

SECTION 16: PROJECT REQUIREMENTS - Rabbits

- 1) All breed rabbits must have a permanent and legible tattoo in the rabbit's left ear. All market rabbits will receive their tattoo in the right ear at their mandatory ID/tattoo day. **Market rabbits must be brought to the mandatory ID/tattoo days. See 4-H calendar (Section 2) for the dates. Breed Rabbits MAY be brought for a fair tattoo for ID purposes.**
- 2) All animal exhibitors to the Fulton County Junior Fair are required to attend a Quality Assurance Class. For all market animals, exhibitors must have submitted an electronic Drug Use Notification Form by required deadline prior to arriving at vet check-in on the Fairgrounds Gate F.
- 3) All interview judging for projects will be done within the local 4-H club before fair to be eligible to show, sell or exhibit at the fair.
- 4) 4-H projects may only be dropped on the advice of the 4-H advisor and the 4-H Educator by June 1st. (Go through advisor first.)
- 5) All projects must be complete to receive fair premiums. (If one project is incomplete, all projects are considered incomplete.)

JUNIOR FAIR ENTRIES

You must be signed up in a project in 4-H or FFA to exhibit in that class at the fair. For example, if you are signed up for a fryer market rabbit project only, and then you may NOT take breeding rabbits to the fair. You must be in good standing in that project to take an animal to the fair.

- If you take the Pet Rabbit project you may not take the Market or Breeding Rabbit projects. Market and Breeding Rabbit project members may not take the Pet Rabbit project in the same year.
- **MARKET RABBIT CLASSES:** You may show only one rabbit in the Single Market Fryer **OR** Single Roaster Market Class, four rabbits for breeding project classes, for a **maximum of five rabbits**.

Junior Fair Entries are due by August 1st and are required via "Blue Ribbon Fair Online" for **ALL ANIMALS** to exhibit at the Fulton County Fair. The web portal will be open for registration from July 1, 2022 at 12:00am– August 1, 2022 at 11:59pm (EST). **LATE ENTRIES ONLY ACCEPTED UNTIL AUGUST 5th BY 4:30PM AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE WITH A \$20 LATE FEE.** The online link and instructions will be under the "Junior Fair Entries" section of our website at <https://fulton.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/junior-fair-forms>. These instructions will assist you in completing your on-line entry. **Please read and follow the instructions before starting your online entry.**

ADDITIONAL JUNIOR FAIR RULES

- Under and Overweight rabbits will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion Rabbit but they will be eligible to sell in the Small Animal Livestock Sale.
- Youth must have all rabbits or mother doe of fryer litter in their possession by June 1.

JUNIOR FAIR SHOWMANSHIP PARTICIPATION

In addition to the market rabbit and breed rabbit classes, there are also showmanship classes in which all youth are eligible to compete regardless of the breed or weight of the rabbit.

- Showmanship classes are for the purpose of determining which 4-H or FFA member does the best job grooming (cleanliness) and showing their animal. All youth may participate in showmanship classes whether they entered in breeding or market rabbit classes.
- The showmanship classes will be announced after June each year. You cannot bring a rabbit just for the showmanship class. It must be a rabbit entered and shown in a breed or market class. The youth must own their own animal. You must conform to showmanship rules.
- The dress code for youth showing rabbits at the fair: Wear long sleeves (to protect against rabbit scratches) white shirts, dark slacks or blue jeans, and hard soled shoes (no slippers or sandals). **White lab coats are permitted in the Junior Fair Rabbit Show. No names, patches, ID or any markings permitted on the lab coat. You must wear a white shirt underneath.**

- # 224 MARKET FRYER RABBIT (To Be Sold) (Use book #226) - This is a born and raised market fryer rabbit project. Guidelines:** This project may be taken each year. **The emphasis of this project is breeding and producing a market rabbit for show and sale.**
- In this project you must buy a doe, preferably of a meat type breed (New Zealand and Californians are the top two meat producing breeds), have her bred, raise a litter and select one rabbit from that litter to show at the fair. **You may not purchase your market rabbit. They are bred and raised in this project.** Brothers and sisters may use the same doe to produce a litter. At the fair your rabbit will be shown by weight class and judged against the standards set forth by the American Rabbit Breeders Association.
 - You may only bring one (1) rabbit to the fair with this project. The rabbit shown at the fair as your market rabbit project will be sold. **If you wish to bring additional rabbits and show them in one of the breed classes, you must also sign up for project #225 Breeds Rabbit.** Youth not signed up for both projects will not be allowed to bring extra rabbits to the fair.
 - Youth must have the doe(s) that they will use to produce their market rabbit in their possession by June 1.
 - The rabbits should not be over 10 weeks of age and must be a minimum weight of 3.5 pounds and maximum weight of 5.5 pounds in order to show in the fryer market rabbit class. (suggested breed date is 100 days before weigh-in)
 - The 4-H member must have chosen the fryer from their own litter.
 - **YOU MAY NOT REPLACE YOUR MARKET ANIMAL if it dies or if a rabbit fryer litter dies.**
 - You may take project #224 and #226 at the same time. These are both market rabbit projects, but **only one (1) market animal may go to fair.**

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- Your market rabbit is **NOT** eligible to show in a breeding class. It may show in showmanship and/or market class only and will be sold.
- Your market rabbit **DOE AND LITTER MUST** be brought to the fairgrounds on the **MANDATORY TATTOO day** (see 4-H Calendar) in order to go to fair. **Rabbits that have not attended the mandatory tag in day will NOT be eligible for fair.** You may have a friend, 4-H advisors, family member, etc. bring your rabbit for this tattoo/ID. The 4-H member does not have to be present.

