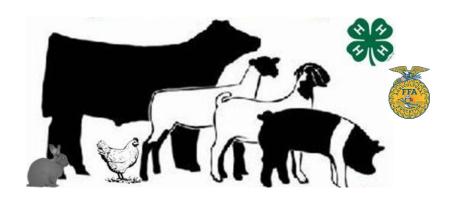
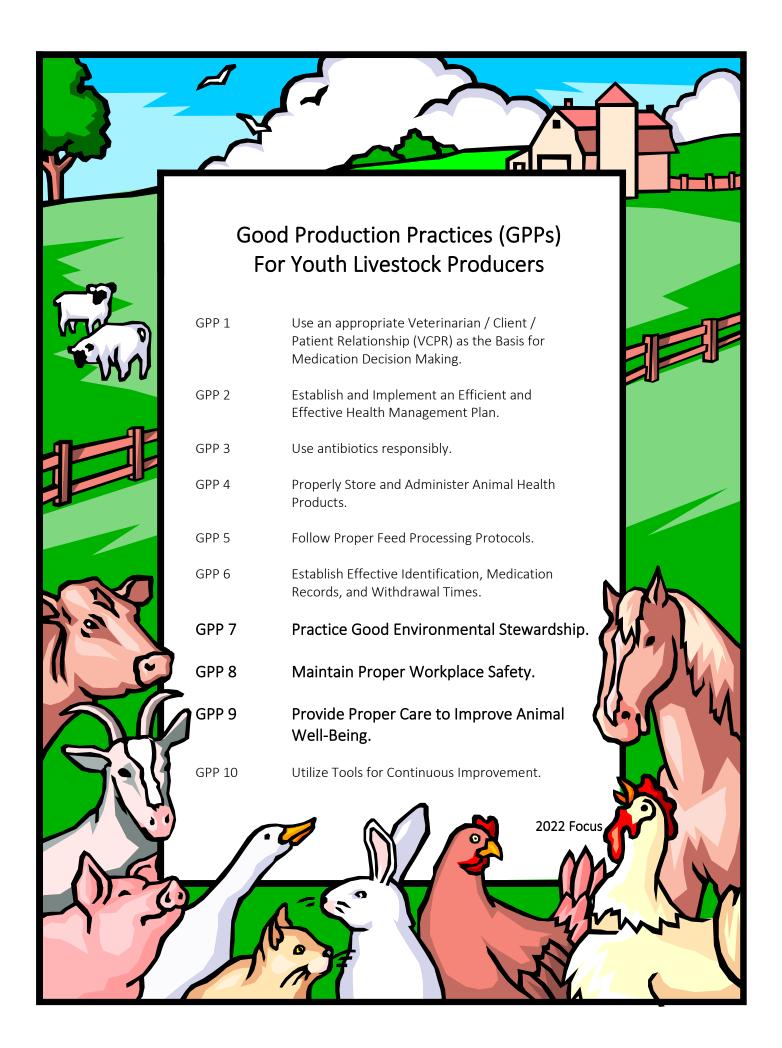
Licking County 4-H / FFA / Hartford Fair Quality Assurance Materials



RABBIT Project Packet



2022 Hartford Independent Fair Junior Fair Livestock / Animal Requirement Summary (Last Revision 03.16.2022)

	Exhibit Limit	Possession	Pre-Fair Weigh-In/Tagging	Licking County Quality Assurance (Must attend one session) JUNE 1* Deadline	Clinics	Entry Deadline	Animal Requirements	Health Requirements
Market Steer & Market Heifer	Maximum of 6 entries for Beef Division (Dept. 102/103/104/105)	December 11, 2021 Weigh-In	Must be weighed, tattooed, and tagged on Saturday, December 11, 2021 (8 - 11 a.m.) Grubb Arena, Fairgrounds) Fee: S5 / RFID Tag (if needed)	Training offered ONLINE on April 5th , 16th , 20th , 28th and 19th and 19th Pre-Registration Required.		Saturday, June 18 - 5:00 p.m. Member will receive entry notification. Changes must be made prior to July 22 late entry deadline.	All animals must be dehorned and bulls castrated before December weigh-in. Must be 950 lbs. to sell	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. and U.P. feeding forms will be completed online prior to weith-in.
Steer Pool	May only draw 1 animal from pool to exhibit. Maximum of 6 entries for Beef Division (Dept. 102/103/104/105)	Steer Pool Selection Date (November)	Completed during selection of steers.	Training offered ONLINE on April 5 th , 16 th , 20 th , 28 th , and May 4 th , 14 th and 15 th . Pre-Registration Required.	Attend regularly scheduled Steer Pool meetings	Saturday, June 18 - 5:00 p.m. Member will receive entry notification. Changes must be made prior to July 22 late entry deadline.		No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. and U.P. feeding forms will be completed online prior to weigh-in.
Beef Feeder Calf	Maximum of 6 entries for Beef Division (Dept. 102/103/104/105)	June 1 st	N/A	Training offered ONUNE on April 5th , 16th , 20th , 28th and 19th . and May 4th , 14th and 19th . Pre-Registration Required.		Saturday, June 18 - 5:00 p.m. Member will receive entry notification. Changes must be made prior to July 22 late entry deadline.	Calves must weigh between 300 lbs, and 700 lbs, to show for champion (steers and heifers only)	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines.
Breeding Beef	Maximum of 6 entries for Beef Division (Dept. 102/103/104/105)	90 days preceding the fair	N/A	Training offered ONLINE on April 5 th , 16 th , 20 th , 28 th , and May 4 th , 14 th and 19 th . Pre-Registration Required.		Saturday, June 18 - 5:00 p.m. Member will receive entry notification. Changes must be made prior to July 22 late entry deadline.	All breeds, except crossbreds, must be registered to show for special premiums. Registration papers will be checked at fair. (Not a sale animal)	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines.
Dairy Feeder Calf	Maximum of 6 entries for Beef Division (Dept. 102/103/104/105)	May 1	Must be weighed, tagged and vaccinated on Saturday, June 4 (9 a.m 12:00 p.m.) Grubb Arena, Hartford Fairgrounds Fee: \$10 animal **Must be dehorned / castrated prior to June 4 in order to be tagged **	Training offered ONLINE on April 5th, 16th, 20th, 28th, and May 4th, 14th and 19th. Pre-Registration Required.		Saturday, June 18 - 5:00 p.m. Member will receive entry notification. Changes must be made prior to July 22 late entry deadline.	100% Holstein or Brown Swiss. Calf must be dehomed, and castrated PRIOR to weigh-in. Must weigh, 400-650 lbs. to sell through junior fair sale.	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. and U.P. feeding forms will be completed online prior to weigh-in.
Dairy Cattle	No limit as to the number of dairy entries	90 days preceding the fair	N/A	Training offered ONLINE on April 5th , 15th , 20th , 28th , and May 4th , 14th and 19th . Pre-Registration Required .		Saturday, June 18 - 5:00 p.m. Member will receive entry notification. Changes must be made prior to July 22 late entry deadline.	No horns permitted (except on junior and intermediate helfers). (Not a sale animal)	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines.
Market Hogs	May exhibit up to 2 animals per exhibitor	90 days preceding the fair	Market Hog ID papers must be submitted to the Hartford Fair Office by no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 15 (may be postmarked May 15)	Training offered ONLINE on April 5th, 16th, 20th, 28th, and May 4th, 14th and 19th. Pre-Registration Required.		Saturday, June 18 - 5:00 p.m. Member will receive entry notification. Changes must be made prior to July 22 late entry deadline.	Terminal Sale. Min. of 200lbs. to sell / 220-290 lbs. to show for Champion. Any breed / cross. Gilts and barrows allowed. Clipping discouraged— hair must meet ODA Rev., Code.	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. and U.P. feeding forms will be completed online prior to weigh-in.
Market Lambs	May exhibit up to 5 animals (1 pen of two and 3 singles) NOTE: Car't be shown in Breeding Sheep show during Harford Fair.	May 1	Tagging on May 7 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.) Sheriff Office, Hartford Fairgrounds Up to 6 iambs may be tagged at that time. Fee: 55 per animal. Scraples taggs are equired for identification.	Training offered ONLINE on April 5th, 16th, 20th, 28th, and May 4th, 14th and 19th. Pre-Registration Required.		Saturday, June 18 - 5:00 p.m. Member will receive entry notification. Changes must be made prior to July 22 late entry deadline.	No rams allowed. MUST be slick shorn one week or less prior to the fair. All ambs must weigh min. of 95 lbs. (except Southdown and Cheviors 85 lbs.)	Must have USDA approved Scraples tag. No health papers required. However, you must follow vaste guidelines. D.U.N.F. and U.P. Feeding forms will be completed online prior to weigh-in.
Market Lamb Pool	May select / exhibit up to two lambs. (Counts toward max of 5 that can be shown in Dept 108 Market Lamb)	Lamb Pool Selection will take place April 24. Pre-registration required.	Completed during selection of lambs. NOTE: Lamb Pool application deadline is April 3.	Training offered ONLINE on April 5 th , 15 th , 20 th , 28 th , and May 4 th , 14 th and 19 th . Pre-Registration Required.		Saturday, June 18 - 5:00 p.m. Member will receive entry notification. Changes must be made prior to July 22 late entry deadline.		Must have USDA approved Scraples tag. No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. and U.P. feeding forms will be completed online prior to weigh-in.
Breeding Sheep	May exhibit up to 5 entries in Junior Fair.	90 days preceding the fair	N/A	Training offered ONLINE on April 5th, 16th, 20th, 28th, and May 4th, 14th and 19th. Pre-Registration Required.		Saturday, June 18 - 5:00 p.m. Member will receive entry notification. Changes must be made prior to July 22 late entry deadline.	May show ewes or rams. (Not a sale animal)	Must have USDA approved Scraples tag in all breeding stock. No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines.

