



Van Wert Bunny Hoppers 4-H Club & Van Wert Youth Rabbit Club



August 2012

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August Calendar & Fair Calendar for 2012



Events

- Wed Aug 01**.....livestock entries due at fair office
- Sat Aug 11**.....rabbit tattooing 7:30 to 10:30 am
- Thurs Aug 16**.....livestock interviews and judging
- Sat Aug 18**.....barn prep for county fair 9:00am

At the Fair 2012

- Tues Aug 28**.....can start bringing rabbits to the fair
after 12:00 noon
- Wed Aug 29**.....all junior fair entries must be
in place by 4:00 pm
- Wed Aug 29**.....rabbit meat pen & single fryer
weigh in between 4:00 to 6:00 pm
(you must get the rabbits to the scales yourself)
- Fri Aug 31**..... meat pen, single fryer, doe & litter
judging start at 4:00 pm
(you must get the rabbits to the show table yourself)
- Sat Sept 01**.....open & youth A.R.B.A. senior fair
Rabbit Show starts at 9:00 am
- Sun Sept 02**.....rabbit showmanship start at noon
- Sun Sept 02**.....Junior Fair Rabbit Show
2:00 pm or after showmanship
- Sun Sept 02**.Showman of Showman Contest 6:00 pm
- Mon Sept 03**.....rabbit skillathon
(check the information board for more details)
- Mon Sept 03**.....**Last Day of the Fair**
- Tues Sept 04**.....Junior Fair Livestock Sale
Starts at 9:00 am (check info board)
- Tues Sept 04**.....Junior Fair Exhibits released
- Tues Sept 04**..... all rabbits must be removed
from the barn by 3:00 pm

There was a Problem Last Year



Last year a problem developed, in that after the meat pen and single fryer show, some Junior Fair Exhibitors stopped taking care of their rabbits. You are exhibiting a market animal that will be sold to others for consumption. **YOU MUST CARE FOR YOUR RABBITS EVERY DAY.** (If it is extremely hot it should be twice a day).

This year the junior fair barn superintendents will be checking pens twice a day, and there is a daily sign in sheet at the office for your signature and time you checked your rabbits. If you are not taking care of your rabbits, they will be sent home with you and not be a part of the auction on Tuesday August 04th

Club Meeting Tuesday August 07, 2012 starting at 6:00 pm Educational Topic is Interview Prep.

The next Bunny Hopper Meeting is on Tuesday August 7th starting at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be at Advisor Judy Wortman's farm (4634 Liberty Union Road). If you go west on route 30 just past the 224 interchange is Liberty Union Road. Go north about 3 miles. The farm is back a little lane, look for some balloons at the end of the lane.

Show Coats

P&R Medical Supply does carry coats in adult and youth sizes.
Also a long sleeve shirt works just as well as a show coat.

Meat Pen/Single Fryer Tattooing

Saturday August 11, 2012 any time between 7:30 am to 10:30 am at the rabbit barn.

All meat pen and single fryers must get a special tattoo at this time (up to 8 rabbits).

Note: Rabbits must have the regular left ear tattoo before the special tattoo..... suggestion: get the regular left ear tattooed before this day, it will be less stressful on the rabbits

Barn Clean Up Meeting Saturday August 18, 2012

It is that time again for us to set up the rabbit barn for the fair. **Members and parents** are to come to this meeting ready to clean. If you can, bring pliers, gloves, rakes, shovels, wheel barrels, etc. There is a job for everyone, and we can get things finished in less than 2 hours if we all work together. After the cleanup we will have a short meeting about the fair.

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Did you go on line and reserve your time for animal judging on Aug 16th . Also remember to do a complete job on your project book like we talked about at the last few meetings.

When to bring your rabbits to the fair

The Rabbit Barn will be open on Tuesday August 28th, from noon to 8:00 pm and Wednesday August 29th from 8:00 am until the check in deadline at 4:00 pm



Remember to sign in at the rabbit office after your rabbits are in place.

What to Bring to the Fair



- #1 You need to bring your rabbits
- #2 You need to bring your own feed, in a good container.
- #3 Water at the fairgrounds is city water. A few people bring water from home as to not change things for your rabbits. Most people just use the water at the fairgrounds.
- #4 You need to bring a water crock and a food crock for each of your rabbits. One notation is that the meat pen cages each have a built in feeders.
- #5 You need to bring your grooming/preparation supplies and equipment.

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Junior Fair Booth

Theme: Wild Wild West

Please bring your non-rabbit projects from this year and any trophies or rosettes won at rabbit shows since the last fair. Bring them to Saturday Barn Clean Up Meeting.

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Your Exhibit at the Fair

After you have your rabbits in the pens, **YOU MUST SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE** verifying that your rabbits are here and your entry is correct.

It is your job to at least **daily** (twice a day if it is hot and/or dry) feed, water, and clean up your exhibit area.

This includes cleaning the boards under your cages, and raking in front of your cages.

Supplies are to be stored above the pens. The aisle in front of your cages are to be kept clear and clean. Wash and clean water bowls daily, Trash picked up.

Notes.....



Since you are displaying animals at the fair, and your book was checked and judged at the interviews, you do not need to bring your book for display at the fair booth. You will need it to study the book for showmanship.

Cloverbuds can bring your projects books for the booth

Rabbit Showmanship



at the Fair

By Advisor Heizman

I hope that everyone is practicing with a rabbit or two for showmanship. Showmanship is always an exciting time at the fair. Remember that the rabbit used must be accustomed to being handled for showmanship, and you and the rabbit have good "Table Manners". So do not wait until the last minute to prepare for your showmanship ability on Sunday of the fair.

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King and Queen of the Rabbit Club

Pick up an application for the King and Queen for this year's Van Wert Youth Rabbit Club at our next meeting or when you check in at the fair. Due dates, test dates, and qualifications are on the application. If you have any questions, ask one of the advisors.

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Rabbit Club's

Q.R. code

(scan it with your smart phone)



Remember at the Fair (for all 4-Her's and Parents)

By president Katelyn Welch

#1 A reminder that you are responsible for your rabbits at the fair. Make sure you feed, water, care, clean the pens, and check your rabbits daily. If you have any questions about the health on one of your rabbits ask your advisor, or the barn superintendent.



#2 Keep the area around your pens clean, neat, and tidy. Pick up papers and keep all of your storage containers stacked neatly. It is your display, keep it looking first class.

#3 A change for this year, you must sign in at the office **daily**, with your name and the time, as to when you checks, feed, waters, and cleaned your cage area.

#4 When you bring your rabbits to the fair, check in at the office to make sure all the information about your rabbits are correct. Check the tags on your pens to see if that information is correct. After you have your rabbits in the pens **YOU MUST SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE** verifying that your rabbits are here and your entry is correct.

#5 If you are going to sell any of your rabbit projects, check the information board for the guidelines.

#6 Check the information board every day, so you are up to date.

#7 Smoking is not permitted in the Rabbit Barn. It is not healthy for you or your rabbits, and it is unsafe. If you see anyone walking in smoking, remind them politely that smoking is not permitted.



Parents and 4-Her's

There is a message board outside the office of the rabbit barn. Make sure you check it daily for schedules and what is going on.

If you are not sure of something check the fair book, ask your advisor, or one of the people working in the barn.

It is your job and responsibility to know!!!

Remember These Changes from Past Years

There is NOT a drug notification form or a quality assurance paper for any rabbits project.

Rabbit Showmanship is now on Sunday starting at noon

Junior Fair Rabbit Show is now on Sunday starting at 2:00 pm or after showmanship

Showman of Showman is on Sunday night

There is a dress code for you when participating at livestock shows and sales. (see page number 87 of the junior fair book)

You can choose to sell your meat pen or your single fryer in the livestock sale on Tuesday. You will need to declare which to sell on Friday after the show. The Meat Pen Show and the Single Fryer Show is a terminal sale.

Kids 9 years old and over must purchase tickets to enter the fairgrounds. (junior fair exhibitors can purchase a season pass for \$5.00 before the fair at the senior fair board office)

Open Rabbit Show

Remember there is an open rabbit show on Saturday of the fair. It is sanctioned by the ARBA, and is just like our spring rabbit show. Entry fee is \$2.00 per rabbit. This is another chance to show your rabbits.

Congrad's to State Fair Qualifiers

Haylee Stuckey – Scrap Book
Katelyn Welch – Racing The Clock
Maddy Lamb – Make Over My Space
& Explore outdoors
Allison Hauter – Money Wise
Justin Overmyer – Self Determined

Rabbit Cloverbuds

#1 All cloverbuds must sign up to enter your one rabbit at the county fair just like everyone else. This is online like the other 4-H kids.

#2 Cloverbuds do not have to animal judging on August 16th, but you can do it for fun. Again if you are sign up on line.

**See You At
The Fair**

