

# JUNIOR FAIR RABBITS DEPARTMENT

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**JUNIOR FAIR ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1, 2024**  
**JUNIOR FAIR ONLINE ENTRIES DEADLINE IS JUNE 8, 2024**

**Animal Arrival:** Sunday, July 14 between 7:30 am – 5:30pm

**ANIMALS MAY BE INSPECTED PRIOR TO UNLOADING.**

**Health Inspection by Fair Veterinarian:** First Day of the fair

**Weigh-In:** July 14                      **Time:** starting at 6PM (Rabbits then Poultry)

**Evaluation:** Wednesday, July 10      **Time:** 3PM -7PM

**Show:** Thursday, July 18              **Time: 9AM    Location:** Burke Bldg -Show Ring

**Animal Released:** Last day of the fair      **Time:** Walk out starting at 7:30PM; Vehicle starting at 8PM

## AWARDS:

Grand and Reserve Champion Market Single Fryer Rabbit  
Grand and Reserve Champion Market Single Roaster Rabbit  
Grand and Reserve Champion Market Pen of 3 Fryer Rabbit  
Individual Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex of Breed  
Grand and Reserve Champion 4 Class  
Grand and Reserve Champion 6 Class  
Best in Show

## SHOW ORDER:

Showmanship – Senior, Intermediate, Junior, First Year, Masters  
Market Rabbits  
4 Class Rabbits by Breed (will be listed the morning of show)  
6 Class Rabbits by Breed (will be listed the morning of show)  
Mixed Breed Rabbits  
Champion & Reserve Champion 4 Class  
Champion & Reserve Champion 6 Class  
Best in Show

Livestock Directors: Rachel Bausch

## General Rabbit Exhibitor Rules and Guidelines

1. **Exhibitor Rules and Guidelines:** All rabbit exhibitors are required to abide by the Junior Fair General and Animal Exhibitor rules as well as the rules listed below. **THERE IS A \$5.00 PER HEAD ENTRY FEE PAYABLE TO FR. CO. JR. FAIRBOARD AND DUE AT REGISTRATION.** Please read all rules and guidelines.
2. **Health Requirements:** No Health Papers. Rabbits exhibited must show no symptoms of evidence of a infectious or contagious disease. The fair veterinarian will inspect rabbits on show day.
3. **Tag Numbers:** All rabbits staying on the grounds for the entire week must have a permanent tattoo in the rabbits left ear.

4. **Number of Entries:** Each exhibitor may show a maximum of six breeding class rabbits, with a maximum of two rabbits per class. Each exhibitor may also show one market pen of three and a total of two single market rabbits. Single market rabbits cannot be exhibited as part of a pen of three. Before placing rabbit on the scale, the exhibitor must identify whether the rabbit is a single fryer or part of a pen of three. Once official weight is recorded in the entry book, no changes can be made.
5. **Authorized Show Ring People:** All exhibitors are responsible for carrying their rabbits to and from the judging tables on show day. A junior fair member may assist another junior fair member with this task. Only exhibitors may show rabbits at the judging table. No adults at the show table. Two show helpers may be designated the day of the show by the Director in Charge for manipulating equipment and help in lining up classes to keep the show moving.
6. **Breeding and Market Rabbits:** Exhibitors taking both breeding and market rabbits may use either project book due to similarity of the information. Breeding rabbits shown in breeding classes cannot be shown in the market classes. You must register for the Market project on your 4-H project form due on April 1 to the Extension Office to show market rabbits at the fair. The same is true for breeding rabbit projects. You can't sign up for a breeding projects then change it to a market or vice versa.
7. **Show Attire:** All rabbit exhibitor must wear a white lab coat or white oxford type shirt.
8. **Pen Cleaning:** Before leaving the fair, all exhibitors are required to clean their stalls/pens/cages and return them to its original state on the last day of the fair. All stalls/pens/cages will be inspected by the Directors in Charge.
9. **Breed Show Qualification:** In order to show in the 4 Class Breed (section 101) and 6 Class Breed (section 102) rabbit show, the rabbit must be entered under the breeding section of the registration form. (not under general or market) The Breeding Rabbit Identification Form, showing tattoo number must be received by the Jr. Fair Board by June 11.
10. **Order of Rabbit Breed Show:** Will be posted no later than the morning of the show.

