

2025 Kentucky State Youth Cavy Management Contest

Purpose

To acknowledge the excellence of management style by The Kentucky State RBA (TKSRBA) youth members in the areas of housing and equipment, feeding and animal care, disease control, record keeping, breeding and genetics for the care and production of rabbits and/or caviaries.

Rules

- Any youth who is a TKSRBA member is eligible to compete.
- Attendance at the KY State Convention is not necessary.
- Application must be made by using the Google form on the TKSRBA website <https://tksrba.nicepage.io/Youth.html>
- All sizes of caviaries will be judged together, regardless of number of holes.
- Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant.
- Up to seven (7) pages, printed on one side only, of information may be submitted by the applicant. There will be a 10 point deduction for exceeding this maximum or for submitting a form that is not filled out correctly or incomplete. Include information needed to complete the answers. Visual aids may be included within this page limitation.
- DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME OR DIVISION AT THE TOP OF YOUR APPLICATION. There will be a 10 point deduction if you violate this rule.
- Applications must be received by 11:59:59PM EST on Saturday, May 24 2025. You must submit your entry via the online portal on the TKSRBA website. You will fill out your demographics, choose the contests you wish to enter, and then upload your answers to the questions in PDF format. <https://tksrba.nicepage.io/Youth.html>
- Application files must be named "TKSRBA Cavy Management - your name"

Scoring Rubric:	Cages, Housing & Equipment	50 points
	Breeding & Production	50 points
	Care, Health & Herd Management	30 points
	Record Keeping	20 points
	Clarity and Thoroughness of Answers	30 points
	Neatness and Appearance of Application	<u>20 points</u>
	Total Possible Score	200 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 up until 8:00PM on Wednesday May 28, 2025 and disqualification for applications submitted after the late deadline.

2025 TKSrBA Youth Cavy Management Application and Direction Form

The following information must be typed, printed or written on your own paper. Fill in the information requested after you have copied each question. Questions should be answered in age appropriate narratives. No more than seven (7) pages in addition to this page are allowed. Use 10-12 point reader friendly fonts with minimum margins of ½ inch. PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME OR DIVISION AT THE TOP OF YOUR APPLICATIONS. Applications must be received by 11:59:59PM EST on Saturday May 24, 2025. Please upload to the Cavy Management portion of the Youth Contest portal as a PDF. Files MUST be named “TKSRBA Cavy Management - your name”.

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1. When did you join the TKSrBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged/ Explain any lapses in membership.
2. List the breed(s) you now raise and how many animals you have in each breed. Why did you choose this (these) breed(s)? Tell what other breed(s) you have raised in the past and why you no longer raise them.
3. Describe where your cavies are located: barn, outbuilding, garage, basement, house, etc? How does this location protect your cavies from heat, cold, drafts or pests?
4. List or make a table of the number of cages you have and their sizes. Describe what materials they are made of and how constructed, including pans/trays/tubs. Describe how your cavies are housed: community or single.
5. Other than feed and water equipment, describe or list ALL other equipment you use in the care/management of your cavies.
6. Describe the equipment you use to feed and water your cavies and how your feed is stored.
7. What type(s) of feed do you give your cavies? Do you give other supplements or anything in addition to their daily feed? If so, why?
8. How do you dispose of the manure and waste your cavies generate?
9. What do you do daily, weekly, monthly in the care of your cavies? Be specific.
10. What measures do you take to prevent parasites (lice, mites, ringworm, etc) or fungus in your caviary?
11. Describe any diseases that have affected your production and what you did to control them.
12. Describe everything you consider and do when breeding your cavies. Include ages, time of year, breeding pair choices etc.
13. Describe everything you do the prepare for farrowing, including care of the mother and young from breeding until weaning? Include your weaning process, age, and any other considerations.
14. List or make a table of how many total litters born, total young born and number of young weaned since January 1, 2024. If you had a difference between total young born and totally weaned, can you explain why?
15. Explain what you consider when bringing in new stock or bloodlines into your breeding program. What specific characteristics are you looking for?
16. What do you do with your surplus animals?
17. What types of records do you keep for your breeding program? Why are these particular records important for the success of your breeding program and achieving the goals that you have set?
18. Make a table or a list of your expenses and income since January 1, 2024. Explain any big expenditures or profit.

Questions or concerns? Contact the TKSrBA Youth Committee at tksrba@yahoo.com