves the right to reject any entry, or entries, from any exhibitor.
5. Entry forms may be obtained from County Agents, 4-H Leaders, Vocational Agriculture Teachers, and the Florida Strawberry Festival® Office or from www.flstrawberryfestival.com.
6. The Florida Strawberry Festival® will not be responsible for any losses.
7. Entries must be postmarked, emailed or faxed by: **Friday, January 2, 2009 at 4 p.m. No Entry Forms accepted after this date.**
8. The decision of the judge shall be final. No protests will be entertained unless they are made in writing and accompanied by a \$5.00 protest fee. If the protest is sustained the money will be refunded.
9. No Doe and Litter accepted.
10. **ARRIVALS: Rabbits will be received from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 2009.**
11. **RELEASE: Rabbits will be released from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 4, 2009. EACH EXHIBITOR SHALL UNDERSTAND THAT COMPLIANCE WITH THIS RULE IS A CONDITION AGREED TO UPON PARTICIPATION IN THE SHOW. EARLY REMOVAL COULD RESULT IN LOSS OF PREMIUMS AWARDED. ANY ANIMAL LEFT AFTER 5:00 P.M., THE FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL® WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE.**
12. GUIDELINES for this show will be from A.R.B.A. Standards of Perfection for their breed.
13. **TROPHIES & PREMIUMS:**
 - Grand Champion of Show \$20
 - Reserve Champion of Show \$15

 - Best Opposite Sex Commercial \$10
 - Best Opposite Sex Fancy \$10

PREMIUMS:

- Blue \$7
- Red \$6
- White \$5

COMPLETE ADDRESS MUST BE ON FORM FOR PREMIUM CHECKS TO BE ISSUED.

14. Exhibitors are limited to 1 cage, but depending on the number of entries, exhibitors may be allowed to use more than one cage. This will be at the discretion of the superintendent.
15. Entries limited—first-come, first-served.
16. Premiums will be given as you pick up your entry. **RABBITS REMOVED BEFORE RELEASE DATE WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF PREMIUM MONIES. ANY COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING PROHIBITED.**
17. **During the period of exhibition, any unruly or disrespectful conduct to any Committee or Festival personnel will result in disqualification of the Exhibitor.**
18. **Anyone participating in this contest by way of entry, hereby agrees and consents to the use of any picture of contestant in any or all publications, TV, publicity brochure, internet, etc., that the Florida Strawberry Festival® may desire.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Florida Strawberry Festival®
P.O. Drawer 1869
Plant City, FL 33564
813 752-9194

SAFETY RULES CONCERNING LIVESTOCK AND PLANT AREAS

The following rules govern all livestock shows including the plant show. It includes all areas in the festival deemed as agricultural and where animals are housed.

The rules concern all participants, their families and any visitors to these areas.

These rules are based on The Center for Disease Control Guidelines for the safe operation of livestock shows.

These rules have been made policy by the Board of Directors of the Florida Strawberry Festival® and as such will be strictly enforced so to ensure the festival's continued ability to provide livestock exhibitions at the Florida Strawberry Festival® in future years.

1. Know that animals carry germs that can make people sick and have actually done so.
2. Any contact with animals should always be followed by washing of your hands.
3. **There can be absolutely, NO FOOD or DRINK in any form in the livestock areas. This includes visitors, family and exhibitors.**
4. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to educate visitors and report food and drink violations to appropriate parties.
5. No animal can be fed anything but livestock feed in appropriate containers. If you are feeding an animal food other than livestock feed, you have already violated Rule #3.
6. No one but the exhibitor or his or her duly appointed designee can have direct contact with the animals.
7. All animal areas will be set up so that the general public cannot directly touch the livestock.
8. These rules may change from time to time and it is the exhibitors and guardians responsibility to verify the rules prior to entering the show.

Each exhibitor and their legal guardian must sign a copy of these rules agreeing to be bound by them. Furthermore these rules will be enforced uniformly and without exception. **Any exhibitor with their exhibit not following these guidelines will be disqualified from the livestock or plant show.**

We have read and understand these rules and we agree to the following as stated above.

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Exhibitor	Please Print Name	Date
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Parent/Guardian	Please Print Name	Date