

# Rabbit Youth Preparation for Fair

## Rabbits

- Need to have the rabbits by May 15.
- Need to be pedigreed. Pedigrees will be checked during Health Check at Fair.
- Must be an ARBA accepted breed and variety. A breed or variety that has a Certificate of Development (COD) does not count as accepted.
- Handle the rabbits frequently so they are easier to work with at Fair.
- Have them clean and nails trimmed before bringing them to Fair.

## Food and Water

- Bring a supply of food for the week. This can be kept below the pens in a bucket or other closeable container.
- Bring water from home. The different taste of water can cause additional stress to the rabbits.
- Ceramic or heavy plastic bowls/crocks are recommended.
  - Glass will shatter if dropped and can be difficult to clean up.
  - Light plastic bowls are easily flipped by the rabbits and food/water is lost. Also, these are more easily chewed up by the rabbits.
  - Water bottles stick out into the aisles and can be easily bumped and knocked off of the pen.

## Shavings

- Do NOT use Cedar chips. Cedar can cause respiratory issues for rabbits.
- Shavings can be stored under the pens.

## Youth Responsibilities During Fair

- When bringing rabbits in on Sunday (7am-1pm) of Fair, bring them to the front of the Rabbit Barn for Pedigree and Health check.
- Make sure rabbits have water throughout the day. Multiple checks will be necessary.
- Feed on the same schedule you feed at home.
- Clean pens daily by 11:00am and on Friday when leaving. Failure to do so could mean not being able to show rabbits the following year.
- Rabbits will be released on Friday from 9:00am to 12:00PM. Must be removed from barn by 12:00PM. Early release has to be preapproved by show superintendent and fair board.

