

Division H– Rabbits

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Dates:

Fair Check-In & Market Pen Weigh-in	July 9, 2021	5-8 p.m.
Jr. Fair Rabbit Show	July 13, 2021	9 a.m.
Jr. Fair Showmanship	July 14, 2021	9 a.m.
Youth Rabbit Judging	July 16, 2021	9 a.m.
Fun Show (Junior Fair or Cloverbud exhibitors may enter. Sign up will be during fair week)	July 17, 2021	3 p.m.
Check-out	July 17, 2021	6-9 p.m.

Breed Division:

4 Class rabbits

Junior - Exhibitor age 8-11 as of Jan. 1

801 Senior Doe 803 Senior Buck
802 Junior Doe 804 Junior Buck

Intermediate - Exhibitor age 12-14 as of Jan. 1

805 Senior Doe 807 Senior Buck
806 Junior Doe 808 Junior Buck

Senior - Exhibitor age 15-18 as of Jan. 1

809 Senior Doe 811 Senior Buck
810 Junior Doe 812 Junior Buck

6 Class rabbits

Junior - Exhibitor age 8-11 as of Jan. 1

813 Senior Doe	816 Senior Buck
814 Intermediate Doe	817 Intermediate Buck
815 Junior Doe	818 Junior Buck

Intermediate - Exhibitor age 12-14 as of Jan. 1

819 Senior Doe	822 Senior Buck
820 Intermediate Doe	823 Intermediate Buck
821 Junior Doe	824 Junior Buck

Senior - Exhibitor age 15-18 as of Jan. 1

825 Senior Doe	828 Senior Buck
826 Intermediate Doe	829 Intermediate Buck
827 Junior Doe	830 Junior Buck

Market Pen Division:

831 Pen of Three Fryers	833 Single Roaster
832 Single Fryer	834 Pen of Two Roasters

Optional Class:

835 Doe and Litter

Rabbit Showmanship

Classes: May be split or combined if necessary. Showmanship is required of all exhibitors.

Senior Division

836	17 years and older
837	16 years
838	15 years

Intermediate Division

839	14 years
840	13 Years
841	12 years

Junior Division

842	11 Years
843	10 Years
844	8 & 9 Years

Outstanding Rabbit Showman of Showmen

Jr. Fair Rabbit General Rules & Regulations

1. Pre-Fair Requirements

- 1.1. Exhibitors must have possession of their Rabbits by May 1.
- 1.2. Rabbits must be tattooed by June 1 except kits in a doe and litter (52 days and younger). Rabbit meat pens must be tattooed prior to the fair.
- 1.3. All rabbits and tattoo numbers must be registered in FairEntry by June 1.
- 1.4. Market projects must declare by June 1 in FairEntry whether animal(s) will go to the packer or home.
- 1.5. All rabbits must be **weaned** and at least **8** weeks old (56 days); except kits in a doe & litter pen
- 1.6. All exhibitors must complete a new project book or new sections/supplement pages each year. Project books must be brought to skill-a-thon.
- 1.7. All exhibitors **MUST** go through the rabbit skill-a-thon.
- 1.8. All exhibitors **MUST** attend Quality Assurance

2. Project Specifications

- 2.1. First year exhibitors **MUST** show a doe or a buck, but may participate in any/all other classes except Doe & litter.
- 2.2. Second year and up exhibitors **MUST** show a doe **AND** buck, and may participate in any/all other classes.
- 2.3. An exhibitor may have one entry per eligible class.
- 2.4. An exhibitor may not enter only a market pen.
- 2.5. The Market meat pens (pen of three fryers, single fryer, pen of two roaster classes) must be a breed from the following list:
 1. American
 2. American Chinchilla
 3. Beveren
 4. Californian
 5. Champagne
 6. Cinnamon
 7. Crème D'Argent
 8. New Zealand
 9. Palomino
 10. Rex
 11. Satin
 12. Silver Fox
- 2.6. The **exhibitor must raise animals** in the Pen of Three, Single Fryer, Single Roaster, and Pen of Two Roasters classes **from birth**.
- 2.7. Market meat pens will be weighed on Check-in day Friday, July 9; from 5pm to 8pm. Judges will have access to this information during the show.
- 2.8. Market meat pens not making required weight will still go through judging, but will not be eligible to place Grand or Reserve Champion nor sell in the Livestock Premium Sale. These projects may still go on packer truck.
- 2.9. Each rabbit in the Pen of Three and Single Fryer classes must weigh between 3½ and 5½ pounds and not be older than 70 days old. Exhibitor must know date of birth at check-in.
- 2.10. Each rabbit in a Pen of Three must be of same breed.