### **Breeding Rabbit Exhibitor Rules and Guidelines**

1. **Animal Requirements for Breeding and Production Rabbits:** Does and bucks must be in the possession and under ownership of the exhibitor by June 1.
2. **Does with Litters:** Does with litters should not be exhibited. All rabbits must be at least 3 months of age to exhibit at the fair.
3. **A Rabbit Livestock Breeding Project Identification form:** Must be submitted to the Junior Fair Board by June 11.

### **101: 4 Class Rabbits**

4 Class Rabbits as identified in the ARBA (American Rabbit Breeders Association) Standard of Perfection to include but not limited to: American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, English Angora, French Angora, Satin Angora, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Standard Chinchilla, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English Spot, Florida White, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Jersey Woolly, Lilac, Holland Lop, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Rhinelander, Thrianta, Silver, Silver Marten and Tan.

Seniors - Over 6 months of age  
Junior - Under 6 months of age

1. Senior Buck
2. Senior Doe
3. Junior Buck
4. Junior Doe

### **102: 6 Class Rabbits**

6 Class Rabbits as identified in the ARBA (American Rabbit Breeders Association) Standard of Perfection to include but not limited to: American, Giant Angora, Beveren, California, Champagne d'Argent, Checkered Giant, American Chinchilla, giant Chinchilla, Cinnamon, Cream D'Argent, Flemish Giant, Hotot, English Lop, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin and Silver Fox.

Seniors - 9 months of age or older  
Intermediate - 6-8 months of age  
Junior - under 6 months of age

1. Senior Buck
2. Senior Doe
3. Intermediate Buck
4. Intermediate Doe
5. Junior Buck
6. Junior Doe

### **103: Mixed Breed Rabbits**

Seniors - Over 6 months of age  
Junior - Under 6 months of age

1. Senior Buck
2. Senior Doe
3. Junior Buck
4. Junior Doe

## **Market Rabbit Exhibitor Rules and Guidelines**

### **Market Ready Animals will go through a Terminal Sale.**

**All Market ready livestock must go through a TERMINAL SALE. Terminal sale means all animals must go to slaughter or directly to a licensed livestock facility for slaughter only. You CANNOT withdraw your animal from the sale and the buyer cannot take the live animal home. Market ready animals are Market Steer / Heifer, Market Swine, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Poultry (Broilers, Roasters, Ducks, Geese & Turkey) and Market Rabbits.**

1. **Eligibility:** Rabbits entered as a pen of three cannot be entered in the Single Market fryer class. The pens of three and single market fryers should be meat class rabbits - examples include Florida Whites, Rex, Satins, New Zealands, Silver Martin, Californian, Palominos and American Blue.
2. **Animal Requirements for Market Rabbits:**
  1. **All Market Rabbits must be in the possession (continuous care) and ownership:** of the exhibitor by June 15. **Proof of birth date AND possession date is required to be presented with either a breeding record or bill of sale in the name of the owner with Animal ID form.** **Fryer market rabbits must be 70 days old or younger at the time of fair official weigh-in. Roasters must be under 6 months.** (see page 48 & 49 of the Market Rabbit project book for breeding record explanation.)
  2. **Market Livestock Project Identification Form:** Must be completed and on file with the Junior Fair Board by June 25 for all market rabbits to exhibit.
  3. Each market rabbit must meet minimum and maximum single market rabbit weights
    1. Single FRYER Market Rabbits – 3.5 pounds minimum to 5.5 pounds maximum
    2. Pen of 3 Market Rabbits - each rabbit in the pen must meet the individual weight requirement for fryer animals or the entire pen will be disqualified.
    3. Single ROASTER market Rabbits – 5.6 pounds minimum to 8 pounds maximum.
  4. **Official Weigh - In:** Rabbits will be weighed once. This is the official weight throughout the fair. There will be one weigh master at the weigh-in and his/her decision is final. Proof of Birth Date and possession date must be shown at weigh in. Tattoos must be looked at and verified by a Jr. Fair Official/weigh master.
  5. **Weight Limits:** Market rabbits must meet the weight limits set by the Junior Fair Board to be eligible to show and/or sell. Exhibitors with Underweight / Overweight animals must submit in writing to the Director in Charge within 24 hrs if animal(s) will remain on the fairgrounds for the fair week or be removed from the fairgrounds. If the animal remains on the grounds, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to remove the animal from the grounds, following the animals release time.
  6. **Sale Pictures:** The Sale committee will take an individual sale picture on show day. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make sure they get their picture taken that day. Pictures will be used for the buyer's plaque and to be displaced on the overhead screens during the livestock sale.

