Rabbits

2026

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March 15	**Project Enrollment Deadline**
March 26	**Rabbit Clinic & QA: 6:00 p.m., OSU Extension Office**
May 1	**Project Possession Date**
May 1	**Rabbit Ambassador Application Due to OSU Extension Office**
May 6	**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 19	**Rabbit Ambassador Contest: 4:30 p.m. Interviews, Contest 7:00 p.m. at OSU Extension Office**
May 30	**Fun Show: 9:00 a.m., Fairground - Expo Building**
June 7	**Market Rabbit Project Possession Date**
June 16	**Skillathon: 6-8 p.m., Fairground-Rabbit Barn**
June 18	**Market Rabbit Pre-Fair Check in: Thursday, 6-8:00 p.m., Fairground-Rabbit Barn (Bring market fryers and meat pens of two.)**
July 11	**Market Rabbit Check in & Weigh-in: Saturday, 8 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Fairground-Rabbit Barn**
July 11	**Market Exhibitor Meeting: Saturday, 12:00 p.m., Fairground-Rabbit Barn**
July 11	**Poster Arrival: Saturday, 8 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Fairground-Rabbit Barn**
July 13	**Market Rabbit Show & Showmanship: Monday, 9:00 a.m., Fairground-Rabbit Barn**
July 14	**Market Rabbit Projects Released: Tuesday, 8-11:00 p.m., Fairground-Rabbit Barn**
July 15	**Breeding Rabbit Arrival: Wednesday, 8 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Fairground-Rabbit Barn**
July 15	**Breeding Exhibitor Meeting: Wednesday, 12:00 p.m., Fairground-Rabbit Barn**
July 16	**Breeding Rabbit Show & Showmanship: Thursday, 9:00 a.m., Fairground-Rabbit Barn**
July 17	**Rabbit Judging Contest & Breed ID: Friday, at 10:00 a.m., Fairground-Rabbit Barn**
July 18	**Breeding Rabbit Project & Poster Released: Friday from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. or 11:00 p.m. - midnight - or Saturday upon the conclusion of the open show. Fairground-Rabbit Barn**
July 18	**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.**

General Rules

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 6**, 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. 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, committee members, 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. Rabbits entered in the wrong class or incorrect sex will not place in the class.

6. All members are required to properly feed and water their animals and clean pens and aisles daily throughout the fair.

7. All pens and pen area must be cleaned before rabbits are released.

8. Rabbit Showmanship will follow the rabbit shows on Monday and Thursday. Exhibitor age as of January 1 of the current year.

Classes:
1. PeeWee - Under the age of 8 (Will not compete towards awards.)
2. Beginner Division - Ages 8-9 yrs
3. Junior Division - Ages 10-11 yrs
4. Intermediate Division - Ages 12-13 yrs
5. Senior Division - Ages 14 and older

9. The Rabbit Committee reserves the right to combine classes based on participation/exhibitor entries, including showmanship.

10. Members exhibiting rabbits may take skillathon at the designated time before the fair to be eligible for skillathon awards and special barn/department awards.

Breeding Rabbits

1. Members may exhibit 2 rabbits in each of the following classes, regardless of breed:

    - Fancy Sr. buck
    - Fancy Sr. doe
    - Fancy Jr. buck
    - Fancy Jr. doe
    - Commercial Sr. Buck
    - Commercial Sr. Doe
    - Commercial 6-8 buck
    - Commercial 6-8 doe
    - Commercial Jr. Buck
    - Commercial Jr. Doe

2. Rabbits will be classified by age of the rabbit at the time of the rabbit show as follows: Seniors are over 6 months of age, 6-8 are between 6 to 8 months of age and juniors are less than 6 months of age.

3. Doe and litter classes must be 42-70 days old to compete. (All doe & litters must supply ear number, breed and variety at check in. Doe is NOT required at check in.) Kits from doe and litter classes will only show with the litter and can not be pulled to be shown as juniors.

4. A member may check in (4) doe & litters but can only show (2) doe and litters per class (fancy/commercial).

Market Rabbits

Single Fryer and Meat Pen of Two Classes

1. Market Rabbit classes will consist of the following:
    - Singler Fyers
    - Meat Pen of Two
    - Home Grown Fryers
    - Home Grown Meat Pen of Two

1. All market rabbits must be in the exhibitor's possession June 7.

2. If an exhibitor raises their own fryers or meat pens of 2 from a doe they must have possession of the doe May 1.

3. Market rabbits must not exceed 70 days of age on the day of weigh in at fair.

4. Members can raise or purchase market rabbits.

5. A maximum of six market rabbits per exhibitor may be checked in on June 18 and a maximum of two may be shown as fryers and two (1 set) of meat pen of two.

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

7. Meat pens of two will be cooped in one cage and single fryers may be cooped in one cage. (The committee recommends putting market projects together at the time of purchase.)

8. Market Rabbits MUST be tattooed prior to fair on Thursday, June 18, 6-8:00 p.m., Rabbit Barn by a committee member.

9. Market Rabbits must weigh between 3 pounds 8 ounces to 5 pounds 8 ounces and must be weighed Saturday, July 11, 8 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

10. Market Rabbits must be selected by the exhibitor by weigh in.

11. Suggestion: Try to breed does for market rabbits 100 days from the date of the fair weigh-in. (April 5 - April 10)

12. The Grand & Reserve Market Fryers and meat pens of two will sell the last Saturday of the fair in the Sale of Champions.

