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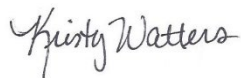
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MEMORANDUM

March 18, 2025

To: Members enrolled in Rabbit Projects

From: Kristy Watters, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development



Subject: Rabbit Clinic and QA, Tattooing Dates, and Project/Fair Guidelines

Rabbit Clinic and QA – April 8 – Fairgrounds – 6:00 pm. This will include tips on selecting, feeding, and showing rabbits, as well as cover all aspects of the 2025 Quality Assurance. All Revolution of Rabbits exhibitors are required to attend. All other rabbit exhibitors, especially first-time rabbit exhibitors, are encouraged to attend! Breeding (fancy) rabbits will be tattooed immediately following the clinic.

Pet Rabbit Project (#228PE): The completed project book, pet rabbit, and poster or display will be judged during pre-fair judging. Pet rabbits will not be exhibited, shown, or sold at the Fair. Youth enrolled in the Pet Rabbit project do not have to attend quality assurance. Participation in the Rabbit Skillathon is *optional* for youth enrolled in the Pet Rabbit project.

Breeding Rabbit Project (#228BR): This project is for youth who breed, raise, and show fancy-type or commercial-type rabbits. They will be shown in the applicable four- or six-class breed classes at the Fair. These rabbits must be identified by a tattoo in the left ear and entered into the Fair by May 1 using the tattoo number, class number, and breed/variety. Rabbits should meet breed/variety requirements. Youth exhibiting Breeding Rabbits must attend quality assurance, and participation in the Rabbit Skillathon is required. Breeding rabbits will not be sold at the Fair. **Tattooing of these rabbits will take place at the fairgrounds following Rabbit Clinic and QA on April 8.** Note: Exhibitors may tattoo their own rabbits and are not required to bring them to tattooing on April 8. **Fair entry for all breeding rabbits is due to the Extension office by 4:00 p.m. on June 1. Entries will be submitted online at <https://go.osu.edu/breedingrabbit>.**

Market Rabbit Project (#228MA): This project is for youth who want to show and potentially sell a market rabbits at the Fair. A market rabbit must weigh from 3.5-5.5 pounds. **In 2025 this is a single fryer rabbit**, 8-10 weeks old by Fair. Members may tattoo and show up to three single fryers. Youth exhibiting Market Rabbits must attend quality assurance, and participation in the Rabbit Skillathon is required. All market rabbits must be tattooed at the fairgrounds, from 7-9 p.m., on June 12. No additional registration of market rabbits is required.

FAIR CLASSES - Use Class Names and Numbers when Registering Your Rabbits.

Monday, 6 pm: Showmanship:

- 1. Meat Rabbit Showmanship:** Meat rabbit classes; by exhibitor age.
- 2. Breeding Showmanship -** Breeding rabbits; by exhibitor age.

3. **Rabbit Showman of Showmen** - Winners of all previous classes and winners of Rabbit Showman of Showmen from previous years.
4. **Born and Raised Single Fryer Show** – Members must be enrolled in a breeding rabbit project to enter. Fryers must be born and bred in Adams County by the member. Members may enter 2 fryers but must be different than pen of 2 meat pen. Fryers must be 70 days old and weigh 3.5-5.5 pounds at fair weigh-in.

Tuesday, 9 am – Meat Pens followed by Breed Show:

5. **Market Rabbit** - Limit three single fryers; market rabbits must weight 3.5 – 5.5 pounds in order to compete for champion and OME awards and sell in the Small Animal Sale.
6. **Breed Show** – Exhibitor may tattoo and exhibit two rabbits per class, per variety.
 - a. **Six-Class a. Breeds** - Six class breeds include, but are not limited to: Californian, Checkered Giant, Flemish Giant, English and French Lop, New Zealand and Satin. Classes are as follows, by breed:
 1. Junior Doe - under 6 months
 2. Junior Buck under 6 months
 3. Intermediate Doe - 6 to 8 months
 4. Intermediate Buck - 6 to 8 months
 5. Senior Doe - 8 months and older
 6. Senior Buck - 8 months and older
 7. Doe and Litter (limit 2 pens)
 - b. **Four-Class Breeds** - Four class breeds include, but are not limited to: Dutch, Harlequin, Himalayan, Jersey Woolly, Mini Lop, Netherland Dwarf, Rex and Mini-Rex. Classes are as follows, by breed:
 1. Junior Doe - 6 months and under
 2. Junior Buck - 6 months and under
 3. Senior Doe - 7 months and older
 4. Senior Buck - 7 months and older
 5. Doe and Litter (limit 2 pens)

Additional Fair rules for 2025 include, but are not limited to, the following. (Check the fair book when it comes out later this spring for complete Fair rules.)

1. All rabbits will be checked-in at the Fair on Sunday, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
2. All rabbits must arrive on the fairgrounds clean, dry, and ready for display to the public. Market rabbits will be weighed only once, no re-weighs.
3. **Members may show three single fryer rabbits.** Rabbits should be 8-10 weeks old at time of check-in. Market rabbits must weigh at least 3.5 pounds and not exceed 5.5 pounds. A member may tattoo up to three rabbits in June. Only one rabbit will sell through the Junior Fair Sale.
4. Underweight or overweight rabbits may be shown in designated market classes and in showmanship but may not compete for champions and may not be sold in the Small Animal Sale.
5. To compete for Outstanding Market Rabbit exhibitor, a youth must exhibit one of his/her current market project animals in the appropriate showmanship class. Only placings from market showmanship classes will be used to calculate OME scores. An exhibitor may only show in one rabbit showmanship class regardless of how many rabbits s/he has on exhibit. Showmanship entries must be made at check-in.
6. Rabbits cannot be penned until after they have been checked in by the Committee.
7. A member may sell only one unit in the Fair sales unless s/he has multiple qualifying champions. This means you may sell either one meat rabbit, one meat pen of meat-type chickens, one turkey, or one duck, OR a large animal, goat milk fudge, or butter in Saturday's sale. You cannot sell in both sales unless, as noted, you have multiple qualifying champions. OME's are no longer qualifying champions.
8. All non-sale rabbits will be released at 10 p.m. on Thursday, pending pen inspections by members of the Small Animal Committee.

Questions? Email me at watters.92@osu.edu or contact the Extension Office at 544.2339. Ask sooner, rather than later, so we can get you on the right track as soon as possible!