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Equine (Horse & Pony)	Llamas	Dogs	Breeding Poultry	Meat Poultry (broilers/turkeys / ducks)	Breeding Rabbits	Market Rabbits	Breeding Goats	Market Goats	
May exhibit up to 6 animals (may only stall 1 animal) NOTE: All horses and ponies must have a Body Condition Score (BCS) of at least "4" to be exhibited at 4-H events and shows.	May exhibit up to 6 Llamas, max of 6 entries.	May exhibit up to 6 Dogs, max of 6 entries.	Max of 2 per Lot, which counts toward max of 6 entries for Market Poultry.	Max of 2 per lot, which counts toward max of 6 entries for Market Poultry. Meat turkeys, chickens and ducks must be purchased through a Hartford Fair Poultry Pool.	Max of 2 per Lot, which counts toward max of 6 entries for Market and Breeding Rabbits.	Max of 2 per Lot, which counts toward max of 6 entries for Market and Breeding Rabbits.	May exhibit up to 6 animals (any market goat entries count toward this total of six entries within the goat department)	May exhibit up to 2 animals.	Exhibit Limit
Licking County exhibitors submit by April 28 to LC4-HH&PC Knox & Delaware exhibitors submit by May 1 to Hartford Fair Office	90 days preceding the fair	April 1 Must be owned by exhibitor or immediate family	90 days preceding the fair	Meat turkeys / chickens / ducks must be purchased through Hartford Fair Poultry Pool.	90 days preceding the fair	30 days preceding fair	90 days preceding the fair	May 21*	Possession
A/N	N/A	N/A	Wing Banding May 7 (10 a.m 2 p.m.) Beef Barn, Hartford Fairgrounds Fee: \$1 / entry	Turkeys are banded May 7 (10 a.m. – 12 p.m.) Beef Barn, Hartford Faligrounds All other Meat Poultry - Wing Banding July 9 (10 a.m 2 p.m.) Beef Barn, Hartford Faligrounds Fee: \$1 / entry	Registration/Tattooing Sr. Rabbits May 7 (10 a.m 2 p.m.) Jr Rabbits - July 9 (10 a.m 2 p.m.) Beef Barn, Hartford Fairgrounds Fee: \$1 / animal	Registration/Tattooing July 9 (10 a.m 2 p.m.) Beef Barn, Hartford Fairgrounds Fee: \$1 / animal	N/A	Tagging on May 21 (10 a.m12 p.m.) Goat Barn, Hartford Fairgrounds Fee: \$2/ animal May tag up to 6 animals. Scraples tags are required for identification.	Pre-Fair Weigh-In/Tagging
Training for all 1st Year Horse Project Members will be offered OnLINE May 17th and 26th, Pre-Registration Required.	No Quality Assurance Program required for this species in 2022.	No Quality Assurance Program required for this species in 2022.	Training offered ONLINE on April 5 th , 16 th , 20 th , 28 th , and May 4 th , 14 th and 19 th . Pre-Registration Required.	Training offered ONLINE on April 5th, 16th, 20th, 28th, and May 4th, 14th and 19th. Pre-Registration Required.	Training offered ONLINE on April 5%, 15%, 20%, 28%, and May 4%, 14% and 19%. Pre-Registration Required.	Training offered ONLINE on April 5 th , 16 th , 20 th , 28 th , and May 4 th , 14 th and 19 th . Pre-Registration Required.	Training offered ONUNE on April 5th, 16th, 20th, 28th, and May 4th, 14th and 19th. Pre-Registration Required.	Training offered ONLINE on April 5°, 16°, 20°, 28°, and May 4°, 14° and 19°. Pre-Registration Required.	Licking County Quality Assurance (Must attend one session) JUNE 1st Deadline
Licking County Pony measurements made by appointment prior to April 10. Contact Nancy Arledge (#614.989.5717). An educational clinic will be held May 7, sponsored by the Licking County 4-H Horse & Peny Council.			Rabbit & Poultry Fun Show will be held at a date to be announced. Show & Showmanship classes will be offered	Rabbit & Poultry Fun Show will be held at a date to be announced. Show & Showmanship classes will be offered	Rabbit & Poultry Fun Show will be held at a date to be announced. Show & Showmanship classes will be offered	Rabbit & Poultry Fun Show will be held at a date to be announced. Show & Showmanship classes will be offered	Goats R Us 4-H Club will host workshops on June 23 and July 14 at the Hartford Fairgrounds that are open to any youth. Contact Laney McLaughlin # 740.927.4790	Goats R Us 4-H Club will host workshops on June 23 and July 14 at the Hartford Fairgrounds that are open to any youth. Contact Laney McLaughlin # 740.927.4790	Clinics
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(Not a sale animal) Pre-entry for classes is required. All classes must be entered by fair entry deadline.	(Not a sale animal) Haul-in only, Temporary stalling will be provided day of show,	(Not a sale animal) Need certificate of license & dog license tag to register. Dog must be older than 6 mos. at time of show. Dogs in heat may not be shown.	(Not a sale animal)	Meat chicken/single broiler/ pen of three birds must weigh between 5 and 8 lbs. Meat turkeys, chickens and ducks must be purchased through Hartford Fair Poultry Pool.	(Not a sale animal)	Single fryer / pen of three rabbits min 3 ½ lbs. / max 5 ½ lbs. 69 days old each at show	No horned goats permitted in dairy classes. No bucks permitted. (Not a sale animal) Only goats entered in Junior Fair may stay on the grounds.	Minimum of 45 lbs. to sell. MUST be slick shorn one week or less prior to the fair. Only goats entered in Junior Fair may stay on the grounds.	Animal Requirements
Required Vaccinations: West Nile Combo (Includes Tetanus), Rhino/Flu, and Equine Rabies. Health papers must be presented at Vet Check Point & Horse Project Grading. Veterinarian certificate and DUNF required for any and all medications with unexpired withdrawal period.	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines.	Hartford Fair Certificate of Vaccination form required. (available through Licking County 4-H Club Advisors and the Licking County Extension Office website)	Be prepared to show NPIP health papers. All turkeys must be Pollorum tested by a veterinarian. Health papers must be presented upon arrival to barn.	Be prepared to show NPIP health papers. D.U.N.F. and U.P., feeding forms will be completed online prior to weigh-in.	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines.	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. and U.P. feeding forms will be completed online prior to weigh-in.	Must have USDA approved Scraples identification in <u>all Equats</u> (ear tag / microchip / tattoo / registration papers), to health papers required. Must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. and U.P. feeding forms will be completed online prior to weigh-in.	Must have USDA approved Scraples identification in all gazts (ear tag / microchip / tattoo / registration appers). No health papers required. Must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. and U.P. feeding forms will be completed online prior to weigh-in.	Health Requirements

For all species divisions which are listed on this form, the youth member must be currently enrolled in the respective appropriate project in either Licking, Knox, or Delaware County 4-H / FFA/Steer Pool programs. The project must be carried through the county of which the youth is a 4-H or FFA member in good standing. Licking, Knox and Delaware County members are encouraged to attend a Quality Assurance Program within their county of membership.

2022 HARTFORD SENIOR FAIR BOARD POINTS OF IMPORTANCE

VARIOUS ANIMAL UPDATES AND REMINDERS...

— BFFF.

- Additional classes will be offered within the All Other Breeds (AOB) division, separating entries by high and low percentage designations.
- o Market Steer / Heifer weigh-in will take place on Saturday, immediately following Steer Pool weigh-in.

— DAIRY FEEDERS.

Dairy Feeder calves may be only of 100% Holstein or Brown Swiss breeding.

— GOATS.

