



AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

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ARBA 2012 NATIONAL YOUTH MANAGEMENT CONTEST

PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence of management style by ARBA youth members in the areas of housing & equipment, feeding & animal care, disease control, record keeping, breeding & genetics for the care and production of rabbits and/or cavyes.

RULES

- 1 Any ARBA youth member is eligible to compete. Membership must be valid on September 1st. Attendance at the ARBA National Convention is not necessary.
- 2 Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant.
- 3 Up to seven pages and less than 5500 words, printed on one side only, may be submitted by the applicant.
- 4 Include your name and ARBA membership number at the top of each page of information submitted.
- 5 If entering online, you may upload you application. If entering by mail, you must send your Contest Entry Form and THREE copies of your answers!

CATEGORIES

Applications will be judged by ARBA District and on the number of cages/adult animals (division) that a youth member has for housing their animals. Divisions are: Limited Rabbitry (1-20 Holes), Average Rabbitry (21-50 Holes), Unlimited Rabbitry (51+ Holes), and Cavity(all sizes). **Members can enter only ONE division.** National winners will be selected in each division. Winners will be announced at the Youth Banquet at the ARBA National Convention. Contestants need not be present to win.

SCORING CRITERIA

Applications will be judged on the following criteria: Cages, Housing & Equipment(50 points); Breeding & Production(50 points); Care, Health & Herd Management(30 points); Record Keeping(20 points); Clarity & Thoroughness of Answers(30 points); Neatness & Appearance of Application(20 points). Applications that do not follow the rules listed above will be assessed a penalty of 10 points per infraction, with the exception of late applications which will be assessed a penalty of 20 points for up to one week late and disqualification for later than one week.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

Entry must be made **online** or on the form provided by the ARBA Youth Department. This form is available from your ARBA District Director, the ARBA office, the ARBA Youth Website, and the ARBA Youth Committee. **NO EMAIL ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Mailed entries must be postmarked by September 1, 2012 and should be mailed to the ARBA Youth Chairperson.

- **FOR INFORMATION ON COMPLETING THE ARBA CONTEST APPLICATIONS, PLEASE SEE THE SUPPLEMENT "APPLICATION TIPS", AVAILABLE ON THE ARBA WEBSITE AND THE ARBA ENTRY FORMS PACKET.**

ARBA NATIONAL YOUTH MANAGEMENT CONTEST APPLICATION

QUESTIONS

- 1 When did you join the ARBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged?
- 2 Name the breed(s) you raise, how many animals you have in each breed and why you raise these breed(s). Also include breed(s) you have raised in the past and why you no longer raise them.
- 3 Describe your cages/coops, list the number, size, materials they are made of and how they are constructed.
- 4 Describe where your animals are located: barn, outbuilding, yard, garage, basement, house, etc.?
- 5 How do you protect your animals from heat, cold or drafts?
- 6 Describe the equipment you use to feed and water your animals.
- 7 What type(s) of feed(s) do you give your animals? Do you give your animals feed supplements? If so, why?
- 8 How do you dispose of the manure and waste your animals generate?
- 9 Describe any other equipment used for the care of the animals in your project.
- 10 Describe any diseases that have affected your production and explain what you did to control them.
- 11 Describe everything you consider and do when breeding your animals. Include ages, time of year, system for keeping track of bred animals and provisions for kindling.
- 12 Describe everything you do to care for the mother and young from birth until weaning.
- 13 How many litters with how many total animals did you have born Since January 1, 2011? How many young did you wean?
- 14 Do you track the quality of your offspring to the breeding animals? Explain.
- 15 Describe your culling procedure. What do you do with your surplus animals?
- 16 How many replacement animals have you added since January 1, 2011? What qualities do you look for in selecting replacements?
- 17 Explain your system for keeping records and what information is kept on each animal.
- 18 Did your ARBA animal project show a profit or loss last year? Explain.

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