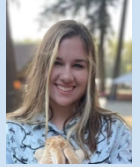




**MARKET
RABBIT
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PCYMS Market Rabbit Department
Superintendent: Malayna Van Winkle



Superintendent

Event	Location	Date	Time
Last day to register online	FairEntry	Friday, June 15, 2026	Until 9:59 p.m.
Haul-In/Vet Check	Green Parking Lot	Wednesday, August 12, 2026	4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

All animals must be entered in [FairEntry](#).

The Superintendent will assign stalls and pens. Do not unload until granted permission by the Fair Veterinarian.

PCYMS Market Rabbit Department Rules, Regulations and Eligibility

- Exhibitors must fit and show their own animal. Exhibitors not caring for or arranging for care (sharing Herdsmanship) of their animals will be disqualified and asked to remove them.
- Each Exhibitor is responsible for fitting their own animal. A parent or junior leader may assist by holding the animal for fitting.
- If an Exhibitor does not plan to show up after entry day, please notify the Superintendent before animals are entered on Wednesday, August 12, 2026.
- Pens must be cleaned by 10:00 a.m. daily.
- Herdsmanship is required of all Exhibitors who bring animals to the Fair. Premiums are not paid for Market Sale Herdsmanship.
- Each exhibitor may be enrolled in 4-H or a member of an FFA Chapter and be actively caring for the animal(s) exhibited as a 4-H project or an FFA livestock project. Open Class is the exception to this rule. 4-H and FFA members must be enrolled as a member of Pierce County 4-H or an FFA Chapter. Each 4-H and FFA member must follow the rules and regulations of their respective organization and the Pierce County Fair. If any disciplinary action is taken of an Exhibitor during the Fair, the PCYMS Committee reserves the right to review all actions and may result in not being allowed to sell.
- The Intent to Sell shall be completed to be eligible for the sale and be postmarked by May 15th for steers, lamb, swine, and goats. And June 15th for poultry and rabbits. Intent to Sale forms can be uploaded to [FairEntry](#), mailed to Market Animal Sale Committee, PO BOX 1365; Graham, WA 98338 or emailed to info@pcyms.org Copies of the Intent to Sell form are available on the PCYMS website at www.pcyms.org
- The Market Sale Sifting Committee shall inspect all animals entered in the division during weigh-in. If the animal does not meet weight limits, the exhibit will be eliminated from the auction. However, the Exhibitor may change his/her entry and show it in the appropriate division, class & lot, not associated with the Market Sale. Exhibitors must be present for inspection and weigh-in. NO PROXIES ALLOWED WITHOUT PRIOR SALE COMMITTEE APPROVAL.
- No animal previously sold at any youth sale shall be allowed to be resold at the Pierce County Youth Market Sale.
- If you choose to participate in the Pierce County Youth Market Sale, you may not cross enter that project animal into any neighboring county fair market animal sales or the 2026 Pierce County Fair. For the current year (the Northwest Junior Livestock Show, Puget Sound Livestock Show, and Washington Junior Lamb Carcass Show are not county fairs.)
- Rabbits already having a legible numerical and/or alphabetical tattoo will not need to be re-tattooed but must still be validated so that their numerical and/or alphabetical numbers can be recorded. Rabbits **MUST** be tattooed prior to validation. Judging will be on meat quality only not ARBA color qualifications.
- All Rabbits must be presented for validation in a wire bottom cage or carrier with a suspended floor. No boxes, crates, pet taxis or any solid floors will be allowed. Rabbits must be clean and healthy and show no signs of diarrhea. Rabbits that are deemed unclean either by urine, feces, or illness will not be validated.

LIVE WEIGHT, GRADING, & AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR MARKET ANIMALS:

If the weight of an animal is contested, it must stay in the immediate vicinity of the scale to be re-weighed.

- Each rabbit entry can consist of a meat pen, a single fryer, 1 roaster, or 1 stewart.
- MARKET RABBIT:** Only Lots awarded a blue or red ribbon in their Market Class will be allowed to sell at Auction.
 - Meat Pen: consists of 3 rabbits of the same breed and variety with a weight of 3 ½- 5 ½ pounds and maximum of 10 weeks old born no later than May 3, 2026.
 - Single Fryer: A single rabbit weighing between 3 ½- 5 ½ pounds, no older than 10 weeks of age and born no later than May 17, 2026. Rabbits must be raised by the exhibitor from birth.
 - Roaster: A single rabbit weighing 5 ½ - 9 pounds, 10 weeks – 6 months of age.
 - Stewart: A single rabbit weighing 8 pounds and over the age of 6 months.

- In the event, the animal is over the maximum weight listed in the exhibitor guide, and the animal receives and blue or red ribbon, it will still be eligible for sale but sold at auction price per pound up to the maximum weight listed. If no maximum weight is listed, the buyer will pay the actual weight of the animal.
- Rabbits may be bucks or does.
- Exhibitors must own the doe on or before the date of kindle.
- Rabbits must be one of the recognized ARBA commercial meat breeds or a cross of those commercial breeds.

QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Each exhibitor is required to complete the Youth for Quality Care of Animals. In person classes are strongly encouraged however there is an online program available at <https://yqcaprogram.org>
2. Proof of Completion is required by midnight, June 15th of each sale year. Your certificate of completion must be uploaded to [FairEntry](#).

