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2016 Michigan State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
Saturday, January 30, 2016, beginning at 9 a.m.
Michigan State University Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education

Schedule

Friday, January 29
6 p.m. Show Floor Set-Up Begins (Your help is needed!)

Saturday, January 30
6:30 a.m. Doors open
7-8 a.m. Registration (Registration Area) All breeds except Cloverbuds must be registered by 8 a.m.
8 a.m.–3 p.m. Commercial Exhibits
8:15 a.m. Show Judges Meeting (Location to be announced day of show)
8:15–8:45 a.m. Gold Clover 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Showmanship Check-In
8:30 a.m. Meat Pen Weigh-In (Judge’s Table)
8:30 a.m. Educational Displays in place (Location to be announced the day of the show)
8:45 a.m. Exhibitor Meeting (Location to be announced day of show)
9 a.m. Show Begins (Location of specific breeds posted at Judging Tables)
9 a.m.–noon Gold Clover 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Showmanship Contest
9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Breed ID
11 a.m. Awards Table Opens
11 a.m. – noon Cloverbud Division Judging
12:30-1:30 p.m. Scholarship Fund Auction
1:30 p.m. Show Continues
1:30 p.m. Gold Clover 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Showmanship Awards
After the Show Clean-Up Begins (Your help is needed!)

Set-Up and Clean-Up Help
The State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show planning committee welcomes your help with:
• Setting up the show floor starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2016.
• Cleaning up at the close of the show on Saturday, January 30, 2016.
General Rules & Regulations

Age, Eligibility and Animal Ownership

1. Exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members aged 9 to 19 as of January 1, 2016, to participate in the show. To participate in the Cloverbud Division youth must be 5 to 8 as of January 1, 2016.
2. **Exhibitors must own the animals they are showing, and must be present to participate.**
3. Exhibitors are not required to be ARBA (American Rabbit Breeders Association) members to show.

Animal Eligibility

4. Rabbits and cavies are not required to be registered with ARBA to be shown at the State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show. However, rabbits and cavies will be judged by the ARBA Standard of Perfection as of February 1, 2015 for breed, fur and meat. Mixed breed and unrecognized breeds and varieties of rabbits will not be accepted. Entries must meet ARBA Standard minimum weights.
5. All rabbits and cavies must have permanent, legible tattoos or tag identification marks in their left ears.
6. Exhibitors may enter rabbits of as many breeds as they wish. However, when the showing times of several breeds conflict, only another 4-H member may help show the rabbits. Exhibitors are responsible for grooming and transporting their rabbits and cavies to and from the judging tables. **No adults may groom or transport rabbits on or off the judging tables. Violators will forfeit entry fees and awards.**
7. The Michigan State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show features rabbit and cavy breed classes only. (No showmanship classes. Showmanship classes are held at the State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo in June 2015)
8. Fur classes will be accepted within each breed only. Rabbits being entered in a fur class also must be entered in a breed class.
9. Meat Pen entries consist of three rabbits. Rabbits entered in Meat Pen classes must not be more than 70 days old. Each rabbit must weigh between 3 and 5 pounds. All three animals making up a Meat Pen entry must be of the same breed and variety (color) and cannot be shown as single fryers or in breed classes.
   • Single fryer entries consist of one rabbit not more than 70 days old that weighs 3 to 5 pounds. The animal cannot be selected from a Meat Pen or breed class.
   • Single roaster entries consist of one rabbit weighing more than 5 pounds but less than 8 pounds and not more than 6 months of age. The animal cannot be selected from a breed class.

Entry Procedures and Fees

10. **All entries must be submitted on official Michigan State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show Entry Forms (see sample forms on page 8).** Other forms will not be accepted. Official entry forms will be available only at the registration table between 6:30 and 8 a.m. the day of the show.
11. **Entry fees of $3.00 a class must be paid in cash** at the time of entry. No checks or credit cards will be accepted.
12. Entries for the Cloverbud division need to complete an entry form that states “CLOVERBUD” across the top. These entry forms will be available at 9 a.m. No entry fee for Cloverbuds.
13. After entry forms and remark cards are completed they must be inspected at the Check-In Table. The Check-In Table will sign your entry form and send you to the Cashier Table.
14. No changes in entry forms will be allowed after forms have been submitted to the entry clerk.
15. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. All entries (breeds and meat classes) must be registered by 8 a.m. No classes will be re-judged because of late arrivals.

