

Jr. Fair Rabbits Rules-2024

Fair Check-in: Sunday, July 28th, 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Fair Release: Sunday, August 4th, 6:00 am-Livestock Sale Animals / 8:00 pm

Rabbit Show: Monday, July 29th, 9:00 am, Open Sheep Barn

Entry Requirements

1. In order to show: Exhibitors must file a Jr. Fair Entry for all rabbits to be shown during the fair. Entries must be submitted online no later than 11:59 pm, June 1st. Link here <https://go.osu.edu/fairlivestockentry>
2. Completion of a Quality Assurance (QA) education program by Jr. Fair Exhibitors and at least 1 parent or legal guardian is mandatory to show Meat Rabbits. Those exhibitors or those with parents/legal guardians who do not attend a QA program will not be allowed to show their animals at the Medina County Jr. Fair.
3. Does (mothers) for Market and Doe & Litter must be in members possession by April 1st of current year. Single Breeding Rabbits must be in members possession by May 1st of current year.
4. Project animals must be located at your home, unless a different arrangement has been approved by the Rabbit Committee.

Animal Requirements

1. Breeding Rabbit (4-H Project 228)

- Breeding Rabbits will be housed at the fair all week.
- Exhibitor may bring up to 4 single rabbits if desired – 4 months or older.
 - Reminder: This can include your doe from your Doe & Litter Class. You must sign this doe up in Doe & Litter class as well as in the Breeding Rabbit Class.
 - Five (5) or more entries are required for a breed class. If there are not at least 5 animals in a breed class, those rabbits will be shown in the respective “4 class” or “6 class” breed class.

Doe and Litter (4-H Project 228)

- Doe & Litter will be housed at the fair all week.
 - This doe may be used as one of your 4 single breeding rabbits but it is not required. **(Please see reminder under Breeding Rabbit heading)**
This Doe must be in your possession by April 1st of current year.
- Doe & Litter consists of the Doe and at least 2 babies. Litter must be 6-8 weeks of age to be determined at Fair Check-in at the discretion of the committee.
- Doe & Litter projects will be housed on the Jr. Fair side of the barn and are still eligible to show in the Tuesday's Open Class Show, but Jr. Fair Exhibitor must be present to bring rabbits to the Judging Table.
 - Open Class entries must be made at the Fair Secretary's Office by July 20th.
 - Locks on cages are optional, the exhibitor is then responsible for feeding and watering their own rabbits. The Rabbit Committee reserves the right to remove locks in any emergency.

2. Market Rabbit (4-H Project 228)

- Market Rabbits will be housed at the fair all week.
- Meat Pen Exhibitors will be checked randomly to ensure that animals are in the exhibitor's possession.
- Exhibitor may bring up to 2 Meat Pens. Each exhibit consists of a pen of 3 fryers raised **FROM A DOE YOU OWN, in your possession by April 1st of current year.**
- Maximum age of Meat Pen is 69 days.

- Tattoos are required for Meat Pens; the committee will provide this service at the Skillathon, and this will be the only available opportunity.
- Meat Pens will be weighed at Fair Check-in.
 - Maximum weight of individual rabbit is 5½ pounds; minimum weight is 3½ pounds. These are ARBA Standard Weights.
 - No substitutes or alternates for Weigh-in.
- Low weight rabbits may be exhibited and participate in a Showmanship Class
- You may show 1 rabbit out of the Meat Pen in Showmanship but is not eligible for a Breed Class.
- Market Rabbit Sale is an all-terminal sale.
- Exhibitor must turn in a 4x6 horizontal picture for each sale pen at check in.
- Low weight rabbits may be exhibited and may participate in showmanship class but will not sell at Livestock Sale.
- **Fryer (4-H Project 228)**
- Exhibitors entering Fryer Class must also enter the Meat Pen Class and have selected both on the June 1st Jr. Fair Rabbit Animal Entry Form.
- Fryer is now a separate class. Exhibitor must bring an additional fryer to the meat pen to show in this class. Single Fryer will not sell at the Livestock Sale.
 - Only 1 per exhibitor.
- Single Fryer maximum weight is 5½ pounds and minimum weight is 3½ pounds.
- Maximum age is 69 days.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to enter the fryer class. Single Fryers can still show even if meat pens do not make weight.
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- **Animal Welfare**

1. All animal entries will be checked upon arrival, animals that exhibit any signs of illness or external parasites will be sent home immediately per the committee's discretion. Exhibitor is responsible for the feeding and care of rabbit project until picked up by the buyer or released Sunday evening.

2. Members must feed and water their own animals daily.

Members are to bring their own feed to the fair. It is important to maintain the rabbit's diet during the stress of fair.

