

Wayne County 4-H / FFA / Jr. Fair 2023 Rabbit Project Guidelines

PROJECT CHECKLIST

- ☐ Check the 4-H calendar for the most up to date information regarding our program
 - o <https://wayne.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-calendar-events>
- ☐ **Enroll in 4-H** through 4-HOnline (<https://oh.4honline.com/>) by April 1. Individual clubs may set an earlier date.
- ☐ **Attend Quality Assurance Training** Following are the dates for the 2023 QA sessions: May 9th, May 20th, June 6th at the Rabbit Clinic, and a last chance Quality Assurance will be held on July 19 (a fee will be charged for the last chance Quality Assurance). Please see the 4-H App calendar for locations and times of these QA sessions. * Exhibitors only need to attend one QA session.
- ☐ **Project Record Book:** Purchase, complete, and bring with you to Skillathon Interviews. Due August 8th at the late project judging. Guidelines for raising and caring for your rabbit are available in the Rabbit Resource Book.
- ☐ **Junior Fair Book:** Obtain and read a Wayne County Junior Fair Book for rules and regulations for our county fair.
- ☐ **Possession Date:** Obtain and care for your animal(s) by June 1st. The animal must remain in your care during the project period or through the fair. Market rabbit possession date is Aug 26th
- ☐ **Animal ID:** Enter ALL possible and eligible animals (including family back-ups) that you may enter in the fair through 4-HOnline by June 1. Help sheets are available at wayne.osu.edu/help.
- ☐ **Project Completion:** Attend and participate in Wayne County 4-H Skillathon Interviews, State Fair Rabbit Skillathon, or complete the Wayne County Jr. Fair Outstanding Exhibitor Exam. *Proof of State Fair Skillathon completion must be submitted to the Wayne County Extension Office by August 8th.*
- ☐ **OME:** All exhibitors who wish to participate in the Outstanding Market Exhibitor program will take an exam on July 11th at the Event Center, Wayne County Fairgrounds. All project books and OME posters due August 8th at the late project judging.
- ☐ **Fair Entries Due-** Aug.1: Make ALL fair entries online at waynejrffair.fairentry.com for your animal(s).
- ☐ **DUNF:** All market and lactating animals must complete an electronic DUNF at check-in at the fair (see August Link for more information)

Read and follow all rules pertaining to your project animal(s) in the Jr. Fair Book. This book should be given to you by your 4-H club advisor in July



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2023 Rabbit Calendar of Events

- **Wayne County Quality Assurance:** Following are the dates for the 2023 QA sessions: May 9th, May 20th, June 6th at the Rabbit Clinic, and a last chance Quality Assurance will be held on July 19 (a fee will be charged for the last chance Quality Assurance). Please see the 4-H App calendar for locations and times of these QA sessions. * Exhibitors only need to attend one QA session.
- **Rabbit Clinic:** June 6th @6 pm, Sheep/Goat Arena, Wayne County Fairgrounds
- **Wayne County Skillathon:** Skillathon Interviews will be held on June 15th & 19th from 6:30-9:00pm at the Event Center, Wayne County Fairgrounds.
- **OME Test:** July 11th 5:00-9:00 pm – Event Center
- **PROJECT BOOKS AND OME POSTER:** Due August 8th 6:00-9:00pm late project judging
- **Market Rabbit Tattooing and Barn Set Up Day:** August 26th 9:00am–12:00pm – Event Center
- **Market Rabbit Sale Photos:** September 1st
- **Wayne County Fair Rabbit Check in:** Thursday, September 7, 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- **Rabbit Show:** Saturday September 9th 8:00 am – Event Center
- **Rabbit Auction:** Wednesday September 13th – Event Center, *Note all rabbit meat will be turned.

Important Notes

- **The Junior Fair Rabbit check-in time is Thursday, September 7th from 3pm to 9pm. This is the only time when all rabbits will be checked in. NO rabbits will be checked in on Friday.**
- There will be an Exhibitor Bred, Born, and Raised Champion, and a Market Rabbit Champion and Reserve Champion.
- **ALL purchased market rabbits are required to attend a mandatory tattoo date on August 26th from 9 am to 12 pm. Limit of 6 rabbits per exhibitor.** Exhibitors who are in the Bred, Born, and Raised Class are highly encouraged to bring their rabbits to this tattoo date, but BBR rabbits are not required. BBR rabbits will still be tattooed at the fair. Those exhibiting a pet rabbit can have tattooing done at Clinic or Tattooing day August 26th.
- All pet rabbits MUST have an identification tattoo in their left ear. The committee offers tattooing at the Rabbit Clinic. If you cannot attend this day, please contact the extension office.
- **Outstanding Market Exhibitor Award:** All exhibitors who wish to participate in the Outstanding Market Exhibitor program will take an exam on July 11th at the Event Center, Wayne County Fairgrounds. **ALL project books and OME posters:** Due August 8th 6:00-9:00pm late project judging.