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION:

All rabbits entered must have a permanent and legible tattoo in their left ear at the time of check-in.

ENTRY REGULATIONS:

1. **Each exhibitor may consign up to two (2) units for this sale.** A unit is considered to be a single steer, a single market swine, a single market lamb, a single meat goat, a single market rabbit (fryer/roaster/stewer), a pen of 3 market rabbits (fryers), a single market turkey, a pen of 3 market chickens.
2. Exhibitors may not withdraw their exhibits from the show or auction after weigh-in on the day before the fair.
3. Market animals must not be in any type of partnership. If this rule is violated, future entries into the sale may be limited.
4. Exhibitors and/or others may not buy animals for specific return of animals to the seller to be shown at other shows and/or market sales by any exhibitor.
5. NO ANIMAL WILL BE ALLOWED TO SELL UNLESS AN INTENT TO SELL OF SALE RULES IS SIGNED BY EXHIBITOR, LEADER/ADVISOR, AND PARENT/GUARDIAN AND RECEIVED BY SECRETARY BY DUE DATES INDICATED ON INTENT TO SELL FORM.
6. No animal will be weighed without a completed Market Health Record.
7. Cost worksheets will be required to be posted for every animal by noon on Thursday of fair week.

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Class / Description	Lot	Description	Lot	Description	Points
Market Rabbit Herdsmanship Class 400	1	Open Thursday Herdsmanship	5	FFA Thursday Herdsmanship	Ribbon Only
	2	Open Friday Herdsmanship	6	FFA Friday Herdsmanship	
	3	Open Saturday Herdsmanship	7	FFA Saturday Herdsmanship	
	4	Open Sunday Herdsmanship	8	FFA Sunday Herdsmanship	
Note: Required of all Exhibitors. The number of shifts required is determined by the number of Exhibitors. Register in FairEntry by June 15, 2026, 9:59 p.m.					
Market Rabbit Fitting & Showmanship Class 401	1	Open Showmanship Pee-Wee	5	FFA Showmanship Junior	Blue Red White
	2	Open Showmanship Junior	6	FFA Showmanship Intermediate	
	3	Open Showmanship Intermediate	7	FFA Showmanship Senior	
	4	Open Showmanship Senior			
Market Rabbit Class 402	1	Open Meat Pen, 3 rabbits of the same breed and variety		Blue Red White	20 14 10
	2	Open Single Fryer, single rabbit weighing between 3 ½- 5 ½ pounds			
	3	Open Single Roaster, single rabbit weighing 5 ½ - 9 pounds			
	4	Open Single Stewer, single rabbit weighing 8 pounds and over			
	5	FFA Meat Pen, 3 rabbits of the same breed and variety			
	6	FFA Single Fryer, single rabbit weighing between 3 ½- 5 ½ pounds			
	7	FFA Single Roaster, single rabbit weighing 5 ½ - 9 pounds			
	8	FFA Single Stewer, single rabbit weighing 8 pounds and over			
Market Rabbit Record Book Class 403	1	Open Record Book Pee-Wee	5	FFA Record Book Junior	Blue Red White
	2	Open Record Book Junior	6	FFA Record Book Intermediate	
	3	Open Record Book Intermediate	7	FFA Record Book Senior	
	4	Open Record Book Senior			

Note: Record books are **required** of all Exhibitors and must be turned into Superintendent no later than 9 p.m. the Thursday before the sale.

Educational Display (Poster) (minimum size 14"x22") Class 100	1	Open Educational Display Pee-Wee	5	FFA Educational Display Junior	Blue Red White	10 7 5
	2	Open Educational Display Junior	6	FFA Educational Display Intermediate		
	3	Open Educational Display Intermediate	7	FFA Educational Display Senior		
	4	Open Educational Display Senior				

Note: Exhibitor needs to enter animal in Market Sale in order to enter an Educational Poster. One entry per Class per Exhibitor is the limit.

SALE REGULATIONS:

1. The official judge, while judging for Market Class, may exclude the exhibit from the sale if the animal fails to meet the minimum grade as established.
2. All project animals found eligible for the sale will be weighed for sale weight on Wednesday during weigh-in. Sellers must be present to bring their animals into the auction ring, or they will not be sold. **NO PROXIES ALLOWED WITHOUT PRIOR SALE COMMITTEE APPROVAL.**
3. If a weight is contested on any animal, the animal must stay within the scale area and be re-weighed immediately.
4. Rabbits will be sold by the Lot.
5. All sales are final.
6. The Sale Committee and the judge will determine the sale order.
7. USDA requirements for withdrawal of feed additives and medications shall be followed. If the animal is condemned during processing for violation of these USDA requirements, it is the seller's responsibility to absorb the loss.

SELLER'S RESPONSIBILITY:

1. Each Exhibitor/Seller assume the responsibility for securing at least three potential buyers for each animal to be sold.
2. All Exhibitors/Sellers are required to care for market animals until the animal leaves the Fairgrounds or until the livestock release time.

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS:

1. One entry per Class per Exhibitor per species entered in Market Sale.
2. Posters must be readable from a distance of 10 feet.
3. No copyrighted illustrations or cartoons may be used on posters.
4. The following information should be listed on the back of your poster:
 - o Exhibitor's Name
 - o Age
 - o Resources