

## DEPT 114 – RABBITS

**\* Entry limitations of 2 per lot and 6 per division.**

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**Sr. Fair Committee:** Small (Chair), Tilley, Smith, Wampler & Van Kirk

RABBIT SCHEDULE	
<b>MONDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup> – B. Carr Pavilion</b>	
Weigh In	7:00 – 9:00 am
Meat Rabbit Judging (Class JA)	9:30 am – 1:00 pm
Rabbit Judging (Class JB)	1:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup> – B. Carr Pavilion</b>	
Rabbit Showmanship	9:30 am
Rabbit Poster Contest	Follows Showmanship
Rabbit Skillathon	10:00 am
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup> – B. Carr Pavilion</b>	
Rabbit Sale	12:00 noon
Rabbits Released from Barn	3:00 pm

### RABBIT RULES

- All Stalled Rabbit Exhibits will be displayed in the Poultry/Rabbit building east of Carr Pavilion.
- Stalling is optional for Rabbit projects. Those wishing not to stall may haul-in day of show.
- Pens/cages are available in the barn for Jr. Fair exhibits on A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS. To be eligible to be assigned a pen/cage, Rabbits MUST Be present at time of pen/cage assignment. NO CAGE HOLDING VIA LOCKS OR FELLOW EXHIBITORS.
- Locks are required on all pens, no locks will be allowed on pens prior to being stalled. Locks will be cut and removed if used to hold a cage.
- Water bottles are required on all stalled rabbits. EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FEEDING, WATERING AND PEN CLEANING AS NEEDED! (See JR. FAIR RULES & INFORMATION #20 in this book)
- Exhibitors must be present when projects are being judged or premiums will be withheld. Projects will not be judged without exhibitor present.
- NO ADULTS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE SHOW RING EXCEPT SHOW OFFICIALS. VIOLATORS MAY BE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION!
- On entry blank print breed under Description.
- Do not enter Mixed Breeds in the All Other Breeds lot.
- Exhibitor must own meat pen rabbits at least 30 days prior to the fair. Market rabbits must weigh between 3.5 - 5.5 pounds to be eligible for champion and the auction
- The judges' decision will be final. Once a lot is placed, class is closed. The judge will select all Market, Fancy, and Commercial Rabbit, Grand and Reserve Champions.
- Review "Jr. Fair Rules" located after the sale section in this tabloid for further information.
- Weighing of meat pen and single fryers will be Monday, August 9th of the fair between 7:00-9:00 AM at Rabbit Arena. Designation of animal to sell at weigh in only!
- Under and Overweight Rabbits will NOT sell.
- Bred and Raised Rules
  - A market rabbit project may only be 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.
  - 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



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- with requested photos.
  - All bred and raised market projects must be bred, owned and raised by the exhibitor noted on the ID form of the doe.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - We will place the 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> in each bred and raised lot.
  - ONLY the 1st place rabbits of lots 12, 3 and 4 will compete for their respective Grand and Reserve Champion in their division of Single Fryer or Meat Pen of 3 Rabbits
  - There will NOT be separate Grand and Reserve Champions for each division.
16. Barn closes at 11:00 pm every night.



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### ALL PET RABBIT PROJECTS SHOULD BE ENTERED IN DEPT. 118

#### TATTOOS ARE MANDATORY

All rabbits must be tattooed or registered (if already tattooed). Rabbits will be tattooed or registered the first Saturday of May on the fairgrounds in the Poultry/Rabbit barn 10:00 am to 2:00 p.m. Meat Rabbit & Jr. Rabbits will be tattooed on the second Saturday of July on the fairgrounds in the Poultry/Rabbit barn 10:00 am to 2:00 p.m.

There is a \$1.00 charge per entry. In case of death of an animal, replacement may be made with approval of advisor and Sr. Fair Board Member in charge. Replacement must be made with the same breed, sex and age of the animal lost.

