

**2020 4-H RABBIT RULES & GUIDELINES**  
**(Revised September 2019)**  
**Mike Young, Chairman; Committee: Harold DePoy**

**2020 4-H Rabbit Exhibit Classes:**

1. **Senior Buck** (8 months of age and older) - limit 1 entry
  2. **Senior Doe** (8 months of age and older) - limit 1 entry
  3. **6/8 Buck** (6 months of age and under 8 months of age) - limit 1 entry
  4. **6/8 Doe** (6 months of age and under 8 months of age) - limit 1 entry
  5. **Junior Buck** (under 6 months of age) - limit 1 entry
  6. **Junior Doe** (under 6 months of age) - limit 1 entry
  7. **Meat Pen** (not over 10 weeks of age) - limit 1 entry
1. **All rabbits must be in possession, owned and cared for by the 4-H Rabbit member by May 15th of the current year. All eligible rabbits must be enrolled online by May 15th of the current year at in.4honline.com.**
  2. All rabbits **must be** permanently marked (tattooed) for identification in the left ear with a letter, a number, or a letter and number. **These numbers must be entered online by May 15th of the current year!**
  3. Those 4-Hers who plan on exhibiting in the meat pen class **must** enroll **all possible** meat pens with identification numbers online **by May 15th of the current year!** The tattoo number that you plan on using **must be** recorded).
  4. All 4-H rabbits **must be a fully recognized breed and variety according to the ARBA Standard of Perfection.** All rabbits must have a three generation pedigree. All rabbits will be judged by their breed Standard according to age and weight, except in the Meat Pen Class, which may be crossbred.
  5. A meat pen consists of three (3) rabbits of the same breed and same variety, each rabbit weighing a minimum of 3 1/2 pounds and a maximum of 5 1/2 pounds, and not over 10 weeks of age. **Six Class breeds only. Meat Pens must be raised by the 4-H rabbit member.** All breeds show together in this class. **All eligible** meat pens **must be** brought to and tattooed at the county tattoo meeting. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
  6. First year 4-H rabbit members can show only one breed.
  7. Second year through advanced 4-H rabbit members can show only two breeds and it is suggested and encouraged that all rabbits exhibited be raised by the 4-H rabbit member.
  8. Second year through advanced 4-H rabbit members can exhibit in the meat pen class. All meat pens **must be** enrolled **by May 15th of the current year** online.
  9. All 4-H rabbit members are responsible on the day of judging for carrying their 4-H rabbits to and from the judging table.
  10. All 4-H Rabbit Members exhibiting at the fair **must** turn in a completed **4-H Rabbit Record Form (517-W) and Rabbit Activity Worksheet specific to their grade. These are due at time of entry of animal at the fair.** This will be strictly enforced! Your animals **will not** be judged for Champion and will only be eligible to receive a blue, red or white ribbon if they are not turned in on time. (The 4-H Rabbit Record Form, 517-W, is also available online.) Rabbit members should refer to the Ohio State University Rabbit Resource Handbook (4-H 228R) and the Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits book (4-H 288).
  11. Showmanship will be broken down for 4-H Rabbit members as follows:  
Level determined at time of enrollment.  
**Novice– 4-H member in 3rd or 4th grade on January 1st of current year.**  
**Junior– 4-H member in 5th or 6th grade on January 1st of current year.**  
**Intermediate– 4-H member in 7th or 8th grade on January 1st of current year.**  
**Senior– 4-H member in 9th or 10th grade on January 1st of current year.**  
**Master– 4-H member in 11th or 12th grade on January 1st of current year.**  
**Showman with the highest-level score overall, will go on to compete in the Ultimate Livestock Showmanship Contest.**
  12. Only meat pen class is eligible for auction. No disqualified meat pens will be allowed to sell in the auction. 4-H'er may sell only 2 total projects in the auction.

## RABBIT POSTER

This will be an optional project this year and will be entered at the same time as other poster projects. Level determined at time of enrollment.

There will be three divisions or levels. **Level 1 Junior** (Grades 3, 4 & 5); **Level 2 Intermediate** (Grades 6, 7 & 8); **Level 3 Senior** (Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12).

### REQUIREMENTS:

- A) Size 22"x28" poster displayed horizontally with stiff backing and covered with plastic accompanied by a name tag in the lower front right hand corner.
- B) Each Indiana County may annually exhibit a maximum of **one (1)** poster per age level at the State Fair.
- C) Each poster must have been made by the 4-H member enrolled in the current year rabbit project.

D) Standards of evaluation:	<b>Content &amp; information</b>	40 points
	(accuracy & completeness)	
	<b>Originality &amp; Creativeness</b>	25 points
	(attracts interest, encourages thought)	
	<b>Overall Appearance</b>	15 points
	(neatness, arrangement, background, workmanship, attention to detail)	
	<b>Suitable Subject &amp; Age Appropriate</b>	10 points
	(matches child's age & ability)	
	<b>Conveys message/accomplishes purpose</b>	5 points
	<b>Meets Exhibit Requirements</b>	5 points
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<hr/> 100 points

- E) Proper footnoting should be used with all reference material. Attach a 3"x5" card to the back of the poster listing the references. \*The purpose shall be to visually demonstrate 4-H Rabbit Project knowledge and to demonstrate to others, 4-H Project possibilities.