Exhibition Requirements

- There will be a \$30.00 Animal Care Fee Deposit per exhibitor or a maximum of \$50.00 per family to be collected at Fair Check-in – checks preferred.
1. All Rabbit Exhibitors are required to maintain the cleanliness of their cage(s) throughout the week.
 2. It is required that your cage(s) be cleaned every other day.
 - Rabbit Committee members will be checking all cages daily. A list will be kept by the committee.
 - 1st offense: a reminder to the exhibitor by a committee member and a physical identifier will be placed on the exhibitor's animal name card. Physical identifier will be shown as an example at the pre-fair barn meeting of each species. A photo of this physical identifier will be submitted to the extension office and kept on file for the remainder of the fair.
 - 2nd offense: a meeting with the exhibitor, parent or guardian (if exhibitor is under the age of 18), a committee member, and the 4-H Educator and/or the Jr. Fair Committee Chair or designee.
 - Exhibitor will be shown a video on Quality Assurance. Exhibitor and family member will sign a form recognizing that they have been warned twice.
 - 3rd offense: the exhibitor will be required to remove the animal from the fairgrounds, forfeit premium

- Rabbits will be housed 1 per cage – therefore you will pay \$1.00 for each coop.
 - Meat Pens will be housed 3 per cage at a cost of \$1.00.
 - Fees will be collected at Fair Check-in, otherwise you will not be permitted to show your rabbits.
 - Please do not include the Coop Fee in the check for your Animal Care Fee Deposit.
 - All rabbits must be checked-in before being placed in a cage. Rabbits not checked in will not show.
 - All rabbits exhibited must be housed in the Junior Fair Rabbit Barn for the entire week.
3. Rabbits will not be accepted for exhibit without acceptable size non-tippable crocks provided by the exhibitor for feed and water.
 4. Acceptable examples are heavy crocks and water bottles.
 5. **Unacceptable examples are light weight butter bowls.**
 - Locks on cages are optional
 5. Completed project books are due at check in along with 4x6 horizontal photo of Exhibitor with their meat pen. One (1) photo per pen.
 6. Nothing is to be kept under the cages in the barn except feed and grooming supplies; all carriers must go home after the show on Monday.
 7. All complaints must be submitted in writing to the Rabbit Committee. Their decisions are equal to written regulations. See the General Regulations for Junior Fair Livestock Exhibitors for further grievance procedures.
 8. Any exhibitor who removes their project animal(s) before the specified Fair Release Time (8:00 pm Sunday) will not be permitted to show a rabbit project the following year.
 9. All rabbits must be signed out by the Rabbit Committee and cages cleaned by 9:30 pm, Sunday. The Rabbit Committee will not be responsible for rabbits left in the barn after 9:30 pm.
 10. Exhibitor may offer their fair cooped project animals for sale on Tuesday after 5:00 pm. No other rabbits may be displayed or offered for sale.
 11. Exhibitor is responsible for all sales transactions.
 12. All sales transactions are to conducted outside the barn.
 - Rabbits sold will not be released until 8:15 pm, Sunday.

Show Day Attire and Behavior

1. Exhibitors are to wear:
 - Long-sleeved white shirts (protects you from being scratched)
 - Dark pants/skirts.
2. Long hair must be tied back.
3. No Logos.
4. No chewing gum.
5. Turn off cell phones.
6. PARENTS ARE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE SHOW RING. If an exhibitor needs assistance carrying rabbits etc., please ask another exhibitor or a committee member.

Showmanship

1. Pre-registration is required for Showmanship Classes.
2. All members are encouraged to participate in Showmanship.
3. In order to qualify for the Premier Exhibitor Award you must participate in a Showmanship Class.
 - Premier Exhibitor Award placing – See Regulations for all Livestock Exhibitors.

Skillathon

1. Rabbit Skillathon is held prior to the fair. (See Dates and Deadlines page)
2. **Rabbit Skillathon is not mandatory. Only one Skillathon will be offered.**
3. Participation is required in order to qualify for the Premier Exhibitor Award.

Show Order

1. Beginner Showmanship – 8-13 – open to 1st year exhibitors only.
2. Beginner Showmanship – 14-19 years old – open to 1st year exhibitors only.
3. Junior Showmanship – 9-11 years old.
4. Intermediate Showmanship – 12 –15 years old.
5. Senior Showmanship – 16-19 years old.
6. **Breed Classes:** Enter in the following classes.
 - Sr. Buck – 1 buck born before February 1 of current year.
 - Jr. Buck – 1 buck born on or after February 1 of current year.
 - Sr. Doe – 1 doe born before February 1 of current year.
 - Jr. Doe – 1 doe born on or after February 1 of current year.
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7. **Best of Show**
8. **Doe & Litter**
9. **Fryer**
10. **Meat Pen:** Grand and Reserve Champion pens must sell at Junior Fair Livestock Sale and are terminal.