- o All goats must have approved Scrapies identification!
- o Dairy and Pygmy shows will be held Tuesday, August 9th at 9:00 a.m. in east end of Grubb Arena.
- Only goats entered in Junior Fair classes may stay on the grounds.
- o Market Goat show will include special awards for Bred and Owned entries, increase to ten classes, and the Open Dairy show will have additional lots added.
- o An Open Pygmy Goat show will take place on Thursday evening in B. Carr Arena.

— HORSE.

- o Horse Department schedule will likely have changes... Please watch website and email for updated schedule and rules.
- o No Open Draft Show will be held in 2022.
- o A Groom & Clean Contest will be offered on Sunday in the Horse Complex.

— MARKET LAMBS.

- All market lambs which are ewes, as well as ewes and wethers that are coming from out-of-state, must have USDA approved Scrapies tag identification.
- o Licking County Sheep Improvement Association will sponsor a Carcass Contest for Market Lamb exhibitors. Entry can be made at time of weigh-in for \$5.00 fee. Ultrasound will determine placing. Cash prizes will be awarded.
- o Market Lambs not selling through Market Lamb Sale on Saturday are released immediately following the show. If being taken home, they must be off the grounds by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. A packer truck will be available to sell extra lambs (day/time TBA). NOTE: All breeding sheep must stay until Saturday.

— BREEDING SHEEP.

- o Breeding sheep exhibitors must have USDA approved Scrapies tags in all ewes, rams, and wethers over 18 months (there are no breeding classes for wethers).
- o Wool classes will be offered in 2022!

— MARKET HOGS.

- O Hog Identification Forms are required of all junior fair hogs. Forms must be submitted to the Hartford Fair Office by May 15th. Up to four (4) hogs may be identified.
- o Ractopamine is no longer forbidden, as it is also permitted during the 2022 Ohio State Fair.
- o Hog showmanship sign-up will take place on Saturday and Sunday, with class assignments being posted early Monday morning.
- o All hogs consigned to sale will be sent to the packer on either Tuesday night or Wednesday. All youth participating in the sale must send one hog on the trailer. Hogs will not be present during the hog sale on Thursday.
- o Any youth bringing a second hog for exhibition will be responsible for removing that hog from the fairgrounds on Friday. Those hogs are not permitted to be taken on the packer truck earlier in the week. These hogs are also eligible to be shown in an open market hog show on Friday.
- o All pens should be cleaned by exhibitors at the time that their hog is removed from the grounds, with absolutely all pens being cleaned by end of the day on Friday.
- o Market Hogs must weigh 200 lbs. to show and must be 220-<u>290</u> to show for championship awards. (maximum weight had been 280 in the past) Market Hog weigh-in will be begin at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning during the fair (rather than 10:00 a.m.)

— RABBITS & POULTRY.

- o Egg Layer Turkey classes have been moved to the Fancy seton of the department. Be attentive when making entries.
- o All meat poultry and meat rabbits must weigh-in prior to having sale photo taken during the fair.

GENERAL JUNIOR FAIR LIVESTOCK.

- o All market animal exhibitors must complete their Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) online by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 5th. Meat Poultry and Market Hogs will complete their forms after they have arrived to the fairgrounds and either weigh-in (Poultry) or receive official tags (Hogs).
- o Junior fair animals are not permitted to show in both market and breeding shows. Animals must be designated to a single project.
- o All exhibitors are reminded that they are expected to clean stall / bedding areas both during the fair, and then at the conclusion of the fair prior to removing their animals from the grounds.
- o Voucher system is changing in 2022! Vouchers will NOT be handed out to exhibitors during shows and events. Rather, participation and placing will be logged electronically during events, and the exhibitor can then visit the bank the following day to show their ID and claim premiums. (Exception: dog and horse premiums will be paid at the time of judging)

FACILITIES AND BARN SAFETY.

- No floor fans will be permitted in the barn areas. All fans must be hung, for the safety of small children.
- Electrical cords must be good repair and in a safe condition. Unsafe cords will be confiscated.
- Regulations are in place for pop-up tents placed in designated areas near and around barns during the fair:
 - o They can't be put up prior to NOON on Friday, August 5th.
 - o Goat exhibitors will only be permitted to have tents on show days (Sunday, Monday and Friday). This will hopefully help with an air flow issue on the south side of the goat barn.

LIVESTOCK SALES.

Livestock sales checks will be mailed no earlier than 30 days following the sale. All checks will be mailed, no checks will be held for pick-up! There will be a \$35 charge to re-issue a check with a stale date past the 60 days cashing period.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING.

- Updated traffic patterns for livestock to unload on Saturday, August 6th will be announced closer to the fair.
 Be watching the Hartford Website for updates!
- Two areas of preferred / paid parking are available. First, east of the hog barn will be a preferred parking area for cars / trucks (no trailers) at a cost of \$20 per permit. The second area, to the east of the Sheep and Goat barns will be preferred parking for trailers at a cost of \$30 per pass. Trailers remaining on the grounds will be placed in a specific parking area that does not interfere with visitor parking needs.
- Exhibitor vehicles coming on to the grounds in the morning to deliver feed and hay may only do so prior to 10:00 a.m. Those vehicles must return to a parking lot prior to 10 a.m.
- Camper arrival... Campers are permitted to enter through Gate D beginning at noon on Tuesday No campers are permitted to park alongside road prior to that time (SAFETY ISSUES). Campers will then be lined up in the North Parking Lot and be permitted to enter the campground on Wednesday morning beginning at 8:00 a.m.
 - There are also additional regulations in place for 2022 regarding cars parked in the campground. Those camping at the fair are strongly encouraged to view those rules in their camper packet!

...AND OTHER ITEMS.

- Fair Book will be available only in electronic format, via website.
- Alcoholic beverages will be available for sale on the fairgrounds throughout the fair. Beverages will be sold
 in the general area of the grandstands, with those beverages not being permitted beyond the Race Horse
 Barns (to the East), and the Gazebo (to the West). No alcoholic beverages can be taken into the area of junior
 fair programming.
- Entries are due by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 18th. Verification forms should be mailed by no later than July 7th, with late entries being accepted until July 22nd. Should you not receive your verification or be out of town during the time that it should arrive, please contact the Fair Office to verify your entry information.
- Daily admission will be \$8, with season passes being sold for \$45 at the Fair Office.
- Be sure to stay up to date through the Hartford Fair website and Facebook pages.
- Photo IDs... Schedule of when photos will be taken for exhibitors / advisors' IDs will be posted to the Hartford Fair website and shared on social media. Please be attentive and have photos taken in a timely manner, if a photo needs to be taken.
 - o All exhibitors last name N-Z, and any exhibitor who did not have a junior fair ID in 2021 will need to have a photo taken (including all new members).
 - o All 4-H and FFA Advisors are asked to have a new photo taken in 2022.

Updated 02.23.2022



2022 Hartford Fair Entry and Picture ID Information

Hartford Fair14028
Fairgrounds Rd
Croton, OH 43013Email:
beth@hartfordfair.com

Phone: 740-893-4881

Entries:

Entry Deadline is 5 PM, June 18th. All entry forms will be available online. These forms can be completed online, saved as a PDF file, and printed. You will need to print the completed form in order to add signatures. Entry changes may be made until July 22nd. No changes will be allowed after this date. Any new entry or additional entries received after 5 PM, June 18th and before July 22nd will be charged a late fee. No entry or change will be permitted after July 22nd. You should be able to find department and entry information on our website, www.hartfordfair.com by the end of April.

We can't stress enough to please get your entries in as early as possible! If you wait until deadline, you may be paying a late fee. Any incomplete entry, such as incorrect form, project, or missing signatures will not be processed until corrected. Be sure to pay attention to the type of form you are using and the entry limitations. Only Market Entries should be on the Market form and all other livestock would use the Non-Market form. All still projects displayed in the 4-H Center or FFA building will use the Individual Still Project form.

We strongly encourage club advisors to turn in all members' entries together whenever possible. Advisors will need to schedule an appointment during office hours. If necessary, some evenings and weekends will be available. Please email beth@hartfordfair.com to schedule your club's appointment.

If it is not possible for an advisor to submit an entry, the exhibitor may do one of the following:

- Mail an entry and payment to the fair office Hartford Fair Entries, 14028 Fairgrounds Rd, Croton, OH 43013. Must be postmarked no later than 5 PM, June 18, 2022.
- E-mail your completed entry form(s) to <u>beth@hartfordfair.com</u>. Once emailed you will then need to call Beth @ 740-893-4881 to pay your entry fee by credit card. Payment must be made before entry will be processed.
- If neither of these are possible, you can email browley@hartfordfair.com or call Beth @740-893-4881 to make arrangements to drop off at the fair office so they can be checked.

