

August 2020

YOU NEED TO ENTER YOUR RABBIT INTO THE FAIR.

All Junior Fair entries must be completed by Wednesday August 12, 2020. This includes cloverbuds. Make a neat copy of your entry on paper and bring it with you to rabbit interviews on August 12th. Older brothers or sisters can bring younger siblings clover bud entry too.

For rabbits you can enter a maximum of:

- 6 Breeding Rabbits (show rabbits)
- 1 Meat Pen Rabbits
- 1 Roaster
- 1 Single Fryer
- 1 Doe and litter

1 Cloverbud (you are allowed 1 entry) Remember: you must enter and show a rabbit in the show category to enter a meat pen, roaster or single fryer rabbit.

Carpet Square

Each family needs their own carpet square with your name on the back (I suggest duck tape). Do not share your Carpet Square

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THINK.....SOCIAL DISTANCING, MASKS, CLEAN HANDS For you and others

REMINDERS for Market Rabbits

#1 Rabbit Meat Pen and/or Single Fryer each rabbit must weight 4 to 6 pounds. Roasters are 6.1 to 9 pounds. If they are under weight or over weight they will not be eligible for the auction on Tuesday.

#2 To take a market rabbit you must also do a separate breeding (show) rabbit project and display and show in the Sunday Junior Fair Show. If you do not show in the Sunday show you will not be permitted to sell rabbits at the livestock sale.

The Left Ear

Your rabbit's left ear identification tatoo must be in place before August 15th market tattoo day. If you need help contact your club advisor, Heather at the extension office (238-1214), or one of the rabbit club advisors.

Meat Pen/Single Fryer/Roaster Tattooing

Saturday August 15, 2020 any time between 7:30 am to 10:30 am at the rabbit barn.

All meat pen, roaster 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

When you arrive take a number and wait outside, your number will be called when it is your turn.

Barn Set Up Meeting Saturday August 29, 2020 9:00 am

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 plyers, 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.

Social distancing/face masks required

When to bring your rabbits to the fair

The Rabbit Barn will be open for check in on Friday September 04, 2020 after 9:00 am



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

Rabbit Cloverbuds

All cloverbuds must sign up to enter your one rabbit at the county fair just like everyone else.

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.

#5 You need to bring your grooming/preparation supplies and equipment.

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.

Your Exhibit at the Fair

After you have your rabbits in the pens, **YOU MUST CHECK 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 under and in front of your cages.

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

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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.

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

By president Kyra 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.

Virtual Auction

On Tuesday the auction for market animals will be a virtual auction. You will need a picture of you and your animal for the virtual auction.

Parents and 4-Her's

There is a message board in the office area 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!!!

Trophies & Awards

Trophies and awards will be presented at the end of each breed. If you would like to sponsor a trophy for 2021 please see Sara or Phil during the fair.

What to Sell

(Meat Pen, Roaster or Single Fryer)

You can choose to sell your meat pen, roaster, or your single fryer in the livestock sale on Tuesday. You will need to declare which to sell **on Saturday by the end of the show**. The Meat Pen Show, Roaster and the Single Fryer Show is a terminal sale. Those rabbits declared to sell will go the packer. All other market rabbits are your responsibility.

Thank You Notes

Just a thought: get your thank you notes ready before the fair, so if you win a trophy or special award, you are not scrambling at the last minute. Also get a couple pictures of you and one of your animals printed out in a 4 x 6 just in case.



The fair will look different this year

#1 for social distancing there will be a big tent next to the rabbit barn for social distancing. In addition you can put up your own tent for your own family area. (*like those 10 x 10 foot ones*)

#2 during the shows only the exhibitor and parents are permitted in the rabbit barn. Family and friends are not allowed. They will have to learn from your stories. #3 there will be a system set up for social distance and cleaning between show groups. Be patient and pay attention.

4 your entry with ear numbers, breed, age, sex must be correct before the show. If incorrect during the show, the rabbit will be evaluated and graded, but outclassed for the top awards.

#5 listen to announcements and directions during the before and during the show for procedures.

#6 animals will be released on Monday at 6:00 pm.

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| Wednesday | August 12 | Interview/judging and project Book Evaluation | By appointment |
| Wednesday | August 12 | Complete rabbit entry form at interview/judging Hint bring it with you written down | |
| Saturday | August 15 | Market Rabbit Right Ear Tattooing at the rabbit barn (take a number when you are ready) | 7:30 am to 10:30 am |
| Saturday | August 29 | Set up Barn for the fair (rabbit families) | 9:00 am |
| | Sept 4, 5, 6 | Rabbit Virtual Judging Contest (turn in by 2:00 pm Sunday) | |
| Friday | Sept. 04 | All livestock in place on the fairgrounds | Before 6:00 pm |
| Friday | Sept. 04 | Market Rabbit Weigh in (take a number when you are ready) | 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm |
| Saturday | Sept, 05 | Meat Pen/Single Fryer/Roaster Doe & Litter follows market judging | Starting at 9:00 am |
| t.b.a. | | Rabbit market packer will be in barn Sunday evening or Monday morning | t.b.a. |
| Sunday | Sept 06 | Rabbit Showmanship | 9:00 am |
| Sunday | Sept 06 | Jr Fair Rabbit Show | 11:00 am |
| Monday | Sept 07 | All livestock released | 6:00 pm |
| Tuesday | Sept 08 | Livestock Sale | Virtual sale |
| Saturday | Sept 12 | Barn Clean Up (rabbit families) **will take about 90 minutes" | 9:00 am |

Rabbit Van Wert County Junior Fair Schedule 2020