

Crawford County Rabbit Rules 2023

Crawford County Fair 2023: July 17th- July 22nd
(Rabbits to be tattooed must be over 10 wk. of age)
TATTOO CLINIC FOLLOWED BY SKILLATHON!!
CHECK-IN TIMES: Sunday, July 16th, 10-2 pm
BARN MEETING: Sunday, July 16th, 5:00 pm
2023 Rabbit Show: Tuesday, July 18th @ 9 am

***Note all recent rule changes are highlighted in red for review**

All entries must be permanently tattooed in the left ear **prior to check-in** to be accepted for competition in the Crawford County Fair. **NOTE** - Please call Kristen Orewiler 419-617-6264 or **Alisha Shade 419-689-9537** if you need your rabbit tattooed and are unable to make the tattoo clinic, please contact a committee member directly and we will set up a time & date prior to check-in.

Possession date **for rabbits entered in BREED class**, to be exhibited at the Crawford County Fair is June 1st. Market project animals must be born and raised by the exhibitor which will be verified by a committee member.

All entries must be turned in to the Extension Office on or before June 20th to be accepted for competition at the Crawford County Fair.

Checkout is Sunday July 23rd 7-11 A.M.

The Rabbit Committee is not responsible for rabbits left in the barn after checkout. Any and all rabbits left will be placed on the truck for processing.

Exhibitors will be responsible for their own food and water bowls. If you choose to bring in your own food and water for the week, there will be a space in the back of the barn to store those containers. Please have all containers labeled with the exhibitor's name.

Exhibition Requirements for the Crawford County Fair:

Breed Class Rabbits:

May enter up to six rabbits in breeding class.

At least one rabbit must be raised from birth by the exhibitor and be less than one year old. Rabbits entered in the Market Class project will satisfy the breeding requirement. This rule does not apply to exhibitors in their first three years (**Beginners**) of the project. Breeding requirement will be waived in the event of death of the litter upon verification by a rabbit committee member.

Market Class Rabbits:

****Commercial Body type rabbits will be verified using the Rabbit Resource book along with the ARBA Standard of Perfection book.**

Exhibitors in their first three years of the market project must enter a maximum of two rabbits in the market single fryer class, any breed (commercial body type), any sex, raised from birth by the exhibitor.

Exhibitors in their 4th year and up in the market project must enter maximum of two meat pens, any breed (commercial body type), any sex, each containing three IDENTICAL rabbits raised from birth by the exhibitor. If the three rabbits are not identical, they will not be allowed to show or go through the sale Saturday.

Market rabbits, both single fryer(s) and meat pen(s) must weigh between 3½ -5½ pounds at weigh-in to be accepted for competition at the Crawford County Fair. **Birth dates for market rabbits are May 1st - May 10th. If there are no kits born by May 15th you will not be able to compete at the Crawford County Fair, no re-breeding.**

The Rabbit Committee will come and visit your house one day in the first two - three weeks in May to verify litters are born and raised at your house. **(You will get a phone call to set up a time).** If there is not a nest box or doe present at your house YOUR MARKET PROJECT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AT THE CRAWFORD COUNTY FAIR.

Pet Class Rabbits:

1. All exhibitors are expected to follow the rabbit show rules and guidelines; skillathon, barn duty, ect.
2. The pet class judging will begin right after lunch the day of the show.
3. All rabbits must be tattooed to stay at the fair throughout the week. If you have any questions / concerns please contact a committee member

Rabbit Show Rules:

1. The Junior Fair Rabbit Committee reserves the right to withhold premiums and/or award forfeiture of awards if it is determined that an exhibitor has not properly cared for his/her rabbit project at the Crawford County Fair.

2. Showmanship and Skillathon classes shall be according to age of the exhibitor at the Crawford County Fair. Showmanship shall be divided into the following groups:

Beginner:	11 years old and under
Intermediate:	12-14 years old
Senior:	15 years and older

3. All meat pens and fryers will be sold at the Crawford County Fair unless a withdrawal slip is turned in no longer than 45 minutes after the market show has finished.

Grand and Reserve Champions must be sold. Pedigrees must be turned in to the Junior Fair Rabbit Committee at the request of the buyer.

4. Any rabbit showing signs of disease will be removed from the barn at the request of the rabbit committee. The exhibitor has the right to request a veterinary opinion at that time.

5. No exhibitor, parent, advisor, or spectator is to discuss a ruling with the judge during or after the show. If questions arise, you may approach the rabbit committee. An official protest may be filed for a \$20 fee, refundable if the protest is won. Protests will be resolved by the Junior Fair Rabbit Committee, a Senior Fairboard representative, a Junior Fairboard representative, and 4-H Youth Development Agent. Directly approaching a judge concerning a ruling means forfeiture of any premiums and/or awards, and dismissal from the fair.
6. The breed show shall be run according to the American Rabbit Breeders Association Rabbit Guidelines.
7. Each rabbit may only be entered in one class.
8. The Junior Fair Rabbit Committee reserves the right to interpret and administer the show rules as necessary.
9. Vouchers will be forfeited if thank-you notes for awards are not turned in by checkout.
10. Each exhibitor is responsible for making sure his/her buyer picks up the correct rabbit, if the buyer wishes to take that rabbit home. The rabbit committee will not be responsible for making sure the buyer receives the correct rabbit.
11. A barn duty poster will be hung in the barn and all exhibitors will be expected to sign up for at least 2 hours during the fair.
12. All exhibitors must be present during the rabbit show. The exhibitor is solely responsible for the rabbit being put on the table.
13. Proper dress for the **show and sale** will consist of a white or blue long sleeve shirt, or a show jacket, clean dark pants, closed toed shoes, and a neat appearance. Jr. Fair royalty will be excluded from the dress code. (As long as they are in their royalty attire.)
14. The rabbit committee will consist of up to **8 members**, with no more than four members with expiring terms in any one-year.

Check out:

Market Animal(s) must be checked out by a committee member. If the listed buyer does not personally take the project they purchased, it is then property of the **JR. Fair Livestock Sale**.

All market rabbit projects are terminal and will be placed on the processing truck Sunday at check out.

Rabbit Committee:

Co-Chair Kristen Orewiler – 419-617-6264 ; 1 yr term - 2023

Co-Chair Alisha Shade – 419-689-9537 ; 3 yr term - 2025

Allie Lawson – 419-563-4549 ; 1 yr term – 2023

Kim Tieben – 419-563-4565 ; 3 yr term - 2025

Owen Lawson – 419-689-9953 ; 2 yr term – 2024

Donneta Lester – 419-569-2928 ; 2 yr term - 2024

Amy Knapp – 419-569-1114 ; 4 year term – 2026

Stephanie Parr – 419- 631-7937 ; 1 yr term -2023