

Two Bucks and a Doe Rabbitry

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Meat Pens

Some counties have written their own rules for meat pen competitions but most follow ARBA guidelines. Age limit for Meat pens and Single Fryer Class is 10 weeks, with a minimum weight limit of 3 1/2 pounds and a maximum weight limit of 5 1/2 pounds (this reflects the 1/2 pound increase that became effective 2/1/16 although it has not been utilized in all county shows yet). Meat pens shall consist of 3 rabbits, all of the same **breed** and variety. Broken meat pens must also be of the same variety. A meat pen does not necessarily have to come from the same litter."

"Point Schedule for Judging Meat Pens"

"Meat Type	40 points
Condition of Flesh	30 points
Uniformity of Body and Weight	20 points
Fur	10 points

Meat Type – 40 Points: Type is the most important factor in judging these pens. The best meat type is found in those fryers that are compact and short, with the body well filled, rounded, and solidly fleshed. Smooth, well filled hips and good depth of body are especially important. Protruding hip bones or prominent "razor backs" are serious faults. The width and depth of loin, thickness of the hindquarters, and well developed shoulders are important to the meat carrying type of the fryer. The hindquarters are most important, loin second, and forequarters are third in importance.

Condition – 30 points: All fryers in a pen must be in prime condition. This reflects the care and management practices of the breeder. The fryers must be firm and solid. They must not show any signs of flabbiness, softness, looseness, or pottiness. The pelt must be tight over the body and the animals must be clean and show no signs of neglect or disease.

Uniformity – 20 points: This is a combination of the other three requirements. It denotes the ability of the breeder to pick three fryers for each pen which have the other three qualities in equal amounts, and will reflect the general quality of the herd from which they came. Uniformity must be present in weight, size, appearance, condition, meat type, fur and should be as similar in all respects as possible.

Fur – 10 points: Fur should conform to the **breed** description in the Standard and be uniform on all three animals in the pen.

- Body smut on Californian or Himalayan marked animals.
- Non descended testicles on bucks.

Note: On Californian meat pens and single fryer, the frosting due to genetic characteristics or nest box chilling shall not be a disqualification. Such animals are to compete as if their pelts were white, as called for in the standard.

If any one rabbit in the pen is overweight or underweight, the entire pen is Disqualified from Competition.

If any one rabbit in the pen is Disqualified from Competition, the entire pen becomes disqualified.

All ARBA General Faults apply to each meat pen.

"Point Schedule for Judging Single Fryers"

Meat Type	45 points
Condition of Flesh	35 points
Fur	20 points

*The previous **Breed** Standard of Perfection description is quoted from the 2001 - 2005 Standard of Perfection for Standard Bred Rabbits and Cavies.*