### **201: MARKET RABBITS**

1. Single Market FRYERS
2. Pen of 3 Market Fryers
3. Single Market ROASTER

### 301: RABBIT EVALUATION

**No additional online registration required for Rabbit evaluation. Enrollment in the 4-H project through OSU extension and registering your live animal online by June 8, will automatically sign you up for evaluation.**

1. Breed Rabbit
2. Market Rabbit

### 401: RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

**Online registration is PREFERRED for showmanship classes. This will help us determine the number of exhibitors for each class. Day of show registration for showmanship only allowed, must be registered by ½ hour prior to the start of the show.**

1. Junior Showmanship
2. Intermediate Showmanship
3. Senior Showmanship
4. Master Showmanship
5. First Year Showmanship

#### Rules Governing all Showmanship Classes

1. Age Division: There will be four divisions for all livestock showmanship contests except swine. Age Divisions are as follows:  
Junior Division (ages 8-11 as of January 1, current year)  
Intermediate Division (ages 12-14 as of January 1, current year)  
Senior Division (ages 15-18 as of January 1, current year)  
First Year Division (any age, First year in the project)
2. Previous Year Showmanship Winners: Winners of awards in showmanship in previous years may not enter in the same class in subsequent years. Those winners must progress to the next available class. (i.e. Junior to Intermediate, etc.) A Senior Showmanship winner may participate in the Senior Showmanship Class after a one year absence. Example: 2021 Senior Showmanship winner would be eligible to participate in the 2023 Senior Showmanship Contest if he/she meets Junior Fair age requirements.
3. Number of Entries: An individual may enter only one showmanship class with the same species of livestock with the exception of the current showmanship winner's entry into master showmanship. Pre-fair Online Registration Preferred. Showmanship registrations accepted day of show, entries must be made ½ hr before showmanship classes begin.
4. Ownership of Showmanship Animals: Each contestant must be the owner of the animal shown and must have been personally responsible for fitting and preparation of the animal in the contest with the exception of participants who enter master showmanship who are not current Junior Fair Exhibitors.

5. Showman Dress Code: Exhibitors shall be dressed neat and clean for a professional show look. All exhibitors are required to wear a shirt which is non-revealing when participating in the showing. (Ladies this means when bending over, your chest is not showing). Shirts may be long or short sleeve. NO Sleeveless shirts allowed. Shirts must be tucked in all the way around the waist. No logos or advertisements on shirts other than 4-H Club. Long Pants only, no shorts. Pants must be neat, clean, no rips, holes or tears. Wear closed toe shoes. No sandals. (Boots or tennis shoes recommended) No HATS. Rabbit and Poultry exhibitor must wear a white lab coat or white oxford type shirt.
6. Animal Fitting Judging Criteria: Fitting will count 50% and will include: A) Soundness, condition, quality and in market animals, firmness and uniformity of covering, B) Cleanliness - hide, hair and hoofs must be clean, neat and free of dirt, C) General appearance must be attractive from the standpoint of prevailing breed fashion.
7. Showmanship Judging Criteria: Showmanship will count 50% and will include A) Appearance of exhibitor and equipment used to show animal, B) Ability to properly pose animals, C) Exhibitor must demonstrate ability to move animal around the ring as directed by the judge.
8. Master Showmanship: There will be a Master Showmanship Contest for Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Poultry, Rabbits, Goats, Llamas and Horse. Only those persons who have been showmanship winners (First Year, Junior, Intermediate and Senior) in previous years (this year included) may compete in their appropriate Master Showmanship Contest. The Master Showmanship Contest will be held immediately following the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Classes. Current Junior Fair Exhibitors must be the owner or eligible show-person of the animal. Former Junior Fair Exhibitors who wish to participate in the Master Showmanship Class, but are not current Junior Fair exhibitors, must gain permission from the owner to use a current Junior Fair animal for the contest.
9. Showman of Showman Contest: The winner of the Senior Showmanship Class for beef, dairy, goat, horses, sheep, poultry, rabbits, swine and dog are eligible to compete in this contest. Once the showmanship winner or alternate has been declared to represent one species in the Showman of Showmen, there can be no changes in representation. If the Senior Showmanship winner chooses not to participate, the eligibility goes to the 2nd place exhibitor and continues through 5th place.

