

### Comparison of ARBA-Recognized Angora Rabbit Breeds

Breed	Giant Angora <sup>1</sup>	French Angora	Satin Angora	English Angora
Colors	Ruby-eyed white	many <sup>2</sup>	many	many
Mature Wt. <sup>3</sup>	buck, 9.5+ lbs doe, 10+ lbs	both, 7.5-10.5 lbs ideal wt., 8 lbs	both, 6.5-9.5 lbs ideal wt., 8 lbs	buck, 5-7 lbs doe, 5-7.5 lbs
Fiber Type	3 types: predominantly <i>underwool</i> ; <i>awn fluff</i> (wavy wool with guard hair tip, longer than underwool); <i>awn hair</i> (guard hair) which is strong, straight and protrudes above fleece	2 types: heavily crimped <i>underwool</i> with a greater amount of <i>guard hair</i> compared to Giant or English	2 types: <i>underwool</i> finer than other angora breeds and satinized <i>guard hair</i> ; entire coat has unique sheen	2 types: silky, crimped <i>underwool</i> and much less <i>guard hair</i> compared to other angora breeds
Furnishings	wool on feet, variable degree of wool on face and ears, but should be some	none, fur on ears, face and feet	none, fur on ears, face and feet	wool on feet, ears and face
Comments <sup>4</sup>	minimal matting; best overall choice for quality and quantity of wool production; must be clipped	lowest maintenance on clipping; best all around dual purpose angora rabbit; colors fade less with age due to more guard hair; comb or clip <sup>5</sup>	low maintenance on clipping; excellent depth of color and sheen; need to watch out for woolies <sup>6</sup> ; average wool production less than other angora breeds; comb or clip	"cutest," but coats much more likely to matt during hot humid weather; colors fade more with age due to less guard hair; comb or clip

<sup>1</sup> The Giant Angora was derived from the German Angora. A true German rabbit can trace its ancestry back to all direct German import rabbits. German Angora rabbits are always ruby-eyed whites. German hybrid or crossbred rabbits may be colored or white. Consult the breed standard of the International Association of German Angora Rabbit Breeders (IAGARB) for more details.

<sup>2</sup> Consult the latest copy of the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) Standard of Perfection.

<sup>3</sup> American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) Standard of Perfection, 2006-2010. Mature age is 8 months for Giant Angoras and 6 months for other breeds of angora.

<sup>4</sup> A lot of this is my own personal opinion, based on my experience. Other breeder opinions may differ.

<sup>5</sup> Whether or not a particular English, Satin or French rabbit is best combed is variable - depending on the genetics of the rabbit. Combing can potentially hurt the rabbit and increase coarseness of the wool over the long term if not done properly. I recommend clipping, if in doubt.

<sup>6</sup> A woolie is a rabbit that grows only a short coat (less than ~2 inches) that may be very slow to grow back.