

# 2025 Rabbit Project Information

	Breeding Rabbits #228BR	Market Rabbits #228MA
<b>~ Requirements for the Project ~</b>		
<b>Exhibit Limit</b>	<p><u>Breeding Rabbits:</u> Classes will be held for four- and six-class breeds. An exhibitor can tattoo/register and show two entries in each class per variety.</p>	<p><u>Market Rabbits:</u> An exhibitor may tattoo three single fryers as on feed for the Fair this is including up to two family rabbits. The exhibitor may exhibit up to three single fryers at Fair. The rabbits in the meat pen do not have to be home-bred. They may come from any source. They will <b>not</b> be exhibited or shown with doe and litter.</p>
<p><b>Weigh In/Tagging</b> <i>All weigh-ins and taggings Will be held @ the fairgrounds</i></p>	<p><u>Tattooing for Breeding Rabbits:</u> Breeding rabbits may be tattooed immediately following the Rabbit Clinic on April 8. Exhibitors may tattoo their own breeding rabbits <i>or</i> bring them to the fairgrounds for tattooing on the designated date.</p> <p><u>Registration/Entry of Breeding Rabbits:</u> Fair entries for all breeding rabbits <b>must</b> be submitted to the Extension Office by June 1. Register by tattoo number or class number/type. <a href="https://go.osu.edu/breedingrabbit">https://go.osu.edu/breedingrabbit</a></p>	<p><u>Tattooing for Meat Rabbits</u> ALL meat rabbits (fryers) <b>must</b> be brought to the fairgrounds and tattooed as on feed for the Show/Sale on <b>June 12<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm</b> at the fairgrounds</p> <p>No additional registration is required.</p>
<b>Quality Assurance</b>	Exhibitor must successfully test out of QA (ages 12 and older) or attend and complete qualifying quality assurance training.	Exhibitor must successfully test out of QA (ages 12 and older) or attend and complete qualifying quality assurance training.
<p><b>Skillathons</b> <i>Required for all 4-H livestock projects. Required to receive OME awards.</i></p>	Skillathon will be held <b>May 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> from 3-7pm</b> at the fairgrounds.	Skillathon will be held <b>May 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> from 3-7pm</b> at the fairgrounds.
<b>Animal Requirements</b>	Animals exhibited as breeding rabbits must meet breed requirements. Doe and litter will be shown and judged on uniformity of young, condition of young and doe, and health and records. Doe and litter must be housed together at the fair. Kits must be 4-6 weeks of age on the first day of fair. These kits will NOT be shown in the meat pen classes but only with the doe in the doe and litter class.	Each meat pen must weigh from 7-11 pounds. A meat pen of two fryers will be considered a single show and sale unit. Underweight or overweight pens 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.

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<b>Arrival Times</b>	Breeding Rabbits: Sunday, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Meat Pens: Sunday, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.
<b>Weigh In/ Check In</b>	Check-in will take place in the Jr Fair Activities building upon arrival at the fairgrounds. No rabbits may be penned until they are checked in.	Check-in will take place in the Jr Fair Activities building upon arrival at the fairgrounds. No rabbits may be penned until they are checked in.
<b>Papers Due @ Weigh In/Check In</b>	Project record book.	Project record book.
<b>Showmanship</b> <i>(May participate in <u>only one</u> showmanship class per animal specie. Ex. May enter only one Beef showmanship regardless of the # of beef projects.)</i>	<b>Showmanship</b> Monday, 6 pm - Exhibitors must show the same animal in all heats of Showmanship. -Exhibitor may sign up for showmanship at check-in on Sunday or until one hour before showmanship begins. -Showmanship classes based on exhibitor's age as of January 1: -Junior - 8 - 10 -Intermediate - 11 - 13 -Senior - 14 and up <b>***Exhibitors must show a market rabbit in Showmanship to compete for OME***</b>	
<b>Show</b>	Tuesday immediately following Meat Pen Show Youth Activities Building	Tuesday beginning at 9:00 a.m. Youth Activities Building
<b>Sale Time</b>	None.	Friday 4 pm Youth Show Arena
<b>Release Times</b>	Released at 10 pm on Thursday following pen inspection.	Released at 10 pm on Thursday following pen inspection.

**NOTE: ALL OTHER FAIR RULES APPLY! CHECK THE FAIR BOOK FOR DETAILS!**

## **PET RABBIT PROJECT #228PE:**

Individuals taking the pet rabbit project must participate in pre-fair judging on June 24, time and location to be announced. **Pet rabbits do not need to be tattooed or registered; pet rabbits are not exhibited at the Fair.**

### **Bring to Pre-Fair Judging:**

- Your pet rabbit (in a cage or carrier).
- Your completed Pet Rabbit project book and records.
- A project-related poster or educational display.

**To receive your fair premium, you must exhibit your poster or display in the Jr Fair Exhibit Building. Your poster or display must be exhibited by 9 a.m. on Sunday and must remain on display through 6 p.m. on Saturday.** Pet rabbits will not be exhibited or shown at the Fair; Pet rabbit exhibitors will not participate in Showmanship classes and are not required to participate in Quality Assurance or the Skillathon. However, participation in the Skillathon is an OPTION, and members taking the Pet Rabbit project may participate in the Skillathon and compete for Skillathon awards if they wish. Skillathon will be May 6th and May 7<sup>th</sup> at the fairgrounds from 3 – 7 p.m.