**Judging and Awards Procedures**

16. Starting breeds will be posted by 8:30 a.m. It is up to the discretion of the show committee to change judges for a particular breed after the breed is posted.
17. Judges will use Remark Cards (see pgs 9 and 10 for samples of the cards). Cards will be available at registration.
18. Only judges and breed chairpersons are allowed behind the judging tables during judging. Participants, parents, leaders and others must remain out from behind show tables during judging. No carrying cages are allowed at the judge’s tables.
19. Participants, parents, leaders and others are not allowed to speak to or ask questions of the judges during judging, unless a judge asks someone a direct question.
20. All awards will be handed out at the Award Table starting at about 11 a.m. To receive awards, exhibitors must bring their completed Remark Cards to the table.

**Sportsmanship, Fair Play and Humane Treatment of Animals**

21. Exhibitors shall at all times conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship.
22. Exhibitors are required to present and care for animals in a human and ethical manner.
23. Rabbits and cavies showing signs of illness or ailments such as wet noses (including nasal mucus or discharge) must be removed from the show and show facility.
24. Exhibitors must have carrying cages with leak-proof bottoms for all animals.
25. Any misuse of MSU property will result in the eviction of the exhibitor and his or her exhibits from the showroom and the forfeit of all awards the person has won.
26. Any plucking of hairs (for example, pulling white hairs out of a black rabbit) or other altering of a rabbit or cavy will result in the forfeit of any awards won by the exhibitor.
27. Exhibitors will under no circumstances, commit or threaten violence toward any individual, group or the program.
28. Exhibitors will under no circumstances, possess, sell or consume alcohol or possess, sell or use controlled substances at an MSU Extension youth activity or event.
29. Exhibitors will under no circumstances, attend or participate in an MSU Extension youth activity or event under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances.
30. Exhibitors will abstain from harassment or bullying of another participant, volunteer or staff member, particularly when the behavior is disrespectful as regards a person’s gender, race, age, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, disability or appearance.
31. Exhibitors will not cheat or falsely represent their efforts related to their 4-H project activities.
32. Exhibitors will show respect for and cooperate with, fellow members, volunteers and staff.
33. Exhibitors will follow all 4-H policies and procedures when participating in any 4-H sponsored event.

**Other Animals on the Grounds**

34. Only rabbits and cavies entered in the show will be allowed in the building. No other animals of any species will be allowed.
35. No rabbits or cavies under 3 months of age may be shown or be in the building. The only exception will be meat entries.
36. No selling or solicitation of sale of rabbits or cavies is allowed unless the animals are entered in the show.
37. NO BREEDING will be allowed! Responsible parties will be asked to leave the show.

Cloverbud Division

38. This is a non-competitive class that offers youth 5 to 8 years old (age as of January 1, 2015) an opportunity to receive one-on-one instruction from our experts. Cloverbuds will have their rabbit evaluated, receive instruction on showing and management tips and answer any questions.
39. Registration will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. You will receive your remark card at that time.
40. Only one rabbit per Cloverbud.
41. Cloverbud tables will be open from 11 a.m. to noon. Bring your rabbit to the table any time during that time period.
42. Each Cloverbud will receive a participation ribbon.
Show Order

Rabbits

Fancy or 4 class breeds:
- Senior Buck
- Senior Doe
- Junior Buck
- Junior Doe

Commercial or 6 class breeds:
- Senior Buck
- Senior Doe
- Intermediate (6/8) Buck
- Intermediate (6/8) Doe
- Junior Buck
- Junior Doe

Any fur classes for each breed in either division will follow their breed classes. Breed fur may consist of white and colored classes.

Many breeds have only one variety (color), while other breeds have several. In most breeds that have more than one variety, the varieties are shown in alphabetical order. For example, Satin varieties are shown in this order: Black, Blue, Broken, Californian, Chinchilla, Chocolate, Copper, Otter, Red, Siamese, and White. The variety classes are followed by the fur classes: White and Colored.