- **Sale Photograph:** Champions are the only animals that physically enter the sale ring. Our goal is to display a clean and professional photo of every exhibitor with their animal during the time each exhibitor is selling. *Market Rabbit photos will be due September 1st, watch News & Notes for more information.*
- **Awards:** All exhibitors who receive a trophy, plaque, or other award sponsored by a donor are expected to send a Thank You note to the sponsor(s). The Thank You card will be provided with your award. Please turn in your unsealed thank you card to the award box located in the Coliseum or Jr. Fair office. Failure to turn in a thank you card may result in a loss of premium.
- **Outstanding Record Book Award:** Record books will be due October 4, 2023, to the Extension office.

General Information

- Each member must participate in a state-approved Quality Assurance training AND the Wayne County or Ohio State Fair Rabbit Skillathon or livestock interview judging in order to be eligible to exhibit at the Wayne County Junior Fair. If completing QA and/or Skillathon outside of the county, you must submit proof of completion to the Extension office no later than August 1st.
- *The Wayne County Junior Fair Book is available to all Jr. Fair exhibitors in July. The Junior Fair Book should be distributed to club members by their advisor. It is also posted in PDF form on our website. All details pertaining to the fair are listed in this book and the August "Link" newsletter, which is sent to every Jr. Fair family.*
- **Required attire:** A long sleeved, plain white shirt or white coat, nice jeans, and closed toe shoes are required for showmanship and breed classes, but not the auction. Exhibitors in the Junior Fair are not permitted to wear any type of commercial advertisements or names on their clothing while in the show ring.
- Members are limited to three (3) entries **plus** a meat pen in the Junior Fair Rabbit Show (meat pen of 3 counts as one entry). *In case of excessive entries this number may be reduced at the option of the committee.*
- Meat Pen entries cannot be shown in another class, except showmanship.
- Exhibitors wishing to participate in showmanship must make an entry for their respective showmanship class when completing the Junior Fair entry form due August 1. All exhibitor ages are as of January 1 of the current year.
- Eight (8) or more entries are required for a **section** (i.e. breed). If there are not at least 8 animals in a section, those rabbits will be shown in the respective Commercial or Fancy "Other" section and class. All class breaks and combinations are at the discretion of the committee.

- Three (3) or more entries are required for a **class** (i.e. Junior Buck, Senior Doe, etc.) within a section (breed). If there are not enough animals for a class, they will be combined by gender. All class breaks and combinations are at the discretion of the committee.
- Classes and showmanship will place the Top 5.
- All rabbit projects must be in place by Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 9 pm. Rabbits can be checked in between 3 pm and 9pm on Thursday. Bred, Born, and Raised Rabbits are the only rabbits which will be tattooed at the fair.
- Entries will be checked upon arrival and sent home if exhibiting signs of illness or external parasites.
- All scratches and class changes must be completed at check-in on Thursday before the fair. Class changes at the fault of the exhibitor will forfeit their premium.
- It is essential that all animals have clean water at all times during the fair. Please ensure that you have a watering bowl/container of adequate size for your rabbit(s).
- Junior Fair participants are not permitted to bring additional rabbits into the barn to sell or exhibit after Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 9:00 pm. Members are not permitted to post "For Sale" signs on their cages at the fair.
- Market exhibitors selling their animal(s) at the Junior Fair Sale MUST send a "Thank You" note to the buyer(s). This "Thank You" note is to be delivered to the Extension Office beginning the Monday after the fair in a stamped, sealed and addressed envelope, and no later than one week after the sale. *Checks for the sale of market animals will be sent to members only after a "Thank You" note is presented to the Extension Office.*

Market Rabbit

- **Eliminated Rule:** *Exhibitors must have care and possession of the mother(s) of pen prior to June 1st.* Exhibitors are now **allowed** to purchase market rabbits and are not required to own or lease the mothers. Exhibitors must have possession of animals by August 26, 2023.
 - Exhibitors who choose to own the mothers and raise the rabbits themselves are permitted to apply for the "Market Rabbit Bred, Born, and Raised" title. Exhibitors will be recognized in the show bill as Bred, Born, and Raised, and they will have their own champion.