ID Badge Pictures:

All ID Pictures will be taken at the Hartford Fair Babcock Building between April 1st and May 31st. Check the Hartford Fair website www.hartfordfair.com for dates and times available.

Exhibitor Picture ID's:

- Who needs to have a picture taken this year? All exhibitors with a last name beginning with <u>N thru Z</u>.
 Those with last name beginning with A thru M and did not have an exhibit last year will also need a pictureID.
- Who does not need a new picture taken this year? If your last name begins with A thru M <u>and</u> you received a 2021 ID Photo Badge. A new badge will be issued with the last photo on file.
 Advisor Picture ID's:
- All advisors will need to have a picture taken for 2022.

NOTE: If you are unsure, please email beth@hartfordfair.com and we will tell you if you need a new picture.

RABBIT QUALITY ASSURANCE



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WELCOME

- Introductions
- Why do we need to do Quality Assurance?
- What are Good Production Practices?
 - Good Production Practice #7
 - Good Production Practice #8
 - Good Production Practice #9
- Hartford Fair Rabbit and Poultry Reminders



INTRODUCTIONS

- Hartford Independent Fair Directors
- Rabbit and Poultry Senior Fair Board Committee
 - Dan Small-Rabbit Poultry Department Chair
 - Adam Wampler-Poultry Department Chair
 - Alisha Tilley
 - Roger Smith
- Rabbit and Poultry Junior Fair Board Committee



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QUALITY ASSURANCE

As a youth raising animals in 4-H and FFA, I promise to learn how to and raise:

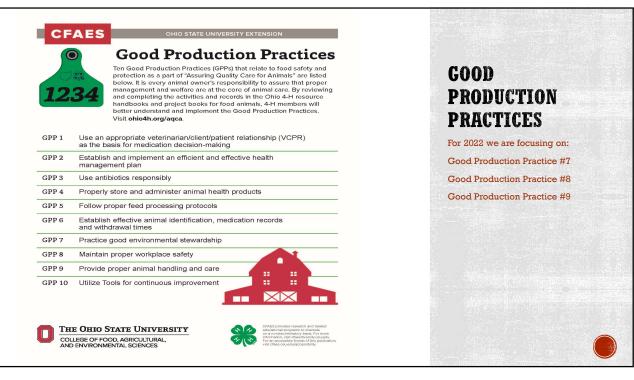
- · Food animal product preferred by consumers
- · Provide a safe, wholesome food animal product for consumption by consumers
- · Raise and handle animals in a safe, healthy and ethical manner.

Quality Assurance is where youth exhibitors discover:

- Learn how to ethically, properly and safely raise healthy and hoppy rabbits.
- Learn how to handle rabbits in a safe way.
- Understand what equipment and records are necessary for my rabbits.



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Practice Good Environmental Stewardship

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND BEING A GOOD RABBIT OWNER

We want to protect the land, air, and water around our rabbit and livestock barns.

- Create a compost location to dispose of animal manure safely away from water sources.
- Store medications properly and only use them under the direction of your vet.
- Learn and educate others about the proper handling and care of rabbits.
- Keep your barn area clean and free of human and animal hazards.
- Have a plan in place to remove and bury animals who have passed away safely.



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Maintain Proper Workplace Safety

SAFETY IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

- Learn your rabbits behaviors and what to do.
 - What does a rabbit do when Sick? Hungry? or Scared?
- Learn and teach others how to safely handle your rabbit.
 - NEVER lift or carry a rabbit by its ears or legs.
 - · Always support the body when lifting and carrying your rabbit
 - · Handle your rabbit during the cool part of the day.
- Always wear protective lab jacket or apron when handling rabbits.
- Keep sick or new animals in a quarantine area.
- Clean pens and barn area regularly to prevent disease or injury to people and rabbits.
 - Pick-up items rabbits could chew on.
 - · Clean cages and equipment on a rotation.
 - Clean up water or loose food from the ground to avoid slipping.



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PROPER FEED STORAGE AND USE

- Always keep your feed in a cool dry place.
- Storage containers should keep out pests, bugs and water.
- Feed crocks should be clean, free from sharp edges and disinfected regularly.
- Only use scoops in rabbit feed, do not use in other animal feeds.
- If a rabbit is sick have separate feeding storage, scoops and feeders.
 Properly clean them after the rabbit is treated and free of disease.
- Consult your vet to help determine:
 - The proper type of feed to help your rabbit grow
 - The right amount of feed to keep your rabbit at a healthy weight.
 - Never use a medicated powder additive for an improper use in your rabbit.





Provide Proper Care to Improve Animal Well Being

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CARING FOR YOUR RABBIT

Housing and Equipment: Rabbits can live inside or outside!

- Rabbits should be safe from predators.
- Cool, dry and shaded area is a perfect place for a rabbit hutch
- Cage size will vary based on rabbit size
 - Rabbits ears should never touch the top of the cage
 - Rule of thumb is 9"x 9" per pound of rabbit
- Each rabbit should have their own cage, water bottle, and feed crock

Feeding and Watering

- Rabbits should be fed a complete pellet.
 - The protein and pellet type will depend on their age and use.
 - Treats like carrots and green leafy vegetables should be very limited.
- Grass hay free of mold and dust
- Water should be fresh and free choice



CARING FOR YOUR RABBIT

Create a Health Management Plan

 A guidebook to feeding, caring for and keeping my rabbits safe and healthy from disease.

Why do we create a Health Management Plan:

- Healthy and hoppy rabbits grow stronger everyday!
- Create and build a relationship with your Vet to learn proper vaccinations and care.
- Less illness and disease in your rabbits when they are cared for properly.
- Keep your rabbits safe from pests and predators.
- Be prepared for treating your rabbits ethically with medicines.





Important Dates:

- Senior Breeding Rabbit Registration
 - 1st Saturday in May
 - May 7, 2022 8:00am to 2:00pm in the Beef Barn at The Hartford Fairgrounds
- Junior Breeding and Market Rabbit Registration
 - 2nd Saturday in July
 - July 9, 2022 8:00am to 2:00pm in the Beef Barn at The Hartford Fairgrounds
- Bred and Raised Doe ID Forms
 - due by mail to the Hartford Fair Office by May 7, 2022



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Fair Reminders:

- All Market Rabbits Sale pictures will be taken during weigh-in.
- Rabbit project stalling is OPTIONAL, you may haul-in and out for your shows.
- Rabbit cages are available on a first come, first serve basis. Rabbits must be present at time of stalling. There is no cage holding via locks or fellow exhibitors. If you want to stall together, arrive together.
- Locks and water bottles are required for ALL stalled rabbit projects.



Fair Reminders:

- Do NOT enter mixed breed rabbits in the "All Other Breeds" Lot. All Other Breeds are for purebred breeds that do not otherwise have a specific lot to show under.
- You can only enter 6 lots in the rabbit division. Plan ahead when selecting your breeding and market project. Pen of 3 is considered one lot, not 3 lots.
- ALL EXHIBITORS MUST CARE FOR AND CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR RABBITS DURING AND AFTER THE FAIR!!
- Please use wheelbarrows and tools to scoop under your cages during and after fair.



2022 Guidelines to the 4-H Rabbit Projects

The 4-H Rabbit Projects are as follows:

#227 Pet Rabbit Project #226 Market Rabbit Project #225 Breeding Rabbit Project

Here is a brief description of the purpose of each project...

Pet Rabbit Project #227.....

The pet rabbit project is designed for youth who own one or more pet quality rabbits, which they plan to keep as a family pet, and do not have interest in raising breeding stock or commercial market rabbits. This project emphasizes learning about proper care, feeding, disease management, etc. of a rabbit. Youth will purchase and use the Pet Rabbit 4-H Project Book as their project guide. Numerous possible learning activities are given for youth in the project book. If youth enroll in this project multiple years, they should choose new learning activities annually.

<u>Youth enrolled in this project are **not** eligible to show in the rabbit show at the fair.</u> An interview judging opportunity will be offered for youth enrolled in this project. Youth will bring their pet rabbit to the 4-H Special Interest Project interview judging, complete the judging process, and return their rabbit home the same day. (This is the same process used for other small animal projects.)

<u>Spayed/Neutered Rabbits:</u> Rabbits that have been spayed / neutered are only eligible to be used within a Pet Rabbit project. They may not be shown in breeding and market classes at the Hartford Fair.

Market Rabbit Project # 226.....

This project is designed for youth who wish to raise and market meat rabbits. It is recommended that youth own a buck and doe, which they will breed to raise their meat rabbits. However, this is not required. Meat rabbits can be purchased for this project. It is recommended youth purchase the Market Rabbit Project Book # 226 the first time they take this project, the book can be retained for additional years of use.

