

Rabbits

2024

COMMITTEE: Vickie Bogan-co chair & Mike Cook-co chair, Kevin Bogan, Carissa Brandenburg, Jacob Lansing, Bella Woodyard, Debbie Harvey & Jordan Phipps

March 15 **Project Enrollment Deadline**

May 1 **Project Possession Date**

May 1 **Rabbit Check in: Wednesday, 6-8:00 p.m., Fairground-Rabbit Barn**

Breeding Rabbit Projects (All doe & litters must supply ear number, breed and variety at check in. (Litters are not required at check in.)

May 1 **Rabbit Ambassador Application Due to OSU Extension office**

May 15 **Rabbit Ambassador Contest: 4:30 p.m. Interviews, Contest 7:00 p.m. at OSU Extension Office**

May 31 **Market Fryer Project Possession Date**

June 6 **Market Rabbit Pre-Fair Check in: Thursday, 6-8:00 p.m., Fairground-Rabbit Barn (Bring market fryers.)**

June 25 **Skillathon: 6-8 p.m., Fairground-Rabbit Barn**

July 9 **Rabbit Check in & Fryer Check in/Weigh-in: Tuesday, 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Fairground-Rabbit Barn**

July 10 **Rabbit Show: Wednesday, 9 a.m., Fairground-Rabbit Barn**

July 11 **Rabbit Cull Buyer Available for Fryers & All Other Rabbits: Thursday, 5:00 p.m., Fairground-Rabbit Barn**

July 12 **Rabbit Judging Contest & Breed ID: Friday, at 10:00 a.m., Fairground-Rabbit Barn**

July 13 **Rabbit Projects & Posters Released: Saturday, 8 a.m.-11a.m. Fairground-Rabbit Barn**

July 13 **Sale of Champions: Saturday, 1:00 p.m., Fairground-LEC**

Sale order: All grand champions & reserve grand champions, goat, lamb, beef, poultry, rabbit, dairy & swine

No equipment or projects are to be moved during the junior fair livestock sales.

1. All rabbits are to be purebred and must have a legible ear tattoo in the left ear and in the care of the exhibitor by May 1. Check-in/tattoo is **May 1, 6-8:00 p.m.** If your rabbit does not have a tattoo, the Rabbit Committee will tattoo the rabbit(s). Rabbits must be at least 8 weeks of age at check-in. Rabbits should be sexed prior to check-in. Rabbits may be sexed by a Rabbit Committee member by request at check-in with the understanding that the Rabbit Committee will not be held responsible for incorrect gender identification. No changes will be made following check-in. Rabbits will be handled by a representative from the Rabbit Committee at both check-ins to check for correct identification. Incorrect identification at fair check-in will result in project dismissal.
2. Rabbits are to be brought to the fairground between 9 a.m. and noon, Tuesday of the fair. All rabbits must be checked in for proper id by the Rabbit Committee before being caged.
3. All entries will be accepted without health certificates provided they do not show any evidence of a contagious disease.
4. All members showing rabbits must be present at the time of judging to show their project to the judge. Only members exhibiting and participating in the show will be allowed (along with authorized personnel) in the show area. Authorized personnel will include Jr. Fair Board members, department chair, show recording secretary, Extension staff and news media. Failure to comply with this rule may subject a member to forfeiture of all awards. Upon a second request to leave the area the person(s) will be asked to leave the barn. See livestock rules for additional information.
5. Members may compete in all eight classes. In addition to the eight classes, members may show in the single fryer and doe/litter class.
6. No more than two entries per exhibitor is allowed in any one class.
7. Rabbits will be classified into two divisions-Fancy or Commercial (see chart).
8. Non market litter classes must be 42-70 days old to compete. (All doe & litters must supply ear number, breed and variety at check in. Animal is NOT required at check in.)
9. Rabbits entered in the wrong class or incorrect sex will not place in the class.

10. All members are required to properly feed and water their animals and clean pens and aisles daily throughout the fair.
11. Release time for all rabbits & posters is Saturday, July 13, 8 a.m.-11 a.m. Fairground-Rabbit Barn
All pens and pen area must be cleaned before rabbits are released.
12. Rabbit Showmanship will follow the rabbit show Wednesday. Exhibitor age as of January 1 of the current year.
Classes:
 1. Beginner Division - Ages 8-9 yrs
 2. Junior Division - Ages 10-11 yrs
 3. Intermediate Division - Ages 12-13 yrs
 4. Senior Division - Ages 14 and older
13. The Rabbit Committee reserves the right to combine classes based on participation/exhibitor entries, including showmanship.
14. Members exhibiting rabbits may take skillathon at the designated time before the fair to be eligible for skillathon awards and special barn/department awards.

CLASSES (Ages based on fair show date)

Commercial

Doe & Litter (minimum of four in litter)
 Junior Doe (under 6 months of age)
 Senior Doe (over 6 months of age)
 Junior Buck (under 6 months of age)
 Senior Buck (over 6 months of age)

Fancy

Doe & Litter (minimum of three in litter)
 Junior Doe (under 6 months of age)
 Senior Doe (over 6 months of age)
 Junior Buck (under 6 months of age)
 Senior Buck (over 6 months of age)

Market Rabbits

Single Fryer Classes

All fryers must be in the exhibitor's possession May 31.