225 BREEDS RABBIT

Guidelines: The emphasis of this project is to own a show rabbit.

- **PROJECT & RECORD BOOK:** In this project, youth care for at least one show animal. This animal may be either purchased or bred and raised by the 4-H member. We strongly encourage you to get a *show quality purebred show rabbit or breeding stock from a breeder* – not a pet store.
- **Rabbit Does Not Sell.** Up to four (4) rabbits may be taken to the fair with this project (one buck and one doe per breed). **This is a no sale project** and your animal(s) will return home with you. At the fair, your rabbit will be judged against others of the same breed standards or according to the standards set forth by the American Rabbit Breeders Association. An American Rabbit Breeders Standards of Perfection book is available for check out at the Fulton County OSU Extension Office.
- Your BREED RABBIT **can** be brought to the fairgrounds on one of the TATTOO/ID days (see 4-H Calendar) **if they need a tattoo. They must have a tattoo to be eligible to go to fair.** You may have a friend, 4-H advisor, family member etc. bring your rabbit for this tattoo/ID. The 4-H member does NOT have to be present.

226 MARKET ROASTER RABBIT (To Be Sold) (Use book #226)

Guidelines: The emphasis of this project is raising a market rabbit for show and sale.

- **In this project you raise or buy a meat type breed for possession by June 1** (New Zealand and Californians are the top two meat producing breeds) and select **one** rabbit to show at the fair.
- At the fair, your rabbit will be shown by weight class and judged against the standards set forth by the American Rabbit Breeders Association.
- All Roaster rabbits shown at the fair entered in this class must be under 6 months of age. Minimum weight of 5.5 pounds. Maximum weight of 9.0 pounds.
- You may only bring one (1) rabbit to the fair with this project. The rabbit shown at the fair as your market rabbit project will be sold. **If you wish to bring additional rabbits and show them in one of the breed classes, you must also sign up for project #225 Breeds Rabbit.** Youth not signed up for both breed AND market projects will not be allowed to bring extra rabbits into the fair.
- **Your MARKET RABBIT MUST be brought to the fairgrounds for a MANDATORY TATTOO** (see 4-H Calendar) in order to go to fair. **Rabbits that have not attended the mandatory tattoo day will NOT be eligible for fair.** You may have a friend, 4-H advisor, family member etc. bring your rabbit for this tattoo/ID. The 4-H member does NOT have to be present.

227 PET RABBIT (Does NOT go to fair)

Guidelines: The emphasis of this project is how to properly care for your companion (pet) rabbit: including rabbit behavior, communication, factors to consider when buying a pet rabbit, finding the right pet rabbit, rabbit-proofing your home, proper housing equipment, nutrition, treats and toys, litter training, exercising and showing. This project is for youth who only wish to learn how to care for a pet rabbit and who do not desire to get into the breeding, showing and/or market aspect of rabbits.

- Youth taking a pet rabbit are not eligible to take the breeds rabbit or market rabbit project.
- Pet rabbits do not need to be tattooed, but you can if you want your rabbit to be permanently identified. There is a permanent tattoo kit available with the Rabbit Skill-a-thon Kit. Contact the Extension Office to make arrangements to borrow the tattoo kit.
- **Youth must have their pet rabbit in their possession by June 1. Pet rabbits do not go to the fair.**

Judging Requirements: Bring your rabbit in a carrier to still project judging but **not state fair judging**, your completed project book, and a poster displaying knowledge gained. Pet rabbits will not be judged by American Rabbit Breeders Association standards, nor do they need to be purebred or of a recognized breed or color. Pet rabbits will be judged on their health, grooming, condition and overall well-being.

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MARKET RABBIT WEIGHTS

Market Fryers Classes	Market Roaster Classes
Underweight- 3.4 pounds & Under	Underweight – 5.4 pounds & Under
3.5-4.0	5.5-6.0
4.1-4.5	6.1-6.5
4.6-5.0	6.6-7.0
5.1-5.5	7.1-7.5
Overweight – 5.6 & Over	7.6-8.0
	8.1-8.5
	8.6-9.0
	Overweight – 9.1 & Over

Suggested Market Breeds for Fryers or Roasters	#225 Rabbit Project Breeds
<p>Californian, New Zealand (best choices) Crème D'Argent, Champagne D'Argent American, Beveren, Chinchilla (American), Chinchilla (Giant), Cinnamon, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox or other 6 class rabbits may be used also.</p>	<p>American, American Chinchilla, American Fuzzy Lop American Sable, Argente Brun, Belgian Hare, Beveren, Blanc de Hotot, Britannia Petite, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Checkered Giant, Cinnamon, Crème D'Argent, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English Angora, English Lop, English Spot, Flemish Giant, Florida White, French Angora, French Lop, Giant Angora, Giant Chinchilla, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Jersey Woolly, Lilac, Lionhead, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, New Zealand, Palomino, Polish, Rex, Rhinelander, Satin, Satin Angora, Silver, Silver Fox, Silver Marten, Standard Chinchilla, Tan, Thrianta.</p>