To be eligible to participate in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale, meat rabbits must meet the established weight range at the time of fair weigh-in. See the Hartford Fair Livestock Project Summary Guide for rules which may apply to this project.

Breeding Rabbit Project #225.....

This project is designed for youth who wish to raise rabbits for use as purebred breeding stock or high quality commercial stock for meat purposes. This project focuses on learning about genetics, types of breeding programs, and care and management of breeding rabbits, including identifying all rabbits, utilizing hutch cards and other types of records, it is recommended youth purchase the Breeding Rabbit Project Book # 225 the first time they take this project, the book can be retained for additional years of use.

To be eligible for fair exhibition, breeding and meat rabbits must be tattooed and/or registered on the date, location and time designated by the Hartford Fair Board.

2022 Hartford Fair Tattoo/Registration Days

May 7th Senior Rabbits (6 mos. and over)

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. / Hondros Beef Barn, Fairgrounds / \$1 per animal

July 9th Junior Rabbits (under 6 mos.) / Market Rabbits

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. / Hondros Beef Barn, Fairgrounds / \$1 per animal

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Rabbit Project Tips

Rabbit Resource and Project Record Book:

- ✓ Pick one section a week to read and learn from your rabbit resource book. Be creative and make an activity to review each section later. Below are some suggestions of fun ideas to help test your knowledge.
 - o Disease or Breed ID Flashcards.
 - Supplies: printed pictures, index cards, glue, pen/pencil.
 - Write the name of the disease or breed on one side of the index card. Glue the corresponding picture to the other side of the index card.
 - For advanced learners add information such as breed traits or disease cause and treatment to be read off with the name.
 - Parts of a Rabbit ID
 - Supplies: Printed parts of a rabbit, pen/pencil and white out.
 - Make a master copy showing the parts of a rabbit to check your answers. White out the parts and make additional copies.
 - Without looking in fill out the parts of a rabbit. Start timing yourself as you get better at identifying the parts making it a race.
 - This idea would be great to learn what part of the rabbit certain meat cuts come from too.
 - o Rabbit Equipment Scavenger Hunt.
 - Supplies: paper, pen/pencil, the internet and rabbit resource book.
 - Using your resource book, asking others and researching on the internet identify rabbit supplies you will need to care for your rabbit.
 - Answer these Questions for each item:
 - What is the Item?
 - How and why do you use the item?
 - When do you use the item?

✓ Start filling out your record book and take inventory of your rabbits and rabbitry.

- Learn what is on your feed tag. Using the internet and rabbit resource book learn why
 the ingredients in your feed is important to help your rabbit stay happy and healthy.
- Take inventory of what equipment you currently have. During your inventory take time to thoroughly clean all your equipment as well.
- Practice showmanship handling with your rabbit to prepare for your next exhibition event.

✓ What are other reliable resources?

- o American Rabbit Breeders Association: www.arba.net
- Ohio 4-H Website:
 - https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/rabbit/rabbit-resources

Rabbit Project Tips

Fair Preparation:

✓ Are you exhibiting market rabbits at The Hartford Independent Fair, Yes?

- Contact an area commercial rabbit breeder and get on the list ASAP to reserve your project for pick up in July.
- o <u>www.arba.net</u> has a listing of Ohio based Californian and New Zealand Breeders.

√ How many market rabbit projects should I reserve?

Always reserve/purchase at least 1 extra rabbit for each market project.

✓ I am new to exhibiting market rabbits what classes are available to show in at The Hartford Fair?

- Pen of 3 is 3 rabbits of identical size, confirmation, color and weight. Typically litter mates are the best option when selecting your project.
- Single fryer is one rabbit that is judged on its confirmation, weight and depth of meat product carried on the structure.
- Bred and Raised Pen of 3 and Single Fryer are specific to those exhibitors who choose to breed and raise their own market project with the same guidelines as above.

✓ What breeds are considered Market?

The most common breeds used for market rabbits are New Zealand, Californian, and Florida White. These breeds are able to grow and produce the meat quality desired by consumers in a timely manner. Ideally market rabbits are white to ease the butchering and packing process and confirming no hair is on the meat product during packaging.

✓ When do I breed market rabbits for The Harford Fair?

- The fair requires that market rabbits are 72 days old on the day of show. Count back from Monday of the fair to determine an optimal breeding window. Estimated windows are typically to breed the end of April and Kits born end of May.
 - **estimates provided are NOT a suggested time by The Hartford Fair or Licking County 4-H as fair week fluctuates year to year. Exhibitors need to do calculations for breeding accordingly. **
- If you are buying your market rabbit you will pick up your market rabbit the first week of July.

✓ How do I locate a rabbit breeder for a fancy or breeding rabbit?

www.arba.net has a data base of breeders available.

✓ Practice safe showmanship and handling.

 Using your Rabbit Resource Book as a guide, learn how to properly flip over and carry your rabbit for judging.

Hartford Fair Rabbit Department

Rabbit Projects Eligible to show at Fair:

- Breeding Rabbit
- Market Rabbit

Rabbit Project Tattooing and Registration: No Makeup!!!!

ALL rabbit projects to be eligible for exhibition at the fair must attend registration AND have a legible tattoo in the Left ear. Exhibitors please bring your completed registration form with you and your rabbit(s).

Exhibitors can register as many rabbit projects as they wish to be eligible to show. If the Exhibitor is NOT able to bring the project to tattooing/registration day; a representative can bring the rabbits on their behalf to registration.

Senior Breed Rabbits (rabbits over 6 months of age on show day)

First Saturday in May: May 7, 2022 10:00am to 2:00pm

Location: Hondros Beef Barn

What Projects: ALL potential senior Breeding Rabbits (over 6 months of age on show day) to be eligible to be shown at the 2022 Fair.

**Even if a Rabbit has been exhibited in past fairs or is already tattooed, it must be registered each year. **

All market rabbits and Junior Breeding Rabbits (rabbits under 6 months of age on show day)

Second Saturday in July: July 9, 2022 10:00am to 2:00pm

Location: Hondros Beef Barn

What Project: ALL potential Market and Junior Breeding Rabbits to be eligible to be shown at the 2022 fair.

All rabbits must be tattooed: The Licking County Rabbit and Poultry Committee does provide tattooing service on registration day as a fundraiser, \$1.00 per rabbit. *Your rabbit having a legible tattoo is the responsibility of the exhibitor, not the Hartford independent Fair or Licking County Rabbit and Poultry Committee.*

Important Fair Reminders: (Always review the fair book on the website for current rules for your department.)

- ✓ Rabbit project stalling is OPTIONAL, you may haul-in and out for your shows.
- ✓ Rabbit cages are available on a first come, first serve basis. Rabbits must be present at time of stalling. There is no cage holding via locks or fellow exhibitors. If you want to stall together, arrive together.
- ✓ Locks and water bottles are required for ALL stalled rabbit projects.
- ✓ Do NOT enter mixed breed rabbits in the All Other Breeds Lot. All Other Breeds are for pure bred breeds that do not have a specific lot to show under.
- ✓ You can only enter 6 lots in the rabbit division. Plan ahead when selecting your breeding and market project. Pen of 3 is considered one lot, not 3 lots.
- ✓ ALL EXHIBITORS MUST CARE FOR AND CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR RABBITS DURING AND AFTER THE FAIR!!

Hartford Fair

Rabbit Registration Form

Exhibitor's Name:		
Exhibitor's Parent Phone Number:	Email:	
4-H Club:	4-H Advisor:	

Breed: If showing market, please list "Market" for breed.	Tattoo:	Rabbits Age: Please circle the appropriate age of rabbit at The Fair.	Rabbits Sex: Please circle the appropriate Sex of the rabbit.
		Junior / Senior	Buck / Doe
		Junior / Senior	Buck / Doe
		Junior / Senior	Buck / Doe
		Junior / Senior	Buck / Doe
		Junior / Senior	Buck / Doe
		Junior / Senior	Buck / Doe
		Junior / Senior	Buck / Doe

Hartford Independent Fair Bred and Raised Market Rabbit

Bred and Raised Market Rabbit Rules

- 1. A market rabbit project may only be entered and shown by one exhibitor in one lot. A rabbit exhibited in the Single Fryer or Meat Pen of 3 are NOT permitted to enter or be shown in a Bred and Raised Single Fryer or Meat Pen of 3 Class.
- 2. All participants must submit a Rabbit ID form by the first Saturday in May to register the mother doe of the kits to be eligible to exhibit at the Hartford Independent Fair in the Bred and Raised Market division. The ID form must be filled out and returned with requested photos.
- 3. All bred and raised market project must be bred, owned and raised by the exhibitor noted on the ID form of the doe.
- 4. Siblings from the same family are permitted to submit a Rabbit ID form for the same doe. Any additional doe sharing requests are at the discretion of the Hartford Fair Committee Chair.
- 5. At the July registration and tattooing, the doe and litter will need to be present. A letter or number from the mother doe will need to be part of the tattoo combination of the kit to be registered and exhibited.
- 6. We will place the 1st through 5th in each bred and raised lot.
- 7. ONLY 1st place rabbits of market lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 will compete for their respective Grand and Reserve Champion in their division of Single Fryer or Meat Pen of 3 Rabbits.
- 8. There will NOT be separate Grand and Reserve Champions for each division.

