

Wayne County 4-H / FFA / Jr. Fair 2021 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** Check the 4-H calendar for up-to-date information. Following are the dates for the 2021 Zoom QA sessions: March 22 at 6pm; April 6 at 6pm; May 4 at 6pm; and May 10 at 6pm. A last chance QA session will be held on July 26 (fee will be charged). QA must be completed by July 27th.
- Project Record Book:** Purchase, complete, and bring to your club advisor, Skillathon, or 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 28th
- 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 virtual or in-person livestock project judging.
- OME:** All exhibitors who wish to participate in the Outstanding Market Exhibitor program will take an exam. Please visit go.osu.edu/wcjrfairoutstanding to learn more details.
- Fair Entries Due-** Aug.1: Make ALL fair entries online at waynejrfair.fairentry.com for your animal(s).
- DUNF:** All market and lactating animals must complete an electronic DUNF before 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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2021 Rabbit Calendar of Events

Wayne County Quality Assurance: March 22; April 6; May 4; and May 10 – all at 6pm.

Wayne County Skillathon: Virtual Skillathon will be open from July 1 – July 23

OME Test: July 8th 7 pm – Event Center

Market Rabbit Tattooing and Barn Set Up Day: August 28th 9 am – 12 pm – Event Center

Wayne County Fair Rabbit Check in: Thursday September 9, 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Rabbit Show: Saturday September 11th 8:00 am – Event Center

Rabbit Auction: Wednesday September 15th – Event Center

Important Notes

- **The Junior Fair Rabbit check-in time has changed to Thursday, September 9 from Noon 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 for 2021.
- **ALL purchased market rabbits are required to attend a mandatory tattoo date on August 28 from 9 am to 2 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.
- 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:** This award is available to any currently enrolled 4-H or FFA member exhibiting a market rabbit project in the Wayne County Junior Fair. We will award the top three exhibitors in each age group (junior, intermediate, and senior). The awards will be presented at the recognition banquet. Please visit <http://www.go.osu.edu/wcjrfairoutstanding> for more information.
- **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. Please submit your photo with your fair entry by August 1st. ***We will no longer be photographing exhibitors during the shows.***
- **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). Thank you cards 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:** Books will be due October 1, 2021 at the Extension office.
- **Suggested attire:** White shirt or jacket, nice jeans, and closed-toe shoes should be worn as minimal proper attire when exhibiting your animal. Please check the Jr. Fair book for specific species dress code rules.

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.*
- 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 be placing the Top 5.
- All rabbit projects must be in place by Thursday, September 9, 2021 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).
- All rabbit projects, excluding meat pens, must remain in the cage on Thursday, September 16, 2021 until the designated release time of **9:30 p.m.** Anyone removing their animal from the barn prior to the designated release time without a vet certificate will forfeit their premium and will not be eligible to exhibit that project the following year at fair.
- Junior Fair participants are not permitted to bring additional rabbits into the barn to sell or exhibit after Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 9:00 pm. Members are not permitted to post "For Sale" signs on their cages at the fair.
- Small cage decorations and tack may be taken down and removed before the animal release time (9:30 pm Thursday). As a safety precaution, large hanging signs and decorations that require a ladder/stepstool to take down are not to be removed until after 10:30 pm Thursday or after the barn has calmed down.
- 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 1.* 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 28, 2021.
 - 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 June 15 of the current year. Exhibitors must have care and possession of Bred Born and Raised breeding stock by June 1, and purchased market rabbits must be in the exhibitor's possession by August 28, 2021.
- 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 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:

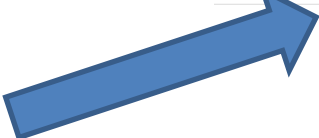
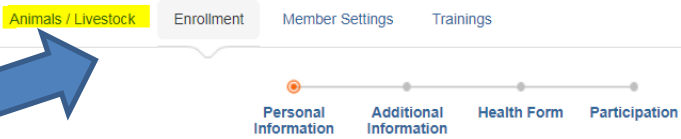
- Log in to Oh.4honline.com
- Click "I have a profile"



- Click



- To the right of your name, click

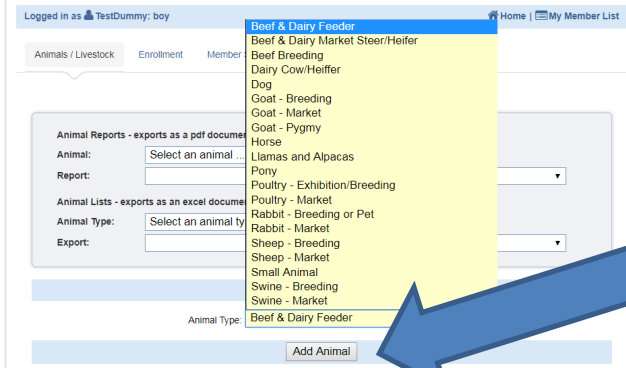


Youth Personal Information

- 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):	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required - will receive at fair, just enter X1, X2, etc.</i>
Animal Name:	Optional	Optional
Breed:	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>
Birthdate:	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>
Beginning Weight:	N/A	Optional
Beginning Weight Date:	N/A	Optional
Colors and Markings:	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>
Sex:	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required - if mixed pen just pick one</i>
County Raised:	N/A	Optional
Breeder Name:	N/A	Optional
Spayed or Neutered:	Optional	Optional
Owned or Leased:	<i>Required</i>	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