

# **RABBITS**

**This is a State Fair project. These requirements supersede your project manual. Poster Projects will have NO BEST OF SHOW SELECTED. You do not have to qualify at the County Fair to exhibit at the State level (must be enrolled at county level by May 15) State Fair Entry Deadline is July 1.**

The Rabbit project has three exhibit options of which you can do one or all of these options:

1. Live animal
2. An educational poster about Rabbits (No Best of Show will be selected)
3. An action demonstration

**All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list including where the information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster, display board, be the last page of a notebook, or include as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which reference are listed.**

\*Refer to the poster information page located in the handbook for poster requirements and suggestions

## **EDUCATIONAL & LIVE PROJECT REQUIREMENT:**

1. Each year, you are **required to complete YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) by June 1.** If not completed by June 1, you will not be eligible to show your animal.
2. Complete the Grant County 4-H Livestock Record Sheet (one record sheet, per specie, per member).

## **EDUCATIONAL PROJECT REQUIREMENTS**

1. Complete all required record sheets, and present at check-in. Turn it in before the fair is complete.
  - A. Size - 22" x 28" poster, displayed horizontally with stiff backing and covered with plastic accompanied by a name tag in the lower front right hand corner.
  - B. Each poster must have been made by the 4-H member enrolled in the current year's 4-H program.

The purpose shall be to visually demonstrate rabbit knowledge and to demonstrate to others; 4-H Rabbit Project possibilities.

Level I - Junior: grades 3, 4, and 5, grade determined by current school year grade.

Level II - Intermediate: grades 6, 7, and 8, grade determined by current school year grade.

Level III - Senior grades 9, 10, 11, and 12, grade determined by current school year grade.

**State Fair Exhibit:** There will be three (3) entries, one from each level.

## **ILLUSTRATED RABBIT TALK / INTERACTIVE DEMONSTRATION**

The 4-H Rabbit Illustrated Talk should be original and of practical nature related to some phase of the rabbit industry. Elaborate and expensive equipment can not be justified. An action demonstration is not like a regular demonstration where the audience sits and listens to you give a prepared talk. In an action demonstration, you may be anywhere where the public is walking by. Your job is to interest them in your topic so that they will want to stop and hear what you have to say.

- Division 1** – grades 3 and 4 (September – August)  
**Division 2** – grades 5 and 6 (September – August)  
**Division 3** – grades 7 and 8 (September – August)  
**Division 4** – grades 9 and 10 (September – August)  
**Division 5** – grades 11 and 12 (September – August)

### **4-H FAIR RABBIT SHOW**

**All rabbits must be entered on Saturday, June 13, 2020 and remain all week or they will be ineligible to show. Rabbits cannot arrive the morning of the show.**

**PEN FEE:** \$5.00 pen fee paid day of check-in. If pens are cleaned out after show or auction, per rabbit committee standards, the money will be refunded.

### **LIVE RABBIT EXHIBIT RULES:**

1. Rabbits must be owned by 4-H member by May 15.
2. RABBITS MUST PERMANENTLY MARKED AND HAVE A LEGIBLE EAR TATTOO IN RABBIT'S LEFT EAR. **Check with the 4-H Resource Leader for questions regarding Ear Tattooing.**
3. All animals must be in good physical condition before the animal can be unloaded at the fair or be shown, for example, no broken limbs, no serious wounds, no foot rot, sore mouth, or ring worm.
4. A 4-H member may not show more than 4 breeds of rabbits. Meat pen is not considered a breed class.
5. A 4-H member may show a maximum of 20 entries at County Fair plus one meat pen with only one entry per class.
6. 4-H member can only show one rabbit per class breed.
7. Broken and Solids among the same breed will show in separate classes.
8. Rabbits not entered in the proper class may be eliminated.
9. Please refer to the ARBA (American Rabbit Breeders Association) Standard of Perfection to determine correct class in which to place your animal.
10. No crossbred rabbits may be shown (except for the Pet Class).
11. **Refer to the General Livestock Rules and the Rules for 4-H Livestock State Fair Entry for State Fair Entry.**

**4-H SHOW: NO ANIMALS CAN BE LOADED UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE 4-H SHOW.**

**ALL GRADES:** EXHIBIT ONE OR MORE ANIMALS FED AND CARED FOR BY MEMBERS SINCE **MAY 15** AND SAME CONTINUOUS OWNERSHIP AND CARE UNTIL DATE OF SHOW.

### **SHOW RING DRESS CODE**

Every 4-H member must bear in mind the following while showing and selling his/her livestock project through the 4-H program at the Grant County Fair.

- a. Your attire is portraying an image of yourself.
- b. You are representing your club.
- c. You are representing the Grant County 4-H program.

Therefore, you should be as neat and clean as possible. Judges will be directed to consider appropriateness of show ring attire while evaluating placings and showmanship skills. **It is recommended that you wear a shirt with a collar, long pants, or fingertip length shorts while showing. It is suggested that you NOT wear tank tops, T-shirts with writing (other than approved 4-H shirts), midriffs, halter-tops, excessively baggy pants, cut-offs, or baseball caps.**

**EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS – Check-in and judging Metal Building****Check-In: Wednesday, June 10, 8-11 a.m. OR 4-7 p.m.**  
(bring projects and record sheets)**Judging: Thursday, June 11, 10 a.m.** (open judging)**RABBIT FAIR SCHEDULE****Check-in: Saturday, June 13, 10-Noon, Rabbit & Poultry Tent**  
(bring projects and record sheets)**Judging: Tuesday, June 16, 9am, Rabbit & Poultry Tent****RABBIT AMBASSADOR FAIR SCHEDULE****Check-in: Saturday, June 13, 10-Noon, Rabbit & Poultry Tent****Judging: Saturday, June 13, 1pm, Rabbit & Poultry Tent**

*You have until May 15 to add or drop this project from your current year's enrollment.*

**NOTE:** All rabbits must be in member's possession and properly enrolled on the county rabbit enrollment form by May 15.

**CLASSES****4 - Class Breeds**

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

**6 - Class Breeds**

1. Senior Buck
2. Senior Doe
3. 6-8 Buck (intermediate)
4. 6-8 Doe (intermediate)
5. Junior Buck
6. Junior Doe

**MEAT CLASSES**

Class 1 Pen of 3 fryers, not over 70 days old; maximum weight 5 lbs.

Class 2 Roaster (one to a class); less than 6 months of age, weighing 5-8 lbs.

Class 3 Stewer (one to a class); 6 months of age or older by show date, weighing 8 lbs. or more.

**PET CLASSES** – Crossbred (ineligible for champion)

***AUCTION RULES: \*THE 4-H MEMBER MUST EXHIBIT DURING THE RABBIT SHOW IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO SELL IN THE AUCTION.***

**4-H animals purchased, sold or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair (including animals that have gone through a "Premium only Auction"), shall not be eligible to show in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair.**

One meat pen or one rabbit may be sold by a member. A 6% commission on the overage will be retained by the Livestock Auction Committee.

**SHOWMANSHIP / 4-H RABBIT AMBASSADOR CONTEST**

Each county may nominate only 5 contestants, 4-H'ers will need to have knowledge of rabbit breeds, management, feeding, marketing and showing.

**Novice – grades 3 and 4 (September – August)****Junior – grades 5 and 6 (September – August)****Intermediate – grades 7 and 8 (September – August)****Senior – grades 9 and 10 (September – August)****Master – grades 11 and 12 (September – August)**

The Contest will consist of:

1. Test – 100 points
2. Breed Identification – 60 points
3. Showmanship – 100 points