- You can find the Bred, Born, and Raised form on the Wayne County 4-H webpage under Project information. This form is due August 1st.
- Meat pens consist of three rabbits that must be of the same commercial breed and variety.
- Market exhibitors are encouraged to clean their pens and remove their supplies any time after animals leave on Wednesday night.
- Exhibitors may only weigh 3 rabbits per meat pen at check-in.
- Rabbits that are overweight will be put into an overweight class and are not eligible to be champion.
- Rabbits must be born on or after July 2nd of the current year. Exhibitors must have care and possession of Bred, Born, and Raised breeding stock by June 1st and purchased market rabbits must be in the exhibitor's possession by August 26, 2023.
- Meat pens with any rabbit under 3.5 lbs. (individual weight) will not be able to exhibit, and the rabbit meat pen will be sent home. Animals sent home are disqualified and the participant is NOT eligible to show in the applicable class. Rabbits over 5.5 pounds may show in an overweight class, but are not eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion.
- Exhibitors may only show and sell one rabbit meat pen. The rabbit meat pen class will be a terminal show and sale. All rabbit meat pens will be sold on Wednesday at the Junior Fair Auction, all meat will be a turned buy only and must go to market.
- Wayne County Exhibitor Bred, Born, and Raised rabbits will have their own champion that will sell in the Junior Fair Auction.

Questions? Please contact your 4-H Advisor or the Wayne County Extension Office (330) 264-8722.


4HOnline Animal ID Instructions

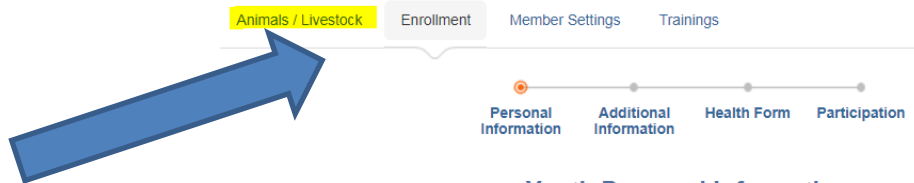
Every animal that may be taken to the fair MUST be identified in Oh.4honline.com by June 1st except Market Poultry and Market Rabbits, which are due August 1st. Please complete the following steps through 4-HOnline to add your Animals' information.

Step 1:

- Log in to Oh.4honline.com
- Click "I have a profile"

- Click 

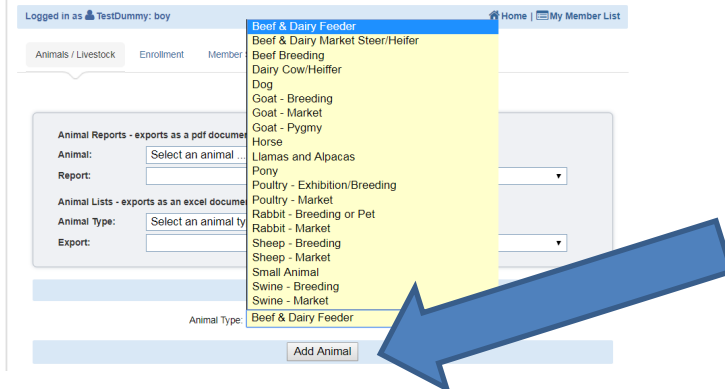
- To the right of your name, click 



- Next, click on the Animals/Livestock tab.

Step 2:

- Select the animal type you want to submit then click "Add Animal"



Step 3:

- Fill in the information – **ALL BOLD FIELDS MUST BE COMPLETED!**
- Add documents and photos of your animal. Click the "Select" button and find the file or photo. (Acceptable file formats include PDF or .jpg)

Step 4:

- MAKE SURE ALL INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE! You cannot edit the information once you hit save.



- After you have made sure everything is complete, click

** To add additional animals, start at Step 2 and repeat! **

If you happen to find a mistake on an animal that has already been submitted, it cannot be edited by members. You will need to create a new animal with the correct information, or you can contact the Extension office and they will make the change only if it is before

the deadline. The ONLY exemption to this is if an animal tag is lost and replaced.

Species specific requirements can be found at wayne.osu.edu/help

The table below lists the 4-HONLINE Animal ID fields for rabbits and specifies which ones are required and which are optional.

Rabbit		
	Breeding or Pet	Market
Tattoo (identifier):	Required	Required - will receive at fair, just enter X1, X2, etc.
Animal Name:	Optional	Optional
Breed:	Required	Required
Birthdate:	Required	Required
Beginning Weight:	N/A	Optional
Beginning Weight Date:	N/A	Optional
Colors and Markings:	Required	Required
Sex:	Required	Required - if mixed pen just pick one
County Raised:	N/A	Optional
Breeder Name:	N/A	Optional
Spayed or Neutered:	Optional	Optional
Owned or Leased:	Required	Optional
Owner Name:	Optional	Optional
Dam Owner Name:	N/A	Optional
Files/Photos of Animal		
County Form:	Optional	Optional for purchased Required for BBR
Animal Photo:	Optional	Optional
Lease:	Optional	Optional