### **501: RABBIT PREMIER EXHIBITOR**

**No additional online registration required for this Premier Exhibitor contest. You are automatically enrolled by participating in the five (5) events required for this contest.**

1. Junior Premier Exhibitor
2. Intermediate Premier Exhibitor
3. Senior Premier Exhibitor

1. Age Division: There will be three age divisions for Premier Exhibitor Awards.  
 Junior (ages 8-11 as of January 1, current year)  
 Intermediate (ages 12-14 as of January 1, current year)  
 Senior (ages 15-18 as of January 1, current year)

2. Contest Sections: Award is based on active participation in five sections: Evaluation, Showmanship, Live Animal Score, Thank you or Specie Promotion Contest and Skill-a-Thon.
3. Possible Points: The maximum points an exhibitor can accumulate in each specie area is as follows:
  - A. Evaluation - 100 points
  - B. Showmanship - 100 points
  - C. Live Animal Show - 100 points
  - D. Thank you or Specie Promotion Poster – 25 points
  - E. Skill-a-Thon - 100 points
  - F. Total Points: 425
4. Tie Breakers: The exhibitor with the highest combined score for all five sections of the Outstanding Market Exhibitor Award will be recognized as the winner in each species and age division. In case of a tie, the following tie breakers will be used:
  - A. Exhibitor with the highest Evaluation Score
  - B. Exhibitor with the Highest Skill-a-Thon Score
  - C. Exhibitor with the highest placing in showmanship
  - D. Exhibitor with the highest composite live animal score
  - E. Interview with Showman or Showmen Judge.
6. Award Announcements: Winners will be announced Friday of the fair.

### **Guidelines for Each Section**

1. Evaluation: Actual score from the evaluation section will be used. This section includes interview, project & record book. See each specie department for evaluation times and location. In beef and poultry, where an exhibitor may be taking more than one market project, the scores will be averaged to determine a composite score for all market projects for that species.
2. Showmanship: Each exhibitor receives points based on the following formula:
  - 1st - 100 pts.
  - 2nd - 95 pts.
  - 3rd - 90 pts.
  - 4th - 85 pts.
  - 5th - 80 pts. Participation-75 pts.
3. Live Animal Show: Each exhibitor will receive points based on the formula below for each market class he or she shows in:
  - 1st - 100 pts.
  - 2nd - 95 pts.
  - 3rd - 90 pts.
  - 4th - 85 pts.
  - 5th - 80 pts. Participation-75 pts.
 If an exhibitor shows in more than one market class the highest placing score will be used.
4. Skill-a-Thon: Actual score from the Skill-a-Thon section will be used.
5. Thank you or Specie Promotion Poster: Each exhibitor who meets the poster contests criteria will earn 25 points for submitting an entry in the Contest. The 25 points is given based on an entry per species. Example: If you were showing market poultry and market swine you would need to submit a poster for each entry to earn 25 points in each Premier Exhibitor Area.

**601: LIVESTOCK THANK YOU or SPECIES PROMOTION POSTER  
SPONSORED BY FRANKLIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU**

**No additional online registration required for this poster contest. By dropping off your poster by deadline automatically enrolls you into the contest.  
Posters DUE June 8, 2024 by 3 PM**

AWARDS / CLASS

1st – 3<sup>rd</sup> Award – determined by Farm Bureau

All receive participation T-shirts

1. Junior Rabbit
2. Intermediate Rabbit
3. Senior Rabbit
4. Youth Rabbit (Non-Competitive Class, Participation award ONLY)

1. Entry Requirements: Must use Junior Fair Livestock Thank You or Specie Promotion Award Entry form.

2. Age Divisions:

Junior (ages 8-11 as of January 1, current year)

Intermediate (ages 12-14 as of January 1, current year)

Senior (ages 15-18 as of January 1, current year)

Youth (ages 5-8, MUST be enrolled as a 4-H Cloverbud, Scout BSA or Girl Scout)

3. Entry Criteria:

**For Market Livestock Exhibitors** each Thank You poster entry must consist of a Poster, Buyer Letter, Buyer Contact List and entry form. The same letter and contact list may be used for each entry. However, an entry packet must accompany each poster. Buyer list must include name and full address for credit. Buyer list that appear to be photocopies of previous year buyer lists will not receive credit. Any entry missing any part of the entry will be considered incomplete and will be disqualified.

