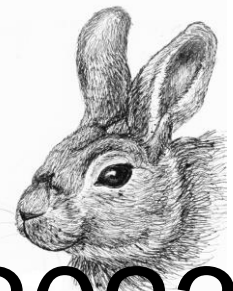


Van Wert Bunny Hoppers
4-H Club & Van Wert Youth
Rabbit Club Newsletter



Junior Fair Edition 2023

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YOU NEED TO ENTER YOUR RABBIT INTO THE FAIR.

All Junior Fair entries must be completed by SATURDAY AUG. 19, 2023..... 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 are will open August 1st.

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.

Rabbit Judging /Interview Tuesday August 8, 2023

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 2 pm and 6pm

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 12th market tattoo morning. If you need help contact your club advisor, the extension office (238-1214), or one of the rabbit club advisors.

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)

Meat Pen/Single Fryer/Roaster Tattooing

Saturday August 12, 2023 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 take a number and wait in the open
area, your number will be called when it is your turn.

Barn Set Up Meeting Saturday August 19, 2023 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.

When to bring your rabbits to the fair

The Rabbit Barn will be open for
check in on Tuesday August 29,
2023 after 9:00 am.

All rabbits must be in place before
7:00 pm on August 29th.

**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.

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 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.

Livestock Auction

On Tuesday September 5th the auction for market animals will start at 9:00 am.

Note: rabbits are last this year

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 2024 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 2023

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| Tuesday | August 08 | Interview/judging and project Book Evaluation | 2 to 6 pm NO appointment |
| Saturday | August 12 | 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 |
| Saturday | August 19 | Complete rabbit entry form on-line <i>(the web site will open August 1st)</i> | |
| Saturday | August 19 | Set up Barn for the fair <i>(rabbit families)</i> | 9:00 am |
| | Aug 29 to Sept 2 | Rabbit Virtual Judging Contest | |
| Tuesday | August 29 | All livestock in place on the fairgrounds | Before 7:00 pm |
| Tuesday | August 29 | Market Rabbit Weigh in <i>(take a number when you are ready)</i> | 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm |
| Friday | Sept, 01 | Meat Pen/Single Fryer/Roaster Doe & Litter follows market judging | Starting at 4:00 pm |
| Saturday | September 02 | 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 03 | Rabbit Showmanship | 9:00 am |
| Sunday | Sept 03 | Jr Fair Rabbit Show | 11:00 am |
| Monday | Sept 04 | All livestock released | 8:00 pm |
| Tuesday | Sept 06 | Livestock Sale | Starts at 9:00 am Rabbits are last |
| Sunday | Sept 10 | Barn Clean Up <i>(rabbit families)</i> **will take about 90 minutes" | 2:00 pm |