#### Age Description

- Junior Rabbit - up to 6 months
- Senior Rabbit - 6 months or over

### Poultry Show Sponsor Crispin Iron & Metal

#### CLASS JA—MARKET RABBITS

LOT	DESCRIPTION	A	B
1.	Meat Pen of 3	\$4	\$3
2.	Bred & Raised Pen of 3	\$4	\$3
3.	Single Fryer (Min 3.5#, max. 5.5# & 69 days each)	\$4	\$3
4.	Bred & Raised Single Fryer (Min 3.5#, max. 5.5# & 69 days each)	\$4	\$3

#### CLASS JB—BREEDING RABBITS

LOT	DESCRIPTION	A	B
1.	Californian Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
2.	Californian Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
3.	Californian Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
4.	Californian Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3
5.	Dutch Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
6.	Dutch Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
7.	Dutch Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
8.	Dutch Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3
9.	English Lop Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
10.	English Lop Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
11.	English Lop Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
12.	English Lop Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3

13.	Flemish Giant Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
14.	Flemish Giant Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
15.	Flemish Giant Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
16.	Flemish Giant Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3
17.	Holland Lop Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
18.	Holland Lop Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
19.	Holland Lop Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
20.	Holland Lop Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3
21.	Jersey Woolie Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
22.	Jersey Woolie Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
23.	Jersey Woolie Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
24.	Jersey Woolie Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3
25.	Lionhead Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
26.	Lionhead Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
27.	Lionhead Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
28.	Lionhead Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3
29.	Mini Lop Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
30.	Mini Lop Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
31.	Mini Lop Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
32.	Mini Lop Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3
33.	Mini Rex Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
34.	Mini Rex Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
35.	Mini Rex Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
36.	Mini Rex Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3
37.	Mixed Breed Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
38.	Mixed Breed Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
39.	Mixed Breed Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
40.	Mixed Breed Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3
41.	Netherland Dwarf Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
42.	Netherland Dwarf Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
43.	Netherland Dwarf Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
44.	Netherland Dwarf Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3
45.	New Zealand Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
46.	New Zealand Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
47.	New Zealand Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
48.	New Zealand Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3
49.	All Other Breeds Sr. Buck	\$4	\$3
50.	All Other Breeds Jr. Buck	\$4	\$3
51.	All Other Breeds Sr. Doe	\$4	\$3
52.	All Other Breeds Jr. Doe	\$4	\$3



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### Rabbit Awards

Grand & Reserve Champ Pen **Jerry Lamb**  
 Grand Champ Single Fryer **Zigan Farms**  
 Reserve Champ Single Fryer **Mark & Peggy Parrish Family**  
 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Rosettes Single Fryer & Pen **Bill & Carrie Lewis**  
 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Rosettes Bred & Raised Single Fryer & Pen **RMR Rabbitry**  
 Best of Show **J.K.Keller Farms, LLC**  
 Reserve Best of Show **Rabbit & Poultry Committee**  
 Best & Reserve Champ Commercial **Tilley Family**  
 Best Fancy **Tom & Brenda Hughes**  
 Reserve Best Fancy **Jim & Ella Kincaid**  
 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Best of Breed Rosettes  
**RMR Rabbitry, Mark & Peggy Parrish Family**

### Rabbit Showmanship

Senior Division Ages 15-19 **Classic Clovers 4-H Club**  
 \$50 Senior Division **Rabbit & Poultry Committee**  
 Intermediate Division Ages 12-14 **Affordable Fab**  
 \$40 Intermediate Division **Ed & Vicki Piar**  
 Junior Division Ages 9-11 **Green Meadows Mobile Home Park**  
 \$25 Junior Division **Jim & Ella Kincaid**  
 Expert Division **Memory of Rick & Cheryl Yantis**  
 Showmanship Rosettes **Hair by Lois Pennell**

Placing will be determined by fitting/grooming (50%) and exhibitor's showmanship skills (50%). Please see official rules for Expert / Super Showmanship posted at the beginning of the Junior Fair section in Fair Book.



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### Rabbit Poster Contest

The purpose of this contest is to demonstrate the Jr. Fair exhibitor's project knowledge, to stimulate interest, and to demonstrate to others the diversity of the Rabbit Junior Fair Projects.

- Each poster must be made by the 4-H or FFA member.
- Posters must be made using 22" x 28" poster board, displayed horizontally with stiff backing. (It is suggested your poster be covered with clear plastic)
- Each poster must be clearly labeled in the lower right-hand corner, in a space no larger than 3" x 5" with the exhibitor's name, club or chapter, and age as of January 1st of current year.
- Poster will be judged on:
 

Educational Content	50 points
Neatness/Appearance	30 points
Originality	20 points
- Posters will be displayed at the Poultry/Rabbit Barn during the fair. Rabbit Posters must be in place by Wednesday Aug 12th - 10:00 AM
- Junior Division 9 to 13 years of age
- Senior Division 14 to 19 years
- No entry fee - this is a free class - no premiums will be given.

