

# LIVESTOCK PROJECT SPECIE INFORMATION

## RABBITS

Advisor-Kristen Orewiler & Caleb Rowland

**(Rabbits to be tattooed must be over 10 wk. of age)**

**TATTOO CLINC FOLLOWED BY SKILLATHON!!**

**CHECK-IN TIMES: Sunday, July 19, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**BARN MEETING: Sunday, July 19, 5:00 p.m. Arena**

**RABBIT SHOW: Tuesday, July 21, 9 a.m.**

- 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 Caleb Rowland 419-569-5094 if you need your animal tattooed.
- Possession date for rabbits to be exhibited at the Crawford County Fair is June 1. Market project animals must be born and raised by the exhibitor.
- 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 26th 7-11 A.M.
- The Rabbit Committee is not responsible for rabbits left in the barn after checkout.
- Exhibitor will be responsible for their own feed and water bowls.

### **Exhibition Requirements for the Crawford County Fair.**

#### **Breed Class Rabbits**

1. May enter up to six rabbits in breeding classes.
2. 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**

1. Exhibitors in their **first three years of the market project must enter a maximum of two** rabbits in the market fryer class, any breed, any sex, **raised from birth by the exhibitor.**
2. Exhibitors in their **4th year and up in the market project must enter maximum of two meat pens**, any breed, any sex, each containing three rabbits **raised from birth by the exhibitor.**
3. Market animals must weigh between 3½ -5½ pounds at weigh-in to be accepted for competition at the Crawford County Fair. **Suggested** birth dates are May 1 - May 15.
4. Rabbit Committee will visit your house one day in the first two or 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 no nest box and doe are found (YOUR MARKET PROJECT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AT THE CRAWFORD COUNTY FAIR.)

#### **Pet Rabbit Class:**

1. All exhibitors are expected to follow the Rabbit show rules and guidelines; skillathon, barn duty, etc.
2. The Pet Rabbit 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 notify 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 before the show begins. 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, Senior Fairboard representative, Junior Fairboard representative, and 4-H Youth Development Educator. 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. 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.
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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 listed buyer does not personally take the project they purchased, it is then property of the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale. At this time the exhibitor has the option to take their project animal or animals from the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale, only if it is replaced with an equal animal to go to processing.

#### **Rabbit Committee**

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