If there were rabbits of the Black and Blue Satin varieties at the show, the Black Satin variety rabbits would be shown first, in the following order:
1. Senior Buck
2. Senior Doe
3. 6/8 Buck
4. 6/8 Doe
5. Junior Buck
6. Junior Doe

Then, because Blue follows Black in the alphabetical variety list, all Blue Satin classes would be held, in the following order:
1. Senior Buck
2. Senior Doe
3. 6/8 Buck
4. 6/8 Doe
5. Junior Buck
6. Junior Doe

All animals of the same variety are shown, followed by the next variety in the alphabetical list, and so on. When there are breeds with more than one variety, a Best of each Variety (BOV) is chosen. This animal can be either sex. Then a Best Opposite Sex Variety (BOSV) is chosen for this same variety. If the Best animal is a doe, the Best Opposite animal must be a buck, and visa versa. Animals earning these honors are usually put in holding pens behind the judge until all varieties have been judged.

Following all variety judging, all the Best of Variety winners compete for the Best of Breed (BOB) and Best Opposite Sex (BOS) awards, the same as varieties.
If the breed only has one variety, the Best of Breed (BOB) and Best Opposite Sex (BOS) are chosen in the same manner.

At the completion of judging for all the breeds, all of the Best of Breed animals compete for:
- Best of Show
- Reserve in Show
- Honorable Mention

**Note:** If you are uncertain whether you have a 4 or 6 class breed, check with the people staffing the registration table. Meat and fur winners do not compete for these awards.

**Cavies**

Cavy classes take place in the following order:
1. Senior Boar
2. Senior Sow
3. Intermediate Boar
4. Intermediate Sow
5. Junior Boar
6. Junior Sow

This is essentially the same format as rabbit classes, except that there are no 4 or 6 class breeds, only a Best in Show Cavy and Reserve of Show Cavy following all cavy judging.

**Note:** If a rabbit or cavy is entered in an Intermediate class, which is not recognized by the ARBA, it will automatically be entered as a Senior.

**Recording Entries**

Please record your entries according to varieties and show classes following ARBA show order. See the sample entry form on page 8 for information on how to do this.

**Awards**

The Awards Table will open at about 11 a.m. and will close shortly after judging is completed.

Ribbons will be awarded for first- through fifth-place in each class.

Trophies for Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex awards will be awarded to the top 25 rabbit breeds and top 3 cavy breeds (indicated by the number of entries on the day of the show). Rosettes for Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex will be awarded to all other breeds. Medallions will be awarded for Best of Variety and Best Opposite Sex Variety. Medals will be awarded for Best Overall Fur in each breed.

Special awards will be given for:
- Best of Show—Rabbit
- Reserve in Show—Rabbit
- Honorable Mention—Rabbit
- Best of Show—Cavy
- Reserve of Show Cavy
The fund-raiser for the Michigan State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Scholarship and 4-H Rabbit and Cavy project area is held during the Michigan State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show: a live-animal auction. Information about the event follows.

The Auction

About 20 rabbits and cavies that have been donated by selected Michigan breeders will be auctioned beginning at about 12:30 p.m. the day of the show. The auction is open to all bidders, who must register for buyer numbers before the sale. Buyer numbers can be obtained at the Auction table.

Sale Animals

The rabbits and cavies that are donated to the auction are of various breeds, of show quality and in good health. They are carefully examined before being accepted for the auction, and will be available for inspection after 10 a.m. the day of the show.

Auction Refund Policy

Prospective buyers should inspect all animals they are interested in purchasing before the sale. No refunds will be given after the auction is completed.

About the Scholarship Fund

Information about the Michigan State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Scholarship is available from your county MSU Extension office or at http://www.4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4-h_scholarships#rabbitcavy

Congratulations to our 2015 Scholarship Winners!