If an exhibitor raises their own fryers from a doe they must have possession of the doe May 1.

Market Fryer Doe & Litter Entries need to be submitted at the Rabbit Check-In May 1.

Fryers must not exceed 70 days of age on the day of weigh in at fair.

Members can raise or purchase single fryers.

A maximum of four fryers per exhibitor may be checked in on June 6 and a maximum of two may be shown.

Fryers must be at least 5 weeks old at the June check-in.

The doe and litter must be checked in by ear number, breed & variety when all projects are tagged-in May 1. A member may check in (4) doe & litters but can only show (2) doe and litter. Information needs to be submitted to the rabbit committee.

If a commercial fryer doe only has 2 or 3 fryers left on her the member may still tag in the fryers on June 6.

Both rabbits will be cooped in one cage. Exhibitors will be given one cage. (The committee recommends putting the fryers together at the time of purchase.)

Single Fryers must weigh between 3.5 to 5.5 pounds and must be weighed Tuesday, July 9, 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Single Fryers MUST be tattooed prior to fair on Thursday, June 6, 6-8:00 p.m., Rabbit Barn by a committee member.

Single Fryers must be selected by the exhibitor by weigh in.

Suggestion: Try to breed does for single fryers 100 days from the date of the fair weigh-in. (March 30-April 3)

The Grand & Reserve Market Fryers will sell the last Saturday of the fair in the Sale of Champions.

Members may sell one market project.

Market classes maybe divided.

Outstanding Rabbit Exhibitor

The Outstanding Rabbit Exhibitor Award recognizes the exhibitor who excels in rabbit knowledge, showmanship, and class placings. Based on a total point system of one hundred points (100) points; 6 points to 1st place, 5 points for 2nd place, 4 points for 3rd place, 3 points for 4th place, 2 points for 5th place and 1 point for 6th place in each class, showmanship and skillathon. Additionally, the exhibitor who displays grand champion 4-H rabbit, single fryer will receive 6 points and the exhibitor who displays reserve grand champion 4-H rabbit or single fryer will receive 3 points and showman of showman will receive 4 points.

In the event of a tie the first tie breaker will be the exhibitor with the highest average placing in all classes, second tie breaker will be the exhibitor with the highest skillathon score and the third tie breaker will be the exhibitor with the highest showmanship placing.

Example: Johnny places 1st in the commercial Sr. buck class, 1st in commercial Jr. Doe class, 4th in the fancy Sr. doe class, 2nd in his division of skillathon, 1st in his division of showmanship and wins showman of showman he will receive a total of 30 points.

Outstanding Rabbit Exhibitor Award will be presented at the Sale of Champions.

RABBIT JUDGING CONTEST & BREED ID (You be the Judge!)

4-H exhibitors will be judging two (2) classes of rabbits with four (4) rabbits in each class. The 4-H exhibitor will be required to check the animals over for faults and disqualifications. They will then place them first thru fourth (1st thru 4th) and give three (3) remarks about each rabbit they place on the remark card provided for each rabbit., as to why it was placed this way. The classes are broken down into two (2) divisions. They are Junior Division 8-13 years of age, and Senior Division 14-18 years of age. The Judging Contest will be on Friday, July 12, at 10:00 a.m. Sign up must be during the 4-H show on Wednesday, July 10. Placings will be 1st thru 6 and the awards will be handed out at the conclusion of the show.

Breed	Class
American	Commercial
Angora-French	Fancy
Angora-English	Fancy
Argente Brun	Fancy
Belgian Hare	Fancy
Beveran	Commercial
Brittannian-Petite	Fancy
California	Commercial
Champagne D. Argent	Commercial
Cinnamon	Commercial
Creme D. Argent	Commercial
Checkered Gt.	Commercial
Chinchilla-Std.	Fancy
Chinchilla-Amer.	Commercial
Chinchilla-Giant	Commercial

Dutch	Fancy
English Spot	Fancy
Flemish Giant	Commercial
Florida White	Fancy
Harlequin	Fancy
Havana	Fancy
Himalayan	Fancy
Lilac	Fancy
Lionhead	Fancy
Lop-English	Commercial
Lop French	Fancy
Mini Satins	Fancy
Netherland Dwarf	Fancy
New Zealand	Commercial
Palomino	Commercial
Polish	Fancy
Rex	Fancy
Rhineland	Fancy
Sable	Commercial
Satin	Commercial
Mini-Lop	Fancy
Britannia Petite	Fancy
Dwarf Hotot	Fancy
Holland Lop	Fancy
Silver	Fancy
Silver Marten	Fancy
Silver Fox	Commercial
Tan	Fancy
Thriandra	Fancy
Satin Angora	Fancy
Jersey Woolly	Fancy
Mini-Rex	Fancy
American Fuzzy-Lop	Fancy
Giant Angora	Fancy
Dwarf Papillion	Fancy
Czech Frostie	Fancy
Blue Holicer	Fancy