

## RABBIT PROJECTS

**\*Possession date for all Commercial and Fancy rabbits and Doe (of Doe and Litter) is June 1<sup>st</sup>.** It is recommended to have more than 1 rabbit to id for all rabbit projects in case of a calamity. **NO RABBITS MAY BE REPLACED OR ADDED AFTER June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Members whose rabbit/s bear a tattoo may turn in the Rabbit ID form with pictures of the tattoo and a side profile of the rabbit/s attached. Those members who possess rabbits that have not been tattooed must bring their rabbit/s to the official Rabbit ID day as scheduled.

\*Where **DOE & LITTER** is discussed: Litter must be born and raised from a doe the member owns and has bred AND the litter needs to be at least 4 weeks of age, but not more than 7 weeks of age by the first day of fair. Members 8/9 years of age and are first year members may not exhibit a doe & litter.

\*Where **MEAT PEN** is discussed: Three rabbits are required and need to be of the same breed, color, age; they must NOT be over **70** days of age as of the opening day of the Henry County Fair. **IT IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED THAT THE PROJECT MEMBER BREED THEIR OWN BUCK & DOE TO PRODUCE THEIR MEAT PEN OF RABBITS.**

**\*Pen of 3 Market Rabbit Project Members complete their Livestock Skillathon at the designated time. Points for project book completion will not be awarded at that time. Completed project book/record inserts must be brought with the member and reviewed for points August 11th at weigh in at the fairgrounds. The member's skillathon score will then be tallied and recorded.**

Rabbit projects may be repeated. Members MUST indicate on their enrollment form the number of years in the project (include the current year). **EXAMPLE:** Madison has taken a market rabbit project for 6 years + this year = 7 years.

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Project	Project	Project Requirement	Note	Exhibit
225	Breeding Rabbit	Complete Project Guidelines as listed on pg. 2 of the project book & pg. 25 of this handbook	It is HIGHLY recommended to secure a minimum of two rabbits for their project work. Study Rabbit Skillathon kit	Make entry according to Rabbit Dept. #300 Rules & Regulations provided below
226	Market Rabbit	Complete Project Guidelines as listed on pg. 2 of the project book & pg. 25 of this handbook	Member may have one pen of three rabbits- It is HIGHLY recommended to secure a minimum of 4 rabbits Study Market Rabbit Skillathon kit	Make entry according to Rabbit Dept. #300 Rules & Regulations provided below

### Department #300 Junior Fair Rabbit Exhibitor Rules & Regulations

#### A. Show Rules

- Exhibitor show apparel shall be:
  - Black or blue jeans/slacks. Shorts and bibs are prohibited.
  - White collared, long sleeved shirt with cuffs to end of the wrist, without lettering or farm name.
  - White long sleeved show jackets without lettering or farm name are permitted; they are to be worn as a long sleeved jacket.
  - Hard soled shoes, boots or tennis shoes required. Sandals are prohibited.
- Proper Jr. Fair show attire must be worn at Junior Fair Livestock sale.

**Breeding Rabbits & Doe (of Doe & Litter Exhibits) & Single Roaster ID Day: Sat. June 5 9:00-10:30am Small Animal Barn**  
**Meat Pen ID: Wed. July 21 4-6pm Small Animal Barn**

#### B. Specific Rules for ALL Department Exhibitors

- Exhibitors must provide their own storage for feed and equipment.
- No padlocks/combo locks on cages. Junior fair exhibitors must provide their own zip locks for cages if so desired.
- Pen areas (cages and underneath cages) MUST be cleaned daily.
- All rabbits entered in the Junior Fair competition must bear tattoos for identification purposes. Members are ineligible for exhibition if they do not participate in the ID Day/s. Pens of three market rabbits must bear **DIFFERENT TATTOOS** (revised in 08)
- Sick rabbits will not be permitted in the rabbit barn and will be released from the fair as deemed necessary.
- The Junior Fair Rabbit Show will utilize the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) Standards of Perfection for all purebred rabbit classes, Single Roaster and Meat Pen class.

#### C. Rabbit Projects (Commercial & Fancy Rabbits and/or Doe & Litter Exhibits)

- Rabbits must be secured by June 1 of current year. All rabbits must be purebred or show the recognized characteristics of a specific breed.
- Rabbit projects must be entered in Junior Fair for exhibition/competition. Entry deadline is June 15th
- ALL rabbit/s that Junior Fair members plan to exhibit in 300-Division A and/or Division C must be properly identified (tattooed) Members whose rabbit/s bear a tattoo may turn in the Rabbit ID form with pictures of the tattoo and a side profile of the rabbit/s. Those members who possess rabbits that have not been tattooed must bring their rabbit/s to the official Rabbit ID day as scheduled.

4. All Junior Fair members exhibiting a Doe & Litter 300-Division C: Doe & Litter, the doe must be in exhibitor's possession by June 1 of current year. \*Litter age: *Must not be less than 4 weeks of age or exceed 7 weeks of age* as of the first day of fair.

5. Exhibit Entries:

Exhibitors 8/9 and in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade AND first year in the project may make one entry in 300 Division A. (May not exhibit a Doe & Litter)

Exhibitors 9 (and 2<sup>nd</sup> year in the project), 10, 11, 12 years of age may make two entries in 300 Division A and an optional entry in 300 Division C: Doe & Litter.

Exhibitors 13-15 years of age may make three entries in 300 Division A and an optional entry in 300 Division C: Doe & Litter.

Exhibitors 16-18 years of age may make four entries in 300 Division A and an optional entry in 300 Division C: Doe & Litter.

#### D. Meat Rabbit Project

1. All Junior Fair members exhibiting meat pens must have rabbits tattooed at the scheduled I.D. Day (July) Meat pen shall consist of three rabbits of the same breed, color, and size and not over **70 days old (10 weeks-** June 4 or after) the first day of fair and weigh minimum of 3.5 lbs. each/maximum of 5.5 lbs. each. Single Roaster= one meat type rabbit **5.5 - 9 lbs.** and 6 months old (born after February 13 or after) or younger.

NOTE: You cannot exhibit in both classes (Pen of 3 and Single Roaster classes) nor can you switch from one to other after June 15<sup>th</sup>

\*If you plan to exhibit at the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Rabbit Show (Market class) you must have your rabbits by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

2. Meat Rabbit projects must be entered in Junior Fair exhibition/competition. Entry deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup>

3. Meat Rabbits will be weighed individually upon arrival at the fairgrounds.

4. Meat pens are sold in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.

5. Exhibit Entry: All exhibitors taking the Market Rabbit project may make one entry in 300 Division B1: Meat Pen (Consists of 3 meat rabbits)  
OR 300 Division B2: Single Roaster MARKET RABBIT exhibits are not included in the number of BREED entries

#### E. Department: 300 Rabbit Department Classes

##### 300 Division A: Breed Division No Crossbred Classes

##### 1. Six class rabbits (ideally OVER 9 lb. rabbits)

1A.	Jr. under 6 months (Doe)	1B.	Jr. under 6 months (Buck)
1C.	6-8 months (Doe)	1D.	6-8 months (Buck)
1E.	Sr. over 8 months (Doe)	1F.	Sr. over 8 months (Buck)

##### 2. Four class rabbits (ideally UNDER 9 lb. rabbits)

2A.	Jr. under 6 months (Doe)	2B.	Jr. under 6 months (Buck)
2C.	Sr. over 6 months (Doe)	2D.	Sr. over 6 months (Buck)

**300 Division B1: Meat Pen of 3    300 Division B2: Single Roaster    300 Division C: Doe & Litter**

#### F. Awards & Premiums:

Showmanship Classes; Classes; Champion/Reserve Champions; Grand & Reserve Grand Champions

Premiums: Premiums: \$4.00 per entry exhibited that receives an Superior or Excellen;. \$2.00 per entry exhibited that Receives a Good.