- Carter Paddy—Monroe County
- Elena Boxey—Lapeer County
- Morgan Stewart—Alpena County
- Miranda Tolsma—Berrien County
**Become a State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show Sponsor**

**What awards can you sponsor?**

- **BEST IN SHOW RABBIT - $30**
- **RESERVE BEST IN SHOW RABBIT--$25**
- **HONORABLE MENTION RABBIT--$25**
- **BEST IN SHOW CAVY - $30**
- **RESERVE BEST IN SHOW CAVY - $25**
- **A BREED SPONSOR (Best of Breed and Best Opposite of Breed) - $15**
- **BEST OF BREED - $10**
- **BEST OPPOSITE OF BREED - $5**

If you are sponsoring a breed, best of breed, or best opposite of breed award we will try to match you with your first choice but breed preferences are given on a first come first serve basis. Please see the Awards section of the catalog for more details about the awards presented at the show.

Sponsors will be listed at the 2016 State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show! Anyone can become a sponsor (individuals, families, clubs, associations, etc.)

Make checks payable to: *Michigan State University*

Mail checks and the below form by **January 2, 2016** to:

Katie Ockert
Michigan State University Extension
4-H Animal Science Educator
446 W. Circle Drive,
Room 240 Justin S. Morrell Hall of Agriculture
East Lansing, MI 48824
517-432-5270

Name (as you want published): ________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________
City: _________________ State: _________________ Zip Code: _________________
Phone Number: __________________

Amount: $____ (best in show rabbit, best in show cavy, best 4 class rabbit, best 6 class rabbit, reserve best in show cavy, breed, best of breed, or best opposite of breed sponsorship) Please select the breed choices you would like to sponsor within the award you selected:

1\textsuperscript{st} choice: ________________________________ 2\textsuperscript{nd} choice: ________________________________
3\textsuperscript{rd} choice: ________________________________ 4\textsuperscript{th} choice: ________________________________
Thank you to the 2015 Rabbit and Cavy Show Sponsors!

Oakland Youth Rabbit & Cavy 4-H Club

Keen Family

Michigan State Cavy Breeders Association

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Mark Vergiels

Town & Country 4-H Club

A very special Thank You to the Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association for the use of show tables and supplies! Michigan 4-H sincerely appreciates EVERYTHING that your membership does to support our programs!
Other Show-Day Opportunities

Be sure to check out the other opportunities that are available on show day:

- **Vendors**—Vendors will be selling rabbit and cavy show equipment and supplies that you may not be able to find locally. In addition, several feed companies will be present with nutritional information and will have product for sale.

- **Breed ID**—Individuals that choose to participate will be asked to identify and record the name of the breed and the showroom classification, as stated in the ARBA Standard of Perfection. Live senior age animals will be provided and contestants will have 3 minutes to make each breed identification. Up to 90% of the contest will be on rabbits; a minimum of 10% will involve cavies. There will be two age divisions based on your age as of January 1, 2015: Senior (14-19 years old) and Junior (9-13 years old). There will be a $1 fee to be paid at the Breed ID registration table the day of the show. We will award 1st through 5th place for both the Junior and Senior divisions. (Note: Breed ID will be closed during the auction, but will be open following the conclusion of the auction). Those that place 1st through 5th in their division can pick up their score sheets and their awards at the Awards Table. All other score sheets will be available for pick up at the Breed ID location.

- **Educational Displays**—Youth are encouraged to bring rabbit or cavy educational displays or posters to the show. This is not a contest simply an opportunity to learn from one another and to show off the great displays you have made for other county and state events. They will be on display at 8:30 a.m. at the designated tables. Each participant will receive a participation ribbon.

- **MSU Concessions**—Youth will be able to buy snacks and lunch the day of the show at the MSU Concessions booth in the Pavilion.

- **4-H Gold Clover Rabbit and Cavy Showmanship**—The best of the best! To be eligible to compete for the title of **Michigan 4-H Gold Clover Rabbit or Cavy Champion**, youth must have placed first overall at their county fair in either rabbit or cavy showmanship in 2015. If a youth took champion overall showman at their county fair in both rabbit and cavy showmanship they must choose to compete in either rabbit or cavy showmanship. No substitutions will be allowed, only youth named overall showman are eligible. Competitors must check in at the showmanship tables between 8:15 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. This competition will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Eligible youth must register for this competition by completing the registration form located in their county Extension Office by January 4, 2016. Registration for all other classes will take place the morning of the show. Please contact your county Extension Office for more information.
Michigan State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
(SAMPLE ENTRY FORM)

