

## MARKET RABBIT INFORMATION

### ARBA Meat pen standard:

The four factors, in the order of their importance, for judging meat pens, are as follows: (1) Meat Type (2) Condition (3) Uniformity (4) Fur.

Meat type	40 points
Condition of flesh	30 points
Uniformity of body and weight	20 points
Fur	10 points
<i>Total</i>	<i>100 points</i>

### Tips for 4-H meat pens:

The meat pen competition is a demonstration of the breeder's ability to produce a market animal of consistent size and quality.

Meat rabbits are judged for body type, condition, and uniformity by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) Standard of Perfection. Their type must be meaty, with prime muscle condition, the meat pen should be uniform in size, all the same color, and all the same breed. The judges will balance the characteristics of type, condition, and uniformity in deciding which is the best entry. Some judges will place emphasis on uniformity.

White fur is preferred by processors, but is not required in meat pens. New Zealand Whites and Californians are the most common meat breed of rabbits.

### Meat Sized Rabbit Breeds

#### With Senior Buck and Senior Doe Weight Ranges In Pounds

BREEDS	Senior Buck	Senior Doe
Semi-Arch / Mandolin Body Type	Weight Range	Weight Range
American* (Blue & White)	9-11	10-12
Beveren* (Black, Blue, White)	8-11	9-12
Commercial / Medium Length Body	-	-
American Sable*	7-9	8-10
Californian	8-10	8.5-10.5
Champagne d'Argent	9-11	9.5-11.5
American Chinchilla*	9-11	10-12
Cinnamon*	8.5-10.5	9-11
Crème d'Argent*	8-10.5	8.5-11
Hotots* (blanc de hotot)	8-10	9-11
New Zealand	9-11	10-12
Palomino	8-10	9-11
Rex	7.5-9.5	8-10.5
Satin	8.5-10	9-11
Silver Fox*	9-11	10-12
* On Rare Breed Rabbits List	-	-

While you can enter colored rabbits in meat pen competition, realize that commercial whites, as in New Zealand White and Californian, are often well developed specimens due to intense breeding and selection. Do your best to present the best specimens of colored rabbit breeds for your meat pens.