Awards for places 1 thru 5 sponsored by **Rabbit/Poultry Committee**

## **ATTENTION ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS**

It is **your** responsibility to read the Ohio “**Livestock Rules & Regulations**”.  
These can be found under the “General Information” heading  
on the Hartford Fair Premium Book webpage.

## **ALL JUNIOR FAIR MARKET ANIMAL EXHIBITORS**

### **GENERAL RULES**

1. Exhibits eligible to sell as outlined below:
 

A. Steer Pool	F. Gallon Milk
B. Market Beef Steer/Heifer	G. Commercial Meat Rabbit
C. Dairy Feeder Steer	H. Commercial Meat Poultry
D. Market Hog	I. Market Goat
E. Market Lamb	
2. Exhibitors are limited to sell a maximum of two (2) exhibits and only one exhibit per division. Note: Exhibits in rule 1A, B & C are considered one division. Market Steers and Dairy Feeder Steers are eligible for sale only if exhibitor is not selling a steer pool steer.
3. Meat projects and Gallon of Milk will be the only projects allowed to be sold at the sales sponsored by the Hartford Fair Board. The only additional item will be the traveling item sponsored by the Hartford Fair Board for the Youth Program.
4. Two percent (2%) will be deducted from sale price of all exhibits sold for sale promotion.
5. All harvested animals are subject to inspection by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Discrepancies will be turned over to the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Payment is subject to Ohio Department of Agriculture inspection.
6. All Grand and Reserve Champions (as defined in rule #1 above) must sell, which counts towards your limit of two sales. One species per division per exhibitor may sell, except Grand and Reserve Champion which must sell.
7. The Hartford Independent Agricultural Society reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Hartford Independent Fair. It further reserves the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by these rules, to amend or add to these rules as in its judgment it may determine, and to withdraw all premium offering in all departments should any emergency exist and circumstances demand it.
8. Disregard of any rule by exhibitor, contestant, or concessionaires forfeits all premiums, rights and privileges without recourse and will subject the violator to such penalty as the Hartford Independent Fair Management may order.
9. In the event of conflict between the general rules and the special rules governing the various departments, the special rules will take precedence.
10. Unhealthy or unsound animals will not be eligible for sale.
11. All buyers will be provided a color photo on an “I Supported the Hartford Fair Sale” sign. Grand & Reserve Champions must have pictures taken with buyer unless the buyer wishes to remain anonymous.
12. All sale orders will be determined by a computer-generated random sort. Only Grand Champions and Reserve Champions will be moved to the top of the sale order. The only exception to this rule will be for Steer Pool exhibitors.
13. Sale checks will be mailed 30 days after the fair. The Hartford Fair reserves the right to withhold an exhibitor’s sale check if the situation is deemed necessary.

### **- Important Notice -**

Exhibitors are limited to sell a maximum of two (2) exhibits. One species per division per exhibitor may sell, except Grand and Reserve Champion which must sell. If you chose to participate in the Gallon of Milk Sale, this will count as one of the two.

All sale order will be determined by computer generated random sort. Only Grand and Reserve Champions will be moved to the top of the sale order. The only exception to this rule will be for Steer Pool – exhibitors will sell by draw number.

All weights, by the Hartford Fair’s (county certified) scales, will be final and no other scales will be allowed on the fair premises.

The livestock sale will be a “Premium” sale. Details available from Sr. & Jr. Fair Board Members.

**Sale checks will be mailed 30 days after the fair.  
There is a \$35 fee to re-issue checks not cashed  
within 60 days.**

**GALLON OF MILK**

1. The total dollar amount collected will be divided evenly among dairy exhibitors that chose to participate in sale.
2. Sale to be limited to 1/2 hour.
3. One representative gallon of milk will be sold.

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**MARKET BEEF STEERS/HEIFER**

1. The champion and reserve champion must sell.
2. All must weigh at least 950# to sell.
3. At time of weigh in exhibitor must state which animal will be in sale and computer will draw randomly for sale order. Only Grand and Reserve Champions will be moved to top of sale
4. Buyers to absorb harvesting cost on top two animals.
5. Beef check-off will be deducted.