- 2.11. Each rabbit in the Pen of Two and Single Roaster classes must be under 6 months of age and be 5½ to 8 pounds at check in. Exhibitor must know date of birth at check-in.
- 2.12. Each rabbit in the Pen of Two Roasters must be of same breed.

3. Optional class

- 3.1. All second year and up exhibitors may show a doe and litter pen.
- 3.2. Does from doe and litter class may not show in a doe class.
- 3.3. For doe and litter class, there can be any number in the litter. They can be of any breed and should be 21 to 52 days old.

4. Barn Information

- 4.1. All rabbits will go through an inspection at check-in before entering the barn.
- 4.2. Barn will be closed and locked every night when the fair closes.
- 4.3. Cages **MUST** be cleaned by 8am on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Cages **MUST** be cleaned by 9am all other days. Daily inspections will take place. Pens must be cleaned by exhibitor at end of fair.
- 4.4. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their rabbits during the fair and up until check out time or loaded on packer truck.
- 4.5. Cages will be inspected daily by Rabbit Committee to insure rabbits are properly cared for by the exhibitor (i.e.-fed, watered, clean rabbit and cage etc.). Exhibitor's whose pen and/or rabbit are found to not be appropriately cared for will be issued a warning. Exhibitors that accrue 3 warnings will forfeit premiums, the right to participate in Premium Sale, and the right to exhibit the following year.
- 4.6. Receptacles for feed and water (crocks/bottles) must be properly secured. Paper, Styrofoam, or glass drinking cups are not permitted as feed/water containers.
- 4.7. **Supplies/boxes/tubs must fit under cages.** Remember you are sharing this space with others! Aisles must be kept clear.
- 4.8. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing all barn rules posted.

5. Shows

- 5.1. Dress code is required for the Rabbit Show and Showmanship.
- 5.2. All rabbit project exhibitors **MUST** show in rabbit showmanship: **if not the exhibitor cannot sell or get a premium.** If an exhibitor advances, he/she must continue to exhibit the animal in which they have won with.
- 5.3. All rabbit exhibitors are **highly encouraged** to participate in the youth rabbit judging contest. To be considered for Premiere Rabbit Exhibitor one **MUST** participate. Dress code is not required for this event
- 5.4. Exhibitors must be present at time of judging. If an exhibitor has a conflict with another show, they must indicate this by check-in time for the show.
- 5.5. Judging will be based on ARBA standards.

6. Dress Code

- 6.1. This is a project with a specific dress code. All exhibitors must wear black or blue cotton or corduroy dress pants, jeans, or ankle length skirt as well as a collared, button down shirt or polo shirt that must be tucked in.
- 6.2. Any length sleeve is acceptable but long sleeves are recommended.
- 6.3. No shorts!
- 6.4. No shirts or lab coats identifying family, farm, or club names shall be worn during the shows.
- 6.5. Closed-toe and heel shoes are to be worn.
- 6.6. Lab coats are permitted but dress code **MUST** be worn under the coat.
- 6.7. No discrimination will be made for religious beliefs.
- 6.8. Persons not abiding by this dress code will not be allowed to place in their class.

7. Sale and Check-out

- 7.1. Grand & Reserve Champions will sell in the Livestock Sale
- 7.2. Rabbit exhibitors will go through the sale ring once with rabbit project.
- 7.3. Market Rabbit exhibitors are responsible for the watering and feeding of animals until packer pickup.
- 7.4. Exhibitors must remove any remaining tack and supplies by Sunday July 18, 2021 between 8 a.m. and noon or may forfeit the right to exhibit next year.
- 7.5. If a rabbit and/or equipment is removed prior to the stated release time or without permission, that exhibitor may be banned from showing rabbits the next year.

PREMIER RABBIT EXHIBITOR

1. A Premier Rabbit Exhibitor will be named based on points earned by the youth in the following areas: Skillathon (20%), Animal placement during Show (30%), Showmanship (30%), and Youth Rabbit Judging (20%)
2. Participation in all four areas is required.
3. Purpose:
 - To increase the knowledge of animal selection and exhibition
 - To recognize excellence in all areas of competition
 - To improve overall quality of the Junior Fair program

OUTSTANDING RABBIT EXHIBITOR

Harry Campbell Memorial Rotating Trophy

1. Any current Madison County 4-H or FFA member is eligible to apply after completing four years in the rabbit project area. Applicant must write a 500-word essay on experience as a rabbit exhibitor, awards received, extracurricular activities (i.e.: school, church, community), and worthiness of the award. Essay must be turned into the Madison County OSU Extension Office by June 15.
2. Based on: general 4-H activities, leadership, citizenship and various rabbit project participation. Applicants should show evidence of project development and educational growth.
3. Member will be eligible to win once every two years and only one award will be presented per year.