

Showing Rabbits

Important Dates:

Entry Night at CLHS Ag 3:30-6pm - 11/9/2023

Validation for Meat Rabbits at Ag Extension Office 6-8pm - 1/16/2024

County Show - 2/28/2024

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Room: D101

Conference Period: 7th

I need to know if you plan on showing by October 31st.

Things to Know:

Price - Depends on the breeder, but an average price is around \$65 per rabbit

When to Order - Start calling breeders around early November to see what they are expecting

When to Pick Up -

- Breeder will let you know when to pick up, but expect it to be after Christmas
- Has to be purchased prior to validation on 1/16/24

At show, a pen of rabbits must consist of three (3) fryers of one recognized breed and variety, with each weighing 3 1/2 to 5 1/2 pounds.

Showing Rabbits:

Rabbit projects are a very short turn around. You will have the rabbits for around 6ish weeks.

During this time you will need a rabbit hutch that can house the rabbits separately. Rabbits do not need to be housed in doors, just away from direct sunlight and harsh weather

environments. Each rabbit needs their own food and water with enough room to move around.

I recommend buying at least 4 rabbits. Rabbits will be shown in a pen of 3, but you will have one extra just in case of the unknown. Rabbits will need exercise and a chance to stretch their legs, so if you have other animals, make sure they are put up and you let your bunny exercise in a safe and fenced area.

Necessities:

- Food bowl
- Water drip
- Feed - Breeder recommends certain types
- Rabbit Hutches - Dry place and out direct weather/sun

- Shavings
- Travel pen - Can be dog crates or buckets
- Nail Clippers - Optional

MEAT RABBITS:

Meat rabbits cannot be older than 70 days of the county show. The meat rabbits' parents could not be bred earlier than 11/20/2023. I will attach a list of breeders. Please let me know if there are any questions.

BREEDING RABBITS:

If your student plans on showing a breeding rabbit, they will need to go through Bluebonnet 4 H Club in Comal County. Their club email is bluebonnet4h@gmail.com - this is the only 4 H club that knows anything and everything about breeding rabbits.

RABBIT BREEDERS/MEAT PENS:

- MONDIN FARMS
6200 CROSS RD SEGUIN, TEXAS 78155 830-556-9972
- HEATON RABBITS
63 FRIARCLIFF RD CUERO, TEXAS 77954 936-714-4816
- AA RABBITS WILLIS, TEXAS 936-856-0064
- MIKE NORRIS ADKINS, TEXAS 830-393-9285
- SUSAN BAILEY BEAUMONT, TEXAS 409-363-9482
- BUSTER KLINGEMANN BUDA, TEXAS 512-228-4292
- MARGARET CREWS STOCKDALE, TEXAS 830-996-3838
- DON MERSIOVSKY BELTON, TX 254-939-0345
- JOE & PATTI HEATON HUNTSVILLE, TX 936-291-8688
- JASON PLATT BASTROP, TEXAS 512-581-0489
- KATHY HILLARY NEEDVILLE, TEXAS 979-793-5858

THESE ARE JUST A FEW NAMES. YOU CAN FIND MORE NAMES ON THE TEXAS RABBIT BREEDERS SITE OR THE AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS SITE. YOU MUST CONTACT AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE BREEDERS. YOUR BREED DATE FOR MEAT PENS IS NO EARLIER THAN NOVEMBER 20, 2023. YOU HAVE THE OPTION OF EITHER BREEDING OR BUYING MEAT PENS. VALIDATION IS JANUARY 16, 2024. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REACH OUT TO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS: **KAY DOERFLER:** 830-822-5037 | **JODY DOERFLER:** 830-822-5036 | **NITASHED:** 830-708-1133