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**DAIRY FEEDER STEERS**

1. Grand and Reserve Champion must sell.
2. At time of weigh in exhibitor must state which animal will be in the sale and a computer will randomly draw for sale order.
3. Only Grand and Reserve Champions will be moved to top of sale order.
4. Must weigh minimum of 400# in order to sell.
5. Beef check-off will be deducted.

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**STEER POOL**

1. All steer pool steers MUST sell.
2. The sale order is the same as drawing order.
3. Hauling cost will be deducted from all steer pool sales.
4. Harvest cost to be absorbed by the buyer of all steer pool animals.
5. All steer pool steers will go to carcass show.
6. Beef check-off will be deducted.

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**MARKET HOG**

1. At time of weigh in exhibitor must state which animal will be in sale and computer will draw randomly for sale order. Only Grand Champion Gilt, Grand Champion Barrow, Reserve Champion Gilt, Reserve Champion Barrow will be moved to top of sale order.
2. Sale weights will be 200# & over. Under 200# will NOT sell in the Livestock Sale. There will be no re-weighs of hogs under 200#.
3. Pork check-off will be deducted.
4. \$1.00 tagging fee will be deducted.
5. Supreme Grand & Reserve must go to a fair approved processor. If you choose to participate in the Jr Livestock Sale, the hog designated to sell must be forfeited to the packer truck. Any hog not designated to sell is eligible to show in the Open Breeding/Market Show and must be off fairgrounds one hour after conclusion of show.

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**MARKET LAMB & LAMB POOL**

1. The Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Single must sell. They will be harvested & tested.
2. At time of weigh in exhibitor must state which animal will be in sale and computer will draw randomly for sale order. Market Lambs - Only Grand and Reserve Champions will be moved to top of sale order. All lambs must weight minimum of 95# except Southdown and Cheviots, which must weigh 85#. All pen of two (2) lambs must weigh 190# except Southdown and Cheviots, which must weigh 170#.
3. Lamb and Wool check-off will be deducted.
4. All male lambs must be castrated.
5. The buyer will absorb harvesting cost.
6. All animals are to be slickshorn.

**MARKET GOATS**

1. Only one Market Goat per exhibitor, regardless of 4-H or FFA, may be sold, except if an exhibitor has Grand and/or Reserve Champion in more than one area of this sale.
2. At time of weigh in exhibitor must state which animal will be in sale and computer will draw randomly for sale order. Only Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be moved to top of sale order.
3. Grand and Reserve Champion Market Goats MUST sell.
4. Exhibitor must be present with project at show and sale. Exceptions can be made at the discretion of Sale Committee.
5. Grand and Reserve Champions must have pictures taken with buyer unless the buyer wishes to remain anonymous.
6. A minimum weight of 45# for a Market Goat will be required to sell the Market Goat. A member of the Small Animals Sale Committee will be present at Market Goat weigh-ins.
7. All animals are to be slickshorn
8. Market Goats sold by lot, not by pound
9. The buyer will absorb harvesting hauling cost.

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**POULTRY**

1. Only one lot per exhibitor may be sold, except if an exhibitor has Grand and/or Reserve Champion in more than one area of this sale.
2. All Grand and Reserve Champions of meats must sell.
3. At time of weigh in exhibitor must state which animal will be in sale and computer will draw randomly for sale order. Only Grand and Reserve Champions will be moved to top of sale order.
4. Exhibitors must be present with project at sale. Exceptions can be made at the discretion of Sale Committee.
5. Meat classes: Chicken, Duck, Geese, & Turkey projects may sell at sale. (Market poultry raised for meat purposes only, commercial)
6. Egg laying & Fancy classes will not sell.
7. Grand and Reserve Champions must have pictures taken with buyer unless the buyer wishes to remain anonymous.
8. Animals sold by lot and not by the pound.

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**RABBITS**

1. Only one lot of meat project may be sold per exhibitor except if a member has Grand and/or Reserve Champion in more than one area of this sale.
2. All Grand and Reserve Champion meat projects must sell.
3. At time of weigh in exhibitor must state which animal will be in sale and computer will draw randomly for sale order. Only Grand and Reserve Champions will be moved to top of sale order.
4. Exhibitors must be present with project at sale. Exceptions can be made at the discretion of Sale Committee.
5. Animals are sold by the lot, not by the pound.
6. Grand and Reserve Champion must have pictures taken with buyer unless the buyer wishes to remain anonymous.