\* Evaluation Criteria: Market Livestock Exhibitors Entries will be evaluated on Buyer Letter, number of Buyer Contacts, and thank you poster.

\* Entry Contents: Market Livestock Exhibitors Buyer Contact Letter and List of Buyers must be STAPLED to the back of a completed Livestock Thank you or Specie Promotion Contest entry form. Clip (binder clip) forms to the poster.

\* Exhibitors Work: Market Livestock Exhibitor poster must be the work of the exhibitor. Any poster deemed not the work of exhibitor by judges will be disqualified.

\* Buyer Thank You Poster: Market Livestock Exhibitor poster must thank the exhibitor's prior years buyer for the species. If a first year member or Youth, poster may thank a buyer that supported the exhibitor's club at the prior years Junior Fair Livestock Sale or the sale in general.

\* Size and Media of Buyer Poster: **Poster must be standard size FOAM board (30x20) only. Do not use posterboard.** All posters must be horizontal (wide not tall). All posters must be single sided. Staple the entry form to the front of the buyer letter and buyer contact list with complete names and address.



\* Evaluation Criteria for **Buyer Thank You Poster**: Posters will be evaluated on:

1. Originality
2. Use of Color
3. Species clearly identified
4. Buyer's Name Visible
5. Exhibitor's Name Visible (**First Name Last Initial**)
6. Club / Chapter Name Visible
7. Good Use of Space
8. Age-appropriate work

\* Evaluation Criteria for Buyer Information Letters: Letters will be evaluated on:

1. Originality
2. Date and time of Sale clear
3. Sale Committee contact clear
4. Club's name clear
5. Exhibitor's name clear
6. Age-appropriate work
7. Species to Exhibit/Sell clear

\* Points for Buyer Contacts: One point per new buyer contact with a maximum of ten points. Contacts must be listed with full name and address. Buyer lists must be new contacts that have not appeared on the previous year list as shown in the Franklin County Junior Fair Livestock Sale program. If the contact is a repeat from the list the participant will not receive credit. This does not mean participants cannot contact previous year's buyers, but no points will be given for such contacts.

\* Entry Drop off: Entries can be dropped off Saturday June 8 at the Franklin County Fairgrounds Junior Fair office between 10AM -3PM

\* All Entries Become the Property of the Franklin County Farm Bureau. Posters will be delivered to buyers following the fair, upon buyer request.

\* Display of Entries: The Franklin County Farm Bureau will display all entries during the week of the fair.

3a. Entry Criteria **for Breeding exhibitors** each Specie Promotion poster entry must consist of a Poster and entry form. The Poster should be information poster for the related species.

\* Exhibitors Work: Poster must be the work of the exhibitor. Any poster deemed not the work of exhibitor by judges will be disqualified.

\* Size and Media of Buyer Poster: **Poster must be standard size FOAM board (30x20) only. Do not use posterboard.** All posters must be horizontal (wide not tall). All posters must be single sided. Staple the entry form to the front of the buyer letter and buyer contact list with complete names and address. Clip(binder clip) forms to the poster.

\* Evaluation Criteria for Specie Promotion Poster: Posters will be evaluated on:

1. Originality
2. Use of Color
3. Species clearly identified
4. Exhibitor's Name Visible (**First Name Last Initial**)
5. Club / Chapter Name Visible
6. Good Use of Space
7. Age-appropriate work

\* Evaluation Criteria for Information/ Promotion Letter: Letter will be evaluated on:

1. Exhibitor's name clear
2. Club's name clear
3. Age-appropriate work
4. Informational / Promotion letter on your Breeding (non-market) project. Letter about the species. Educate people on your species or how to get more people involved with your species.

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**4. Each participant will receive a T-Shirt from the Franklin County Farm Bureau. There will be one T-Shirt per participant regardless of the number of entries. T-Shirts will be available for pickup, the first day of the fair at the Franklin County Farm Bureau Stand inside the Burke building, during the hours of 9AM – 12 PM.**

**5. Award Announcements: Winners will be announced, and awards presented on Friday, in the Burke building main arena.**

6. Judges: A panel of 3-5 judges will be used to evaluate each entry. Judge's decisions will be final.

7. Any entry deemed inappropriate by the judges will be disqualified. This includes any inappropriate letter or poster. Disqualified entries WILL NOT receive participation awards.

8. Questions regarding this contest should be directed to Franklin County Junior Fair advisors. Email: franklincountyjuniorfair@gmail.com

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