

2019 RABBITS

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225 - BREEDING RABBIT PROJECT AND RECORD BOOK

PROJECT: The member is required to have physical possession of the project animal by May 15. The member is required to be physically involved on a daily basis in watering, feeding, decisions making and care of their project animal.

EXHIBIT: Enter and exhibit animal(s) raised and carried in the respective 4-H rabbit project in as many classes as they are eligible including showmanship. Do not bring litters to the fair!

226 - MARKET RABBIT PROJECT AND RECORD BOOK

PROJECT: The member is required to have physical possession of the project animal by June 1. The member is required to be physically involved on a daily basis in watering, feeding, decision making and care of their project animal.

EXHIBIT: Enter and exhibit animal(s) raised and carried in the respective 4-H rabbit project in as many classes as they are eligible, including showmanship. Do not bring litters to the fair!

REQUIRED RESOURCE SUPPLEMENT FOR RABBIT PROJECTS

228R Rabbit Resource Handbook for Market and Breeding Projects - Order only once and use for several years.

Important! Changes and Clarifications to Rabbit Department Rules

- ✓ The Rabbit Tattoo Clinic (on May 13) is **not** mandatory. You will be required to bring your entry form to the Extension office by May 13, 4:30 p.m. or bring the entry form to the clinic between 5:30-7:30 p.m. If you have a rabbit that needs a tattoo, you must bring it to the clinic as we will not tattoo any rabbits after the Tattoo Clinic/Entry deadline. **THERE WILL BE NO LATE ENTRIES, NO LATE TATTOOS.**
- ✓ Rabbits brought to the Tattoo Clinic will be verified by the department (breed, sex, and tattoo). If you do not bring your rabbit to the Tattoo Clinic, you will be responsible for placing your rabbits in the proper class. Failure to do so may result in your animal being taken off the show table first, or not being shown. **NO CHANGES** will be made at the fair as to breed, sex, age, etc. If you have any doubts as to breed, sex, age, need a rabbit tattooed, etc., bring the rabbits to the Tattoo Clinic and we will help you enter your rabbits properly.
- ✓ All rabbits **MUST** be tattooed prior to submitting the entry form. The committee reserves the right to refuse any entry brought to the fair showing signs of recent tattooing.
- ✓ Rabbits must be six weeks old by the Tattoo Clinic (May 13).
- ✓ Members are encouraged to enter two rabbits even if you only plan to show one. If something happens to the one, as sometimes does with rabbits, you will still have a bunny that has been tattooed and entered by May 13. **No changes, additions or corrections will be made after May 13.**
- ✓ A member must be in their **SECOND** year or more of the rabbit project in order to show a meat pen. First year rabbit exhibitors must take breeding rabbits. If you have shown rabbits in another county, you must provide verification.
- ✓ If you are showing a meat pen and wish to compete for Outstanding Market Exhibitor, you must show a commercial type breeding rabbit for showmanship not from the market pen.



- ✓ In order to enter and show a meat pen, you must enter and show a breeding rabbit (not from the meat pen), in the breed show, also.

SKILLATHON

To enhance the learning experience for youth exhibiting livestock at the fair. **Youth are required to attend and participate in at least one skillathon to complete their project and be eligible for exhibition at the Marion County Fair.** In order to exhibit at the Ohio State Fair, all county requirements must be met.

An alternative completion option is available for those that cannot attend the appropriate skillathon on June 19, by contacting the Extension Office to set up an appointment. Those who participate in the alternative completion option **will be ineligible for Outstanding Market Exhibitor.**

To be eligible for Outstanding Market Exhibitor, youth must participate in each skillathon for the desired specie. For example, if Margo wants to be eligible for both market lamb and market swine OME, she must participate in both the sheep and swine skillathon.

- **POSSESSION DATES**
Breeding Rabbits - May 13
Market Meat Rabbits – May 13
- **RABBIT ROYALTY AND HUSBANDRY INTERVIEWS**
May 9, 7:00 p.m., OSU Extension office
- **RABBIT EXHIBITOR MEETING /CLINICS**
11:00 a.m.-Noon, Saturday, April 14, Beginner Rabbit Clinic and Skillathon Review - (OSU Extension Office)
5:30-7:30 p.m., Monday, May 13 - Tattoo Clinic - (Marion County Fairgrounds)
- **QUALITY ASSURANCE**
 - February 20, 6:00 p.m., River Valley High School
 - March 5, 6:00 p.m., Elgin High School
 - March 26, 6:00 p.m. Test Out Option, Extension Office
 - April 16, 6:00 p.m., Ridgedale High School
 - April 28, 1:00 p.m., Evers Arena
 - May 7, 6:00 p.m., Evers Arena

LAST DAY FOR QUALITY INSURANCE ELIGIBILITY IS MAY 17, per new guidelines of the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

- **RABBIT FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE**
Breeding: Monday, May 13 (at Tattoo Clinic)
Market: Monday, May 13
NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!
- **RABBIT BARN/PEN SET UP NIGHT**
Thursday, June 13, 6:30 p.m., Rabbit Barn
- **RABBIT SKILLATHON**
Tuesday, June 25, Marion County Fairgrounds - Registration begins: 5:45 p.m., Contest: 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- **RABBIT CHECK-IN AT THE MARION COUNTY FAIR**
Sunday, June 30, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- **RABBIT FAIR RELEASE DATE/TIME**
Sunday, July 7, 9:00 a.m.,

All Exhibitors must Have Their Pens Cleaned by 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 7.

- **MANDATORY EXHIBITOR/BARN MEETING (MARION COUNTY FAIR)**
Monday, July 1, 10:00 a.m., Barn Meeting followed by Market Rabbit Weigh-In
Monday, July 1, 2:00 p.m., Rabbit Showmanship Clinic
- **MARION COUNTY FAIR RABBIT SHOW**
Tuesday, July 2, 9:00 a.m., - Showmanship Followed by Market Rabbit Show (Evers Arena North)
Tuesday, July 2, 4:00 p.m., - Pee Wee Showmanship (Evers Arena North)
Wednesday, July 3, 9:00 a.m., - Breeding Show (Evers Arena North)
- **RABBIT BARN/PEN TEAR DOWN NIGHT**
Thursday, July 11, 6:