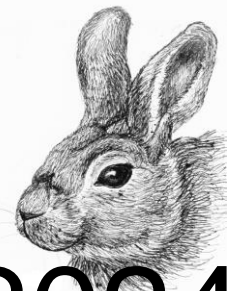


Van Wert Bunny Hoppers
4-H Club & Van Wert Youth
Rabbit Club Newsletter



Junior Fair Edition 2024

August 27, 28, 29,30, 31 Sept. 1,2,3

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YOU NEED TO ENTER YOUR RABBIT INTO THE FAIR.

All Junior Fair entries must be completed by FRIDAY AUG. 16, 2024..... This includes cloverbuds. Make a copy of your entry and bring it with you when you check in at the fair.

The on line Jr Fair Entries OPENED July 1st..t.

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



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.

All Jr. Fair Exhibitors.....need you photo i.d. to get into the fair, and pick up you premiums at the treasurer office. (not cloverbud)

Rabbit Judging /Interview Tuesday August 6, 2024

This includes all your animal projects (rabbits, chicken, beef, hogs, etc) DO NOT BRING YOUR ANIMALS TO THIS JUDGING/INTERVIEW. (they will be judging you not the animals at this time). You need your completed project books, there will be an interview, and a Skillathon of parts of a rabbit. **Jr Fair Building**

No time slots, just show up between 1 pm and 6 pm

REMINDER 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 tattoo should be in place before the August 10th market tattoo morning. If you need help contact your club advisor, the extension office (238-1214), or one of the rabbit club advisors.

Meat Pen/Single Fryer/Roaster Tattooing

Saturday August 10, 2024 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 should have the regular left ear tattoo before the special tattoo

When you arrive fill out the form and wait in the open area, you are called when it is your turn.

Barn Set Up Meeting Saturday August 17, 2024 9:00 am

It is that time again for us to set up the rabbit barn for the fair. **All exhibitors and parents** are to come to this meeting ready to help set up. 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.

When to bring your rabbits to the fair

The Rabbit Barn will be open for check in on Tuesday August 27, 2024 after 9:00 am.

All rabbits must be in place before 7:00 pm on August 27th.



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

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## Rabbit Cloverbuds

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

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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

The standard is white lab coat. A long sleeve shirt works just as well as a show coat.

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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 or in an empty pen next to your's.. The isle in front of your cages are to be kept clear and clean. Wash and clean water bowls daily, Trash picked up.

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

By President Lamb

#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 of 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.

Livestock Auction

On Tuesday September 3rd the auction for market animals will start at 9:00 am.

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 2025 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 Friday 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.



Reminders: for during the Rabbit Show

#1 for social distancing there is a big area around the rabbit barn for social distancing. Outside the barn 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, parents, and friends are permitted in the rabbit barn. When not showing you need to be outside the barn.

#3 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.

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

#5 animals will be released on Monday at 8:00 pm.

Rabbit Van Wert County Junior Fair Schedule 2024

Tuesday	August 06	Interview/judging and project Book Evaluation (Junior Fair Building)	1 to 6 pm NO appointment
Saturday	August 10	Market Rabbit Right Ear Tattooing at the rabbit barn <i>(take a number when you are ready)</i>	7:30 am to 10:30 am
Friday	August 16	Complete rabbit entry form on-line <i>(the web site will open Julyt 1st)</i>	
Saturday	August 17	Set up Barn for the fair <i>(rabbit families)</i>	9:00 am
	Aug 28 to Sept 1	Rabbit Virtual Judging Contest	
Tuesday	August 27	All livestock in place on the fairgrounds	Before 7:00 pm
Tuesday	August 27	Market Rabbit Weigh in <i>(take a number when you are ready)</i>	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Friday	August 29	Meat Pen/Single Fryer/Roaster Doe & Litter follows market judging	Starting at 4:00 pm
Saturday	August 30	Open Rabbit Show	Starting at 10:00 am
t.b.a.		<i>Rabbit market packer will be in barn Tuesday sometime after the sale</i>	t.b.a.
Sunday	Sept 01	Rabbit Showmanship	9:00 am
Sunday	Sept 01	Jr Fair Rabbit Show	11:30 am
Monday	Sept 02	All livestock released	8:00 pm
Tuesday	Sept 03	Livestock Sale	Starts at 9:00 am
Sunday	Sept 08	Barn Clean Up <i>(rabbit families)</i> **will take about 90 minutes"	2:00 pm