Exhibitor’s Name: _______________________________ 4-H Age: ______________

Phone: ______________  Email: _______________________________

4-H Participation County: ___________________ 4-H Leader/Club: ___________________

Also participating in: ____Gold Clover  ____Educational Display  ____Breed ID

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GRAND TOTAL $____________
Payment received signature _______________

I have read and agree to abide by all State 4-H Rabbit Show General Rules & Regulations and each of the individual contest rules while participating at the State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show.
Participant & Parent Signature _______________________________ Date _______
Sample Cavy Show Remark Card

Cavy’s ear #: __________

Exhibitor= name: ________________________________

Street address: ____________________________________________ City: ______________

Show: __________________________________________________________________________

Breed: __________________________ Variety: ______________________________________________________________________

☐ Senior  ☐ Intermediate  ☐ Junior  ☐ Boar  ☐ Sow

☐ Best Senior  ☐ Best Intermediate  ☐ Best Junior

☐ Best of each Variety  ☐ Best Opposite Sex Variety  ☐ Best of Breed  ☐ Best of Show

Number in Class: __________________________ Award: ______________________________

Judge’s Remarks

Mark as follows: Very Good (VG), Good (G), Fair (F) or Poor (P)

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Remarks: __________________________________________________________________________

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Judge’s name: ____________________________________________________________________
Sample Rabbit Show Remark Card

Rabbit’s ear #: ___________ Entry number: ____________________________
Exhibitor’s name: ____________________________
Street address: __________________________________________________________________________ City: _________________
Show: ___________________________________________________________________________________
Breed: ____________________________ Variety: ____________________________

- □ Buck
- □ Doe
- □ Senior
- □ 6/8
- □ Junior
- □ Fryer
- □ Meat Pan
- □ Fur
- □ Best Senior
- □ Best 6/8
- □ Best Junior
- □ Best Pre-junior
- □ BOB
- □ BOS
- □ BOG
- □ BOSG
- □ BOV
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Number in Class: ______ Award: ____________________________ Number of Exhibitors: _________________

Judge’s Remarks

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Driving Directions to Michigan State University Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education

From Northern Michigan:
Follow US 27 south to 127 south. Follow 127 south to Trowbridge Road (exit 9). Follow Trowbridge Road east to Farm Lane. Turn south (right) onto Farm Lane and follow Farm Lane across the intersection with Mt. Hope Road. The Pavilion is on the west side of Farm Lane between Mt. Hope Road on the north and Forest Road on the south.

From Grand Rapids and Western Michigan:
Follow I-96 to Business 496 east (exit 95). Follow 496 east to Trowbridge Road (exit 9). Follow Trowbridge Road east to Farm Lane. Turn south (right) onto Farm Lane and follow Farm Lane across the intersection with Mt. Hope Road. The Pavilion is on the west side of Farm Lane between Mt. Hope Road on the north and Forest Road on the south.

From Detroit and Southeast Michigan:
Follow I-96 to the Okemos Road exit (exit 110). Go north (right) on Okemos Road about 2 mile to Jolly Road. Turn west (left) on Jolly Road. Follow Jolly Road west to College Road. Turn north (right) on College Road. Follow College Road north to Forest Road. Proceed north across Forest Road into the Pavilion entrance off College Road. The Pavilion is on the west side of Farm Lane between Mt. Hope Road on the north and Forest Road on the south.

From Flint and Northeast Michigan:
Follow I-69 to the Business 69/East Lansing exit. Follow Business 69 (also called Saginaw and Old M-78) west to Hagadorn Road. Turn south (left) on Hagadorn Road. Follow Hagadorn south to Mt. Hope Road. Turn west (right) on Mt. Hope Road. Follow Mt. Hope Road west to Farm Lane. Turn south (left) on Farm Lane. The Pavilion is on the west side of Farm Lane between Mt. Hope Road on the north and Forest Road on the south.

From Jackson and Southern Michigan:
Follow 127 north to Trowbridge Road (exit 9). Follow Trowbridge Road east to Farm Lane. Turn south (right) onto Farm Lane and follow Farm Lane across the intersection with Mt. Hope Road. The Pavilion is on the northeast corner of Forest and College Roads.