Hartford Independent Fair Bred and Raised Market Doe ID Form

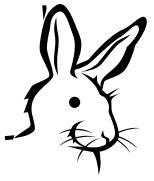
Please return this form with attached photos by May 7, 2022 to
The Hartford Independent Fairgrounds.
14028 Fairgrounds Rd NW, Croton OH 43013
This form must be signed by the exhibitor and parent

Name:	Age (as of January 1st):
Address:	·
City:	County:
Phone Number:	Email:
4-H Club or FFA Chapter:	
Number of does identified for Bred	and Raised Market class with attached photos
photos of the rabbit only as outlined; left and right side tattoo in the ear of the rabbit. Please affix the phot	tified by their markings and legible tattoo. The exhibitor must attach e profile photo and a close photo showing a clear picture of the legible cos or print them together on one sheet of 8.5X11 sheet of paper. etc. and their Tattoo number. Attach photos to this sheet and mail nibitor.
brought to registration and tattooing the 2nd Saturda	d register as many does as they wish. The Doe and litter are to be by in July. At the July registration; rabbits to be shown from the litter ith a tattoo combination incorporating a letter or number from the
Please read the additional rules under the Departmen	t 114-Rabbit in the Hartford Fair premium book.
	G THE DOE(s) ARE NOT RECEIVED BY MAY 7, 2022, THE DOE AND FOR THE BRED AND RAISED CLASSES.
Signature of Exhibitor:	
Signature of Parent/Guardian:	

Youth Rabbit and Poultry Clinic & Fun Show

Saturday, June 25, 2025

Hartford Independent Fairgrounds Hondros Family Beef Barn





Barn Opens: 8:00 a.m. Show Registration: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Showmanship Clinic: 9:00 a.m. Show: 10:30 a.m.

Show Rules

- Youth at least 8 years old and in the third grade through 18 years old (as of 1/1/2022) may participate, regardless of 4-H membership.
- Purebred and mixed breed rabbits and poultry may be entered.

Each breed of rabbit will be shown in four divisions: Sr Buck, Jr Buck, Sr Doe and Jr Doe.

A breed will require at least five rabbits to be separated as a breed.

Poultry Classes: Commercial and Fancy (NO MEAT).

- Entries are not limited.
- Entries are made the day of the show.
- RABBITS AND POULTRY MUST BE IN CARRYING CAGES WITH LEAK-PROOF BOTTOMS!
- A "free" raffle ticket will be given for every five entries entered under the same exhibitor.
- The Rabbit & Poultry Committee and the Hartford Independent Fair Board will not be responsible in the case of fire, theft, or accident; however, precautions will be taken to avoid any mishap.
- YOUTH MUST BRING THEIR ENTRY TO THE TABLE!

Awards!

Rabbit:

Best of Show - Trophy
Best of Breed (must be 5 in a class) - Plaques or Rosettes
1st - 3rd Place in each class - Ribbons

Poultry:

Best of Show - Trophy
Best Fancy & Best of Commercial (must be 5 in a class) - Plaques or Rosettes
1st - 3rd Place in each class - Ribbons

Raffle Proceeds

will benefit
Rabbit and Poultry
youth events held at the
Hartford Independent
Fair.

For more information, please contact:

Sonia or Alisha Tilley: (740) 745-3380 (General / Rabbit information)

John DeSaavedra: (740) 927-0548 (Poultry information)

Rabbit Basics for the Beginner

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Introduction—Core Purpose and Learning Objectives

Rabbits are a popular project for younger 4-H members or those members who do not have the facilities or space fora larger animal species. Basic background information about raising and caring for rabbits will assist in making your endeavor into rabbit ownership a success.

Core Purpose:

To gain an understanding of the general information needed to raise a rabbit.

Learning Objectives:

- a. Effective selection of a rabbit project animal
- b. Determine appropriate housing for a rabbit
- c. Ensure proper animal care for your rabbit
- d. Provide proper health and nutrition for your rabbit

Selection

Selecting a breed of rabbit can be a huge challenge for first-time rabbit owners. There are currently 48 breeds of rabbits recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA). As a 4-H member, you should familiarize and research several breeds to determine those meeting the criteria you have for your rabbit project. There are market fryers, breeding rabbits, or companion pet rabbits. The goals you have for your rabbit project have a large effect on the breed you choose to purchase. If you are interested in exhibiting breeding rabbits or raising rabbits, it is important to have a copy of the Standard of Perfection for your breed. This publication describes the ideal rabbit for each recognized breed, and is the standard by which judges compare rabbits of the same breed against

one another. If you are raising rabbits, you need to understand the process of culling.

Culling is removing a rabbit from the herd because of inferior production, inferior quality when compared to the Standard, or possessing specific disqualifications. Your criteria for culling might be different depending on whether you are focusing on breeding, pet, or market projects.

Market rabbits should be of a commercial breed and fall into one of the following three categories:

- Fryers: $3\frac{1}{2}$ –5 pounds (8–10 weeks of age)
- Roasters: 5–8 pounds (not over 5 months)
- Stewers: over 8 pounds (over 5 months)

Make sure you understand the requirements of your fair for exhibition of your market rabbit project. Some projects will require you to have one to three rabbits as part of your project. If your project includes more than one market rabbit paired with another, then you want to find two or three rabbits that are identical in type. Rabbits in the fryer and roaster categories can be expected to gain approximately 7 ounces per day if provided adequate feed and water on a daily basis. Weighing your market rabbits is important to make sure you are on track to obtain the desired weight at the end of your project.

Housing (Environment)

Housing can be evaluated with a few factors: ventilation, size, material, temperature, and protection. Ventilation is the process of moving air above and below the cage to decrease temperature and ammonia odor,





which can be damaging to a rabbit's respiratory system. This can be accomplished naturally or mechanically, but you must ensure that direct drafts are not imposed on the rabbits. The ideal temperature for an adult rabbit's environment is 45–70° Fahrenheit.

Housing for rabbits can be maintained either inside or outside a physical structure. Outside facilities require that the rabbits be protected from the weather and predators. Inside housing provides more control of the environment, including better biosecurity, but comes with more expense and more ventilation challenges. It is necessary for you to determine the housing plan that fits the current situation you have at home.

Cage size is detailed in the Animal Welfare section in this fact sheet and gives the specific recommendations for the size of rabbit and its use. There are numerous materials that can be utilized to build rabbit cages; however, remember that rabbits are gnawers, meaning they will eat building materials. The material used will depend on whether you have an inside wire cage or an outside cage. The outside cage typically includes (three) plywood or pressed board (sidewalls) and roof to provide necessary protection for the rabbits. Inside cages will usually be constructed from galvanized welded wire.

General Care and Management

Nutrition

Consideration for appropriate nutrition depends upon the stage of production, added supplements, environmental temperature, quality of pellets, and access to water. Crude protein (CP) is the major nutrient we assess because the fiber is fairly consistent in most commercially produced rabbit pellets. Crude protein feed recommendations are 16–18% for growing market rabbits; 14–16% for maintaining body weight on mature rabbits (non-breeding stock); and 16–18% for stock in active breeding.

The most important nutrient you can provide your rabbit is water. Access to fresh, clean

water is necessary for rabbits to maintain proper growth rate and body condition. Fresh, clean water is a must during the summer months, because rabbits do not tolerate heat well and depend on water to cool their bodies. Many people insist on feeding supplements to their rabbits. Commercially produced rabbit pellets provide a complete diet for rabbits. When you add supplements on a daily basis, you are altering the balanced diet provided by the pellets. Supplements should be used carefully or used as an occasional treat for your rabbits in order to minimize their effect on the balanced diet.

Rabbits are unique in the fact that they are susceptible to digestive disturbances. To lower this susceptibility, they use a process called cecotrophy to maintain balance in their digestive system. Cecotrophy is the process of ingesting feces, typically done at night. The ingestion of the soft feces, or cecotropes, increases protein digestibility and energy digestion for the rabbit.

