

2022 RABBIT PROJECT

MADISON COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITION GUIDELINES

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***** **IMPORTANT** *****

- Rabbits must be owned and in the care of exhibitors by **May 1, 2022**. This includes the doe for the doe & litter class.
- **Meat Pen Registration: Brood doe(s) for meat pens must be in possession of the exhibitor by April 14. Picture(s) of the exhibitor with rabbit(s) must be submitted by April 14. Pictures of exhibitors with litter(s) must be submitted by May 19. Send registration material to losterlo@yahoo.com**
- All rabbits (except kits in doe & litter) must be tattooed in the left ear and have the ear tattoo recorded in the fair registration system by June 1, 2022 to be eligible to be shown in any rabbit classes at the Madison County Junior Fair.
- Final tattoo and cage registration will be done at Skillathon. **COME PREPARED WITH RABBIT & TATTOO INFO!**
- All rabbits (except kits in doe & litter) must be weaned & at least 8 weeks old.
- Exhibitors must complete a new project book each year or a new section of an existing book or supplement their records with information for this year. Bring books to Interview/Skillathon.

Rabbit 4 H Project Book Numbers:

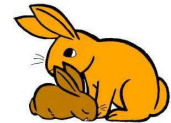
225 Breeding Rabbit Project and Record Book

226 Market Rabbit Project and Record Book

228R Rabbit Resource Book

**All Rabbit Exhibitors need to purchase or have access to 228R Rabbit Resource Book*

***ARBA Standards of Perfection is recommended, but not required*



Rabbit Age Categories (classes)

Jr. Rabbit (4 & 6 Class) = under 6 months

Sr. Rabbit (4 Class) = 6 months and older

Intermediate Rabbit (6 class) = 6 to 8 months

Sr. Rabbit (6 Class) = 8 months and older

**refer to the Rabbit Resource Book or ARBA Standards of Perfection, to determine if your rabbit breed is a 4 or 6 class*

First Year Exhibitors

- First year exhibitors **MUST** show a doe **OR** a buck, but may participate in any or all classes except doe & litter.

Second Year and Up Exhibitors

- Second year and up exhibitors **MUST** show a doe **AND** a buck, and may participate in any or all other classes.

Pen of Three and/or Single Fryer Classes

- Exhibitors must raise animals in the pen of three or a single fryer class from birth. **These animals MAY NOT be bought!** (Advisors and/or project leaders must verify). Must be tattooed before fair.
- Each rabbit in the pen and a single fryer must weigh between 3 1/2 and 5 1/2 pounds and not be older than 70 days old. All entries will be judged; only those meeting weight and age can sell in the livestock premium sale. Others may sell through the Sales Committee to the packer or go home.

Pen of Two and/or Single Roaster Class

- Exhibitors must raise animals in the pen of two or single roaster classes from birth. **These animals MAY NOT be bought!** (Advisors and/or project leaders must verify). Must be tattooed before fair.
- Each rabbit in the roaster pen must weigh between 5 1/2 and 9 pounds and be under six months old. Exhibitors must know the date of birth at check-in. All entries will be judged; only those meeting weight and age can sell in the livestock premium sale. Others may sell through the Sales Committee to the packer or go home.

Doe and Litter Class for second year & up exhibitors

- Does from doe & litter class may not show in a doe class
- All kits must come from the same litter. There can be any number in the litter. They can be of any breed and should be between 21 and 52 days old. Advisor and/or project leader need to verify.
- Only one doe & litter per exhibitor

Selling your project through the Junior Fair Sale:

- Grand & Reserve Champions must sell.
- Exhibitors will only go through the sale ring once with rabbit projects.

Harry Campbell Memorial Outstanding Rabbit Exhibitor Award

- Apply after completing 3 years in the rabbit project
- Get recognized for your hard work towards making yourself a better rabbit exhibitor while also helping others and promoting the growth of the project.
- Great award to list on those college and scholarship apps!
- Due June 15th

What do I need for Fair?

-A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

- Shavings (not cedar)
- Food
- Food crock or feeder
- Water bottle or crock
- Mat or resting board (if desired)
- Lock for cages!!
- Grooming tools (if needed)
- Show Clothes
- Cage cleaning equipment (i.e. cat litter scooper, dust pan)
- Bucket to carry dirty shavings away
- Small tub for supplies (if desired) that will fit under cage area

Where to buy:

- Breeder who can provide pedigree, papers, receipt etc.
- Fellow 4H member
- You can often find breeders through online & Facebook listings like: American Rabbit Breeders Association, "Pedigreed Rabbits for Sale in Ohio," "Springfield Rabbit & Cavy Breeders," perform web search for specific breed club or breeder type

Reminders:

- **All rabbits must be in the exhibitor's possession by May 1; except brood doe for market pen litters which must be in their possession and registered by April 14.**
- **Meat Pen litter registration by May 19**
- **All rabbits (except kits in doe & litter project) must be tattooed**
- **All rabbits (except kits in doe & litter) must be weaned and at least 8 weeks old.**
- Exhibitors entering pen of three, single fryer, pen of two roasters, and single roaster classes must take project number 226
- **Skillathon date: June 21 & June 29, 2022**
- Bring completed project books and wear show clothes to skill-a-thon and interview.
- Show, Showmanship, Skill-a-thon/interview, and Quality Assurance are required events.
- Rabbit Youth Judging required for Rabbit Premier; highly encouraged for all.
- **LEARN, ENJOY, GROW!!**

**As stated in the Junior Fair General Rules any broken rules or regulations could result in removal of animals, loss of premiums, and the exhibitor forfeiting the right to participate the following year.*