

- **June 18** – *Rabbit Clinic - Virtual by Zoom at 5:30 p.m.
- **July 18** - *Rabbit Clinic – 10 a.m. TBA
- **August 14** – All Junior Fair entries due. **They will be done online this year. A link to the entry site and the fair book will be emailed in July.**
- **August 15** – Possession Date for all Market Rabbits
- **August 15** - Market Rabbit Tattooing – Fairgrounds - By appointment 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **September 3** – *Rabbit Clinic (Getting Ready for Fair) 6:30 p.m. – Ashland County Extension Office
- **Saturday, September 19** - Check in at fair. 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- **Sunday, September 20** - Meat Pen, Single Fryer and Mother of Meat Pen show 4 p.m.
- **Monday, September 21** - Breed Show and Showmanship 9 a.m.
- **Thursday, September 24** - Market Sale
- ***Members must attend at least one clinic in order to be eligible to show and/or sell at the county fair. In order to receive an outstanding, members must attend two clinics.**

CONTINUING FOR 2020 – Market Pens not cleaned by 9 p.m. on Saturday of fair will have \$25.00 deducted from member's sale check. Breed Pens not cleaned by Sunday after fair at noon will be charged \$25. Failure to pay will result in not being able to show at the fair again until payment is made.

MARKET RABBITS:

- **CONTINUING**: Market Rabbits should be bred approximately 105 days before the fair.
- **CONTINUING**: Market rabbit exhibitors must attend a Quality Assurance training before August 14. QA trainings are held on a club level this year. See your advisor for more information.
- **The Meat Pen rabbits selected should all be from the same litter.**
- Market rabbits, including single fryers, must be tattooed on August 15 by appointment, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 15 at the Fairgrounds by a committee member. Market rabbit exhibitors need to call the Extension office at 419-281-8242 to make an appointment (starting July 20) for tattooing. No breed rabbits will be tagged this day. Committee cannot be held responsible for injured rabbits. Kids and parents will sign permission form at tagging.
- Members may bring six (6) Market Rabbits to be tattooed on August 15 and must choose three (3) to make up a pen before bringing the animals to the fair. **Only three rabbits will be weighed for the pen on September 19. No substitutions allowed. Members may bring one rabbit for the Single Fryer Class.** Market Rabbits will be judged Sunday, September 20.
- **NEW**: The minimum weight on Market Rabbits is 3.5 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 still encouraged to participate in the showmanship class on **Monday, September 21**.
- An optional class is offered at the 2020 fair. This class is the "Mother of Meat Pen." Member must own the mother of the meat pen and it must be tattooed. Judging will be done on **Sunday, September 20**.

- Each pen of market rabbits will be weighed in between 9:00 am. and 8:00 pm. on Saturday, September 19. **Member or family member is responsible for putting the animal on scale.**
- Pictures for Buyer's Plaques will be taken prior to the show on September 19.
- **All members must show and sell their own animals in the show and sale rings.** Market rabbits must be brought to the judging table in carriers.
- **Meat Rabbit exhibitors are responsible for getting Meat Pen to the Coliseum on sale day. They need to bring their own carrying cases.**
- The order of sale will be Grand, Reserve Meat Pens, Grand and Reserve Single Fryers and remaining meat pens. **Only the two top Single Fryers will sell.** All others will be turned or go home. Members will draw for sale order at weigh-in. Sale commission will be taken on all animals to cover expenses.
- **Grand and Reserve Champion Market Rabbits and Grand and Reserve Single Fryers must sell and be terminal.**
- Market animals MUST be cared for by member after sale until rabbits are removed from grounds.
- Market Rabbits must be purebred rabbits. No mixed breeds.

MARKET RABBIT JUDGING:

CONTINUING FOR 2020: Livestock interview judging will consist of two parts, both of which must be completed in order for a member to be able to show at the county fair.

First, all members will be evaluated by their club advisor using a rubric grade sheet. Youth will earn grades of superior, excellent, good or needs improvement, as their performance dictates. Club advisors will review the record books and satisfactory completion of the books will be a large part of the final grade. These evaluations will take place at the club level (club meetings) in August. Final grade sheets will be due to the Extension office by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25. We are asking advisors to turn them in.

The second part members must complete in order to show at the fair is the completion of a species skill-a-thon for each species they are exhibiting. This year all skill-a-thons will be held virtually. Every livestock project member will receive an individual email for each species they are taking as a project. Members must complete the on-line skill-a-thon (a Qualtrics survey) and submit it by the required time which will be listed on the survey and will be no later than August 25.

BREED RABBITS:

- **Continuing for 2020: ALL breed rabbits **MUST** be tattooed for the 2020 Junior Fair.** Tattooing will be offered free, by appointment, by committee members. Please call Joan Stauffer to make an appointment.
- **Fair entries are limited to four rabbits per breed in a 4-class rabbit and six rabbits per breed in a 6-class rabbit, with no more than two in any one fair lot (see fair book). Members may have a total of 10 entries in the above classes. In addition, member can have one entry each in doe with litter, meat pen, mother of meat pen and single fryer for a total overall maximum of 14 entries.** The age of the rabbit is the age at fair time, for fair entries. **NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE ON SHOW DAY WITH ENTRIES.** Correction of age and sex can be made at clinics or at time of check in. The committee has the authority to add/split classes at the fair if necessary.
- **Continuing for 2020: 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 3 babies per litter except for Netherland Dwarfs, Jersey Woolys, Polish, and Dwarf Hotot which have a minimum of 2 babies.**
- **There will be no Utility (mixed breed) Class at the county fair.**

- **All members must show their own animals in breed classes.**

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GENERAL:

- **Continuing for 2020:** All breed class and non-sale market rabbit exhibitors must pick up their own rabbits when they are released from the fair and are responsible for feeding, watering and proper bedding of animal throughout stay on fairgrounds. **Daily care (feed, water, cleaning pen, etc.) of all rabbits by member or family at fair is a must!** You need to supply feed and water dishes the proper size for animals and attach to cages. **It is the member's responsibility to clean the cage completely at the end of fair also.**
- **Member must sign up for showmanship class on Saturday, September 19 at check in and may only show in one class.**
- It is at the discretion of the Rabbit Committee that any obviously injured or sick animals will not be allowed to show or sell! No private sales of rabbits can take place on the fairgrounds.
- **Breed Rabbits can not be removed before official release time which is Saturday, September 26 from 10 p.m. to midnight or Sunday, September 27 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. However, Market Rabbits sold through the Junior Fair Auction or turned will be released at 2 p.m. on Friday September 25. NO EARLY RELEASE OF RABBITS WILL BE PERMITTED.**
- **NEW:** Cages will be checked for cleanliness. Checks will start on Monday and cages will be marked with color zip-ties if they need cleaned. They must be cleaned by noon the next day. After three warnings, a fine will be issued of \$5. Failure to pay the fine will result in not being able to show at next year's fair.
- **REMINDER: Ashland County Fair Rules.**

Livestock may not be removed from the fairgrounds before the release times stated in the fairbook. Doing so will result in the forfeiture of all premiums and possible loss of exhibition privileges at the Ashland County Fair.

2020 RABBIT COMMITTEE

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