

2024 Ashland County Rabbit Project Requirements

Revised 2/24

Reminders for 2024

THERE IS NO LEASING OF BREED RABBITS

PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST ATTEND CLINICS WITH THE MEMBER

- **NEW: Breed Rabbits must be entered and identified under the member's profile in 4honline by June 1.**
- **NEW: Market rabbits will be entered and identified in FAIR ENTRY by August 9.**
- **NEW: Market Rabbit tattooing will be August 4 at the Fairgrounds or August 8th at Joan's house.**
- **Members AND a parent/guardian must attend at least one Rabbit Clinic to be eligible to show at the fair. You must attend 2 clinics to be eligible for an outstanding.**
- **Pet rabbit projects are judged at still project judging. Pet Rabbits do not come to the fair.**
- **All participants bringing a living, breathing animal to the fair must complete Quality Assurance training by June 1.**

Possession Date

- **Breed Rabbits must be in the care and possession of the exhibitor with pictures and tatoo ID entered in 4honline by June 1.** For the doe and litter class, the babies must be a minimum of 4-6 weeks old at fair time. There must be a minimum of 4 babies per litter except for Netherland Dwarfs, Jersey Woolys, Polish and Dwarf Hotot which have a minimum of 2 babies. **THERE IS NO LEASING OF BREED RABBITS.**
- **Market Rabbits must be in the care and possession of the exhibitor by **August 8, 2024.**** Market Rabbits must be purebred rabbits. No mixed breeds. Market Rabbits should be bred approximately 110 days before fair. (May 29) Market Rabbit Meat Pen rabbits should be selected from the same litter.

Tattooing

1. **Market rabbits, including single fryers, must be tattooed by a Rabbit Committee member on: Sunday, August 4th 12-2 pm, 3-4pm at the Fairgrounds OR Thursday, August 8th 3-6 pm at Joan Stauffer's house.** Market rabbit exhibitors will need to make an appointment through an online sign up, starting in July, for one of those days. The Rabbit Committee cannot be held responsible for injured rabbits.
2. Members may bring up to six market Rabbits to be tattooed. Before fair, members will choose three of these rabbits to make up a pen. One other rabbit may be brought for the Single Fryer Class.
3. **All Breed Rabbits must be tattooed PRIOR to June 1. Tattooing will be offered free by a Rabbit Committee member, by appointment.** Please call Joan Stauffer at 419-651-3068 to make an appointment. Breed rabbits may also be tattooed at the conclusion of a rabbit clinic.



Required to Complete Project/Show/Sell at Fair

1. **Member must belong to a 4-H Club and be enrolled in a Rabbit project or an FFA member in good standing with a rabbit project.** 4-H members can enroll and projects can be registered at v2.4honline.com. Deadline to enroll in 4-H and be eligible to show at the County Fair is April 15.
2. **Breed rabbits must be identified in the member's 4honline by June 1 and market rabbits identified in FAIR ENTRY by August 9.**
3. **Members must attend and sign in at least one clinic to be eligible to show/sell at fair. A parent or guardian must attend clinic with the member. Clinic dates are:**

March 30 at 11:00 AM	Mozelle Hall
June 13 at 6:00 PM	Fairgrounds Veteran's Building
August 4 at 3:00 PM	Mozelle Hall
4. To be eligible for an Outstanding award, the member must attend a minimum of **two** clinics.
5. **Must complete Interview Judging.** Satisfactory completion of the project record book will be a large part of this grade. These evaluations will take place on the same dates as the skill-a-thon.
6. **Members must participate in the Ashland County Rabbit Skill-a-thon.**
Members who complete a Rabbit skill-a-thon at the Ohio State Fair may have this counted as the skill-a-thon requirement. Participation in any other skill-a-thon is NOT accepted.
7. **For ALL Rabbit Projects, members must complete Quality Assurance Training by June 1, 2024 in order to show at the county fair.** This training is offered by Ashland County on numerous dates March-April. Other QA trainings may be accepted but contact the Extension office to find out for sure if they qualify. Proof of QA attendance must be provided to the Extension Office by June 1.
8. **Must turn in an accurate online Junior Fair entry through the Junior Fair Office by the August 9, 2024 deadline.**



Junior Fair Exhibit Rules

❖ **Breed Rabbits:**

- There is **NO LEASING** of breed rabbits.
- For Fair entries, the age of the rabbit is the age at fair time.

❖ **Market Rabbits**

- The **minimum weight on Market Rabbits is 3.5 pounds, maximum weight is 5.5 pounds and the total pen cannot be over 16.5 pounds.** Ideal market weight is 4-5 lbs. Overweight and underweight pens will not be eligible for sale, but members are encouraged to participate in showmanship class and the Over/Under class.
- Have pen and fryer selected **PRIOR** to weigh in. Only one weight per rabbit.
- An optional class, Mother of the Meat Pen class, will be offered during the Sunday Sept. 15 show. The member must own the mother of the meat pen and it must be tattooed.
- Pictures for the Buyer's plaques will be taken prior to the show on **September 15.**

For additional Ashland County Fair information, requirements, and rules, refer:

- **2024 Ashland County Junior Fair Book**
 - **State Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules** <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901-19>

2024 Ashland County Rabbit Committee

Please contact a Rabbit committee member if you need assistance or have questions during the year.

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