Health/Vaccinations

Rabbits are typically low-maintenance animals when it comes to health and vaccinations. There are no vaccinations that are recommended for rabbits, and just a few medications that are actually labeled for use on rabbits. Healthy rabbits have a normal temperature range of 101.3–104.0° Fahrenheit, a resting heart rate of 180-250 beats/minute, and a constantly moving nose. Most veterinarians do not have much experience with treating rabbits. This requires you as the owner to become familiar with signs of common diseases and ailments. Your observation will be integral for maintaining health among your rabbits on a daily basis. The Rabbit Resource Handbook provides more in-depth details on certain diseases and ailments: lice and mites (mange), enteritis, coccidiosis, worms, abscesses, URI—Upper Respiratory Disease, wry neck, vent disease, and pasteurella. If you think your rabbit needs medication, consult your veterinarian to determine the appropriate medication and

dosage level.

Rabbits have a sympathetic nervous system, which is primarily responsible for stimulating the body's flight-or-fight response. This creates a real challenge in determining the correct dosage of medication needed for a sick rabbit. Providing too much medication (overdosing) is toxic. Underdosing, or giving too little medication, is ineffective at treating the condition. There are four administration routes that can be utilized in rabbits. They include oral, subcutaneous (nape of neck), intravenous (veins in feet), and intramuscular (hind leg or back muscle). ARBA has a Rabbit and Cavy Health Committee that can field questions about doctoring rabbits.

Animal Welfare

Pen and Cage Size

The size of the cage should be determined by the size and function of the rabbit. A common rule of thumb is that a cage should be 0.75 square feet of floor space (9" x 9") per pound of mature body weight. For example, a rabbit that should reach 11 pounds as an adult should have a cage $30" \times 30" (9" \times 9" \times 11 \text{ lbs} = 891").$ The cage height should be high enough that in no way should the rabbit's ears rub on the top of the cage when the rabbit is moving and the ears are erect. Additional floor space should be provided for does that are going to be producing babies or multiple animals in a single space. The size of the door should be of adequate size to properly remove your rabbit from the cage. Cages should be constructed with fourteen or sixteen gauge welded wire. A 1" x 1" or 1" x 2" wire (size of squares) should be used for the outside and top of the cages. Wooden floors (hutches) or 1/2" x 1" welded wire should be used for the bottom of the cages. "J" clips or "C" rings should be used to fasten wire to wire, and fence staples should be used to fasten wire to wooden frames.

Handling

Rabbits are light-boned animals. Because of this, improper handling can easily injure a rabbit. Rabbits should be handled from a young age, after weaning, and handled often. Never pick up a rabbit by its ears, by the skin on the back, or by the scruff of the neck. Doing so can injure the rabbit and damage flesh condition. The proper way to pick up a rabbit is demonstrated in the Rabbit Resource Handbook. Rabbits are easily frightened and may react differently in an unfamiliar situation. A very tame rabbit at home may become stressed and frightened at a show. Never place the rabbit near your face! A rabbit's toenails can scratch deeply.

Transportation

Rabbits should travel in cages specifically designed for them. Purchase a rabbit carrier that is the correct size for the age and breed of your rabbit. Do not transport a rabbit in a box! A rabbit can become overheated easily and die quickly as a result. Hot weather conditions can be dangerous for a rabbit. It is best to place rabbits in an air-conditioned vehicle for transport. If this is not possible, keep windows rolled down and air circulating. For long-distance travel, rabbits should be in carriers and covered with large sheets of cardboard or similar items to block the sunlight. A thin sheet of foam placed under the cages will help cushion the ride, keeps cages from slipping or tipping, and protects the car's interior. Place an absorbent, generous quantity of bedding or a canine house-training pad in the bottom of the carrier tray to help absorb any wastes or spilled water. Secure water and feed pans inside the carrier. There are specially designed pans for carrier use. To avoid spillage, provide only a small amount of water during transport. Most rabbits will not eat or drink during a ride. If stopping, be certain to keep the vehicle cool. Park in a shaded area or keep the car's air conditioning operating. If cool outside, roll down windows. Handling rabbits during transport can heighten stress resulting in increased body temperature. Secure cage doors with zip ties. Carry your own water from home as changing water sources can upset the rabbit's digestion. Watering the rabbit through the carrier is

easily accomplished by using a houseplant watering can with a narrow spout. If taking several rabbits on a journey, invest in a wheeled cart on which the carriers fit easily. Many types of these carts are available.

Resources/Links

American Rabbit Breeders Association: **arba.net**

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OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

4-H Rabbit Show Preparation and Showmanship Fact Sheet

Introduction

Select one or more purebred rabbits for your 4-H project that are of a breed recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA). This allows you to show your rabbits at ARBA sanctioned shows, as well as the county and/or state fair. Attend sanctioned rabbit shows and talk with breeders to determine the best breed for you. Rabbits selected should be as close to meeting the ARBA standard for that breed as possible.

As soon as you get your rabbits, begin preparing for the show. Proper handling is a must for your safety as well as the safety and welfare of the rabbits.

Below is an outline to help 4-H members properly handle their rabbits, as well as prepare for the show and showmanship.

Handling

- 1. Wear long sleeves to protect your arms from getting scratched.
- 2. Handle your rabbit with care, and often.
- 3. Always handle your rabbit humanely. NEVER lift or carry a rabbit by its ears. This is painful for the rabbit. Lifting by the ears causes damage to the ear veins. Also, without the entire body being supported, when a rabbit kicks to free itself, it may cause bone fractures in its back or hind legs, and cause injury to nerves or tendons.
- 4. NEVER lift a rabbit by its legs. This is painful, as well as can cause injury as mentioned in No. 3.
- 5. NEVER lift a rabbit by the scruff of its neck without supporting the entire body weight, as injuries can occur as mentioned in No. 3. Also, fur can be damaged.
- 6. Put a rug or piece of carpet on the table or area where you are handling your rabbit, so it can get a foothold when being handled. Smooth surfaces cause a rabbit to slide, making it hard to handle, groom, and pose. A rabbit will not feel secure on smooth places, and may become afraid.
- 7. Handle your rabbit during the cool part of the day. Two or three short sessions are better than one long session.
- 8. Handling rabbits when it is too hot can cause unnecessary stress and heat stroke.
- 9. Carry your rabbit by tucking its head under your arm while supporting its body between your side and your same arm. The rabbit's eyes should be covered by your elbow. Support the hindquarters with your free hand.
- 10. Refer to the Ohio 4-H *Rabbit Resource Handbook*, 228R, pages 54-55 for proper handling techniques. Also, you may refer to the following URL to watch the video, "Handling Rabbits," by Travis West, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development Vinton County: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6lasI23z Ok.





Show Preparation

Show preparation begins with proper care and handling as soon as you select your 4-H rabbits. Rabbits need to be in good condition, which, as defined in the ARBA Standard, refers to their health, cleanliness, fur, and grooming. Hutches and cages need to be kept clean. Rabbits need fresh water daily, as well as a balanced diet for their age and purpose. Keep rabbits out of direct sunlight to prevent their fur from fading. Monitor your rabbit daily and note any changes in its behavior or condition.

Grooming

- 1. Begin grooming your rabbit at least six weeks before the show.
- 2. Groom in the cool part of the day.
- 3. Use a table covered with a rug or piece of carpet as a grooming stand. Make sure the table is sturdy and does not wobble while grooming your rabbit.
- 4. For the first few days of grooming, moisten your hands and rub them through the rabbit's fur (from head to tail) until it is damp.
- 5. Once the fur is damp, stroke the rabbit from head to tail several times to remove dead fur.
- 6. Do not rub the fur backwards (from tail to head) as that can break the guard
- 7. Repeat steps 4 through 6 for several days.
- 8. Then continue to groom your rabbit daily by stroking the fur from head to tail without dampening the fur. This makes the fur shiny and tight.
- 9. Daily grooming improves the appearance of your rabbit, and tames it, making it easier to handle.

Posing Your Rabbit

- 1. While grooming, put your rabbit in the proper show position for its breed, and teach it to stay in that position.
- 2. If you do not know the show position for your breed, put it in the most common pose as follows:
 - a. Place it on the table. Face the rabbit to your right if you are left-handed or to your left if you are right-handed. (This makes it easier to pick the rabbit up.)
 - b. Place the tip of the front feet so they are even with the rabbit's eyes.
 - c. Place the tip of the hind feet even with the rabbit's hip bones.
 - d. Make sure the rabbit's tail is showing and not tucked under its body.

Showmanship

Rabbit showmanship is a combination of a 4-H member's knowledge of good rabbit management and care, and how that information is presented to a judge; the ability to handle and show the rabbit according to the American Rabbit Breeders Association breed standard; cleanliness and condition of the rabbit; the 4-H member's knowledge of his or her rabbit's good qualities, as well as its faults or disqualifications according to its breed standard. In addition, the 4-H member's appearance, show ring ethics, and sportsmanship are a part of showmanship.

During a showmanship class, the 4-H member should wear a long sleeve shirt or show coat, such as a white lab coat. Long pants or skirt, and shoes with closed toes and heels should be worn. Jewelry that dangles and gets in the way should not be worn.

Long hair should be tied back in such a way that it does not interfere with presentation of the rabbit.

4-H'ers will be asked age-appropriate questions related to subject matter such as proper care, health, nutrition, production, and their rabbit's breed, variety, class and fur descriptions according to the ARBA *Standard of Perfection*. Youth will also be expected to properly handle their rabbits and examine them for faults and disqualifications according to the ARBA *Standard of Perfection*.

Once your rabbit is used to being handled, begin practicing showmanship. Work with your rabbit every day or every other day. Get your rabbit used to being around other people, strange noises, and other rabbits. The steps below explain how to examine a rabbit for faults, disqualifications and general conformation. Refer to the Ohio 4-H *Rabbit Resource Handbook*, 228R, Chapter 10, Show Preparation for further information.

Examination

- 1. Carry rabbit to judging table or removing rabbit from cage.
- 2. Properly pose your rabbit.
- 3. Examine your rabbit in the following order. Tell the judge what you are looking for.
 - a. Ears Check for:

Ear canker; Illegible or missing tattoo;

Size and carriage of ears; Torn or missing part of ear

b. Eyes – Check for:

Wall eye (white cornea); Spots on eyes; Mismatched eye color;

Runny or weepy eyes

c. Nose – Check for:

Colds (white nasal discharge)

d. Teeth – Check for:

Malocclusion (buck or wolf teeth); Simple malocclusion (butting teeth); Broken or missing tooth

e. Chin/Neck Area – Check for:

Dewlap (does); Abscesses

f. Front Legs – Check for:

Bent, bowed or deformed

g. Front Feet and Toenails – Check for:

Missing toenails (5 on each front foot), including dewclaw; Broken toenails (too short to determine color);

Unmatched toenails; Nail color not meeting breed standard

h. Abdomen – Check for:

Mastitis or swollen teats; Tumor, rupture or hernia;

Abscesses

i. Hind Legs – Check for:

Bent, bowed, deformed, or severely cow hocked

j. Hocks – Check for:

Sore hocks (bloody)

k. Hind Feet and Toenails – Check for:

Missing toenails (4 on each hind foot); Broken toenails (too short to determine color); Unmatched toenails

Nail color not meeting breed standard

I. Sex – Check for:

Vent disease; Missing testicle(s) on Senior Buck; Junior Buck with only one testicle showing; split penis

m. Tail – Check for:

Stub, broken or wry tail

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General Preventive Health Recommendations for Animals Exhibited at the Hartford Independent Fair

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It is encouraged that all participants have a current relationship with their veterinarian in order to foster the best preventive health care plan for their animals.

Please note: If your animal is under medical treatment at the fair, treatment must be overseen by the official Fair Veterinarian. Please report to the Veterinarian or the Fair Director to ensure compliance with tampering laws and exhibition rules.

Vaccination and internal parasite control must be administered at least 30 days prior to the start of the Fair.

<u>Special Note to Market Animals</u>: **All medications and vaccinations should be given under the guidance of a licensed veterinarian. All meat residues (withdrawal times) must be expired prior to exhibition. Consult your veterinarian for specific protocol recommendations and keep records of medication and dosages. These guidelines are to help protect the animals travelling into and out of the fairgrounds and to comply with residue avoidance guidelines.

Beef Cattle:

- 1. Vaccines: IBR, BRSV, BVD, PI3, Leptospirosis, Clostridial diseases(7) including Tetanus
- 2. Internal Parasite Control: On a preventive internal parasite protocol.**
- 3. External Parasite Control: Free of infectious external parasites and infections such as Lice, Mites, and Ringworm.

Dairy Cattle (including Dairy Feeder Calves):

- 1. Vaccines: IBR, BRSV, BVD, PI3, Leptospirosis, Clostridial diseases(7) including Tetanus
 - a. **Dairy Feeder Calves: Given at vaccination clinic as required (1st Saturday in June)
- 2. Internal Parasite Control: On a preventive internal parasite protocol.**
- 3. External Parasite Control: Free of infections external parasites and infections such as Lice, Mites, and Ringworm.

Goats:

- 1. Vaccines: Clostridium types C&D and Tetanus
- 2. Internal Parasite Control: On a preventive internal parasite protocol.**
- 3. External Parasite Control: Free of infections external parasites and infections such as Lice, Mites, and Ringworm.

Poultry:

- 1. Vaccines: Vary depending upon management protocol. Consult your veterinarian.
- 2. Internal Parasite Control: On a preventive internal parasite protocol.**
- 3. External Parasite Control: Free of infections external parasites and infections such as Lice, Mites, and Ringworm.

Rabbits:

- 1. Internal Parasite Control: On a preventive internal parasite protocol.**
- 2. External Parasite Control: Free of infections external parasites and infections such as Lice, Mites, and Ringworm.

Sheep:

- 1. Vaccines: Clostridium types C& D and Tetanus
- 2. Internal Parasite Control: On a preventive internal parasite protocol.**
- 3. External Parasite Control: Free of infectious external parasites and infections such as Lice, Mites, and Ringworm.

Swine:

- 1. Vaccines: Mycoplasma, Influenza, Erysipelas, Circovirus
- 2. Internal Parasite Control: On a preventive internal parasite protocol.**
- 3. External Parasite Control: Free of infectious external parasites and infections such as Lice, Mites, and Ringworm.

Equine – Horse / Pony:

- 1. Vaccines: West Nile Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, Western Equine Encephalitis, Tetanus, Rhinopneumonitis (EHV 4/1), Equine Influenza, Rabies.
 - a. These vaccines are required per fair rules.
- 2. Internal Parasite Control: De-worming is individualized per horse/per stable environment. It is recommended that your horse maintain a Fecal Egg Count of < 200 epg. Consult your veterinarian for the best protocol for your individual horse.
- 3. External Parasite Control: Horses should be free of all infectious external parasites and infections such as Lice, Mites, and Ringworm.
- 4. Body Condition Score of > 4/9.

Canine:

- 1. Vaccines: Current Rabies, Distemper, Hepatitis (Adenovirus), Parvovirus, Parainfluenza, 4 way Leptospirosis, and Bordatella (Kennel Cough)
 - a. These vaccines are required per fair rules.
 - b. Veterinarian's Certificate posted at <u>www.licking.osu.edu</u> > 4-H Youth Development > Member Resources
- 2. Internal Parasite Control: Monthly heartworm and internal parasite control consistent with your veterinarian's recommendations for your dog.
- 3. External Parasite Control: Monthly prevention for fleas and ticks as well as free of all infectious external parasites and infections such as Lice, Mites, and Ringworm.
- 4. Body Condition Score of 2.5/5 minimum.

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2022 HARTFORD FAIR 4-H & FFA PROJECT SKILLATHON & INTERVIEW JUDGING SCHEDULE

4-H Beef / Dairy Feeder Projects...

Contest: Sunday, August 7 @ 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Beef Barn/Grubb Arena) Awards: Tuesday, August 9 - Market Steer Show (Grubb Arena)

4-H Dairy Cattle Projects...

Contest: Monday, August 8 @ 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Grubb Arena) Awards: Tuesday, August 9 - Junior Dairy Show (Grubb Arena)

4-H Goat Projects...

Contest: Wednesday, August 10 @ 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (4-H Center) Awards: Saturday, August 13 @ 9:00 a.m. (Grubb Arena)

4-H Horse Projects...

Contest: Sunday, August 7 @ 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. (Horse Complex) (skillathon only—project interviews held 8:00 a.m. daily)

Awards: Wednesday, August 10

4-H Poultry Projects...

Contest: Tuesday, August 9 @ 10:00 a.m. (Rabbit & Poultry Barn) Awards: Saturday, August 13 @ 9:00 a.m. (Grubb Arena)

4-H Rabbit Projects...

Contest: Wednesday, August 10 @ 10:00 a.m. (Rabbit & Poultry Barn) Awards: Saturday, August 13 @ 9:00 a.m. (Grubb Arena)

4-H Sheep Projects...

Contest: Sunday, August 7 @ 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (Baird Sheep Arena) Awards: Wednesday, August 10 just prior to beginning of Market Lamb Show (Grubb Arena)

4-H Swine Projects...

Contest: Sunday, August 7 @ 11:00 a.m. (Swine Barn West Entrance) Awards: Tuesday, August 9 @ Market Hog Show (Swine Barn Arena)

Members should plan to bring completed project books with them to the skillathon contest. While a member's project book may not be required in order to participate in skillathon contests, it does account for a substantial amount of points.

Awards are presented for (1) skillathon performance, (2) personal interview score, and (3) project book score for completion.