



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



August 2014

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August Calendar & Fair Calendar for 2014



Events

Tue Aug 05.....club meeting 6:30 at fairgrounds
Sat Aug 09.....rabbit tattooing 7:30 to 10:30 am
Sat Aug 09.....livestock interviews and judging
Sun Aug 09.....livestock entries due at fair office
Sat Aug 16.....barn prep for county fair 9:00 am

At the Fair 2014

Tues Aug 26.....can start bringing rabbits to the fair
after 9:00 am
Tues Aug 26..... all junior fair entries must be
in place by 8:00 pm
Tues Aug 26.....rabbit meat pen & single fryer
weigh in between 7:00 to 9:00 pm
(you must get the rabbits to the scales yourself)
Fri Aug 29..... meat pen, single fryer, doe & litter
judging start at 4:00 pm
(you must get the rabbits to the show table yourself)
Sat Aug 30.....open & youth A.R.B.A. senior fair
Rabbit Show starts at 9:00 am
Sun Aug 31.....rabbit showmanship start at 9:00am
Sun Aug 31.....Junior Fair Rabbit Show
11:30 am or after showmanship
Mon Sept 01. Showman of Showman Contest 3:00 pm
Mon Sept 01.....rabbit skillathon
(check the information board for more details)
Mon Sept 01.....**Last Day of the Fair**
Mon Sept 01.....non-sale animals & other Jr. Fair
projects releases 7:00 pm
Tues Sept 02.....Junior Fair Livestock Sale
Starts at 9:00 am (check info board)
Tues Sept 02..... all rabbits must be removed
from the barn by 3:00 pm

Rabbit Judging on Sat. August 09, 2014

Animal judging this year is by club. The Bunny Hoppers animal judging will be on Saturday August 09, 2014 at the rabbit barn. This includes all your animal projects; (rabbits, beef, poultry, horse, etc.) **DO NOT BRING YOUR ANIMAL TO JUDGING.** You need your completed book, expense sheets and paragraph summary as we discussed at the club meeting. Judging is open from 9:00 am to noon, no sign up time is needed.

cloverbuds do not need to do this judging

You must go online to enter the 2014 fair

<http://van.fairmanager.com>

All Junior Fair entries must be made online by August 9th. This includes, animals, non-animals, and cloverbuds. This was started two years ago. Remember to print a copy of your entry for your records.

For rabbits you need the numbers:

3101 is show rabbits (you are allowed 8 entries)
3102 -1 meat pen rabbits (you are allowed 1 entry)
3102 -2 single fryer (you are allowed 1 entry)
3103 doe and litter (your are allowed 1 entry)
3104 cloverbud (you are allowed 1 entry)

Remember: new this year you must enter and show a rabbit in the (3101) show category to enter a meat pen or single fryer rabbit.



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.

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 9th, but you can do it for fun

There was a Problem In the Past Years



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).

Again 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.

Club Meeting

**Tuesday August 05, 2014
starting at 6:30 pm**

The next Bunny Hopper Meeting is on Tuesday August 5th starting at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be at the fairgrounds, and as always parents are encouraged to stay for the meeting. We will be discussing animal judging, entries in the fair, fair events, and new procedures at the fair.

YOU AND A PARENT NEEDS TO BE AT THIS MEETING !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Congrad's to State Fair Qualifiers

Katelyn Welch, Kyra Welch, Maddy Lamb, Cody Gamble, Madison Kroeger, Addy Bradford

Meat Pen/Single Fryer Tattooing

Saturday August 9, 2014 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 Set Up Meeting

Saturday August 16, 2014 9:00 am

(note: this is set up not clean up the new barn should be up and the old barn removed by this meeting)

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 help set up. If you can, bring 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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When to bring your rabbits to the fair

The Rabbit Barn will be open for check in on Tuesday August 26th, after 9:00 am



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. Note: meat pen cages no longer have built in feeders like in past years
- #5 You need to bring your grooming/preparation supplies and equipment.

Junior Fair Booth

Theme: Road Trip
(things to see at the Van Wert County Fair)

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 Barn Clean Up Meeting.

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 isle 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.

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.

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 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.

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

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 9:00 am

Junior Fair Rabbit Show is on Sunday starting after showmanship which is about 11:00 to 11:30 am.

Showman of Showman is on Monday.

There is a dress code for you when participating at livestock shows and sales. (see page number 71 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 \$6.00 before the fair at the senior fair board office)