13. Members may sell one market project.

14. Market classes will be divided by weight.

Home Grown Classes

1. Exhibitors may show up to two homegrown fryers and one meat pen of two in the homegrown classes.

2. The animal(s) will be considered one of the exhibitor's market rabbit entries. To qualify to show in the homegrown class: the doe must be owned by and in the possession of the exhibitor's immediate family.

3. The doe must be at the residence of the exhibitor's immediate family at the time of the kit's birth.

4. Kit must be born and raised at the immediate family member's residence. The Homegrown Champion and Homegrown Reserve Champion will not return and stand as a class in the final drive of the market show.

5. Homegrown Champion and Reserve will be selected.

6. Homegrown rabbits will also be entered to show in their respective weight class in the regular Market Rabbit classes to compete for overall Grand and Reserve Market Rabbit.

7. Refer to the approved definition of immediate family in the Project Grooming Rules section of this book.

8. Home Grown classes will be divided by weight

Outstanding Market Rabbit Exhibitor & Outstanding Breeding Rabbit Exhibitor

There will be two barn awards for the Rabbit Department: Outstanding Market Rabbit Exhibitor & Outstanding Breeding Rabbit Exhibitor. Each Award recognizes the exhibitor who excels in skillathon, showmanship, and class placings. Based on a total point system of one (75) points; 1st, 25 pts. 2nd, 20 pts., 3rd, 15 pts., 4th, 10 pts.,5th, 5 pts.

Top placing animal – one animal only, any breed. 1st, 25 pts. 2nd, 20 pts., 3rd, 15 pts., 4th, 10 pts.,5th, 5 pts.
Showmanship, one class only. 1st, 25 pts. 2nd, 20 pts., 3rd, 15 pts., 4th, 10 pts., 5th, 5 pts.
Skillathon, a test will be set up by the Rabbit Committee. Only the test score from the designated county date will be used. Those not taking the Skillathon at the county date are ineligible for this award. See Livestock Rules for additional Skillathon regulations. Any overall tiebreaker will be determined by the Skillathon score. If needed an additional tie breaker question given at skillaton will determine the overall winner.

Outstanding Market Rabbit Exhibitor & Outstanding Breeding Rabbit Exhibitor will be presented at the Sale of Champions.

RABBIT JUDGING CONTEST & BREED ID

(You be the Judge!)

Junior Fair Exhibitors are encouraged to participate in these two educational contests based on their ability to place rabbits in a class and breed knowledge. Any ties will be determined by those who complete the contest in the shortest amount of time.

Judging Contest

Participants will judge a commercial and fancy (4 and 6 class) rabbit class consisting of 4 rabbits each. The participant will be given 7 minutes to complete each class and to mark their placings on their sheet. Scores will be a combined score between the two classes determined by the "Hormel Judging System" and an official ARBA judge. Please note that animals will be free of DQ's and the use of a Standard of Perfection is permitted during the contest.

Breed ID

Participants will be given 7-minutes to identify a series of rabbits and list the answers to the following: complete breed name (No abbreviations), 4 or 6 class rabbit, variety and or group of rabbit, body and fur type.

Each response is worth 1-point and will be totaled to determine placing in each division.

Classes for both contests will be broken down as follows:

Exhibitor age as of January 1 of the current year.

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

Poster Contest

All educational posters will be considered in this class. Posters are due the first Saturday of the fair between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to the rabbit committee in the rabbit barn.

Judging will be done on:
1) Neatness
2) Completeness
3) Educational Content
4) Ability to educate the public on rabbits and its related areas.

*Posters will be on display during fair week in the Rabbit Barn.

Classes will be broken down as follows:

Exhibitor age as of January 1 of the current year.

5. Cloverbud (Will not compete for awards)
6. Beginner Division - Ages 8-9 yrs
7. Junior Division - Ages 10-11 yrs
8. Intermediate Division - Ages 12-13 yrs
9. Senior Division - Ages 14 and older

Breeds

Breed	Class
American	Commercial
American Fuzzy-Lop	Fancy
Argente Brun	Fancy
Belgian Hare	Fancy
Beveran	Commercial

Brittannian-Petite	Fancy
Blanc de Hotot	Fancy
Blue Holicer	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
Czech Frostie	Fancy
Dutch	Fancy
Dwarf Hotot	Fancy
Dwarf Papillion	Fancy
English Angora	Fancy
English Spot	Fancy
Flemish Giant	Commercial
Florida White	Fancy
French Angora	Fancy
Giant Angora	Fancy
Harlequin	Fancy
Havana	Fancy
Himalayan	Fancy
Holland Lop	Fancy
Jersey Wooly	Fancy
Lilac	Fancy
Lionhead	Fancy
Lop-English	Commercial
Lop French	Fancy
Mini Californian	Fancy
Mini-Lop	Fancy
Mini-Rex	Fancy
Mini Satins	Fancy
Netherland Dwarf	Fancy
New Zealand	Commercial
Palomino	Commercial
Polish	Fancy
Rex	Fancy
Rhinelander	Fancy
Sable	Commercial
Satin	Commercial
Satin Angora	Fancy
Silver	Fancy
Silver Marten	Fancy
Silver Fox	Commercial
Tan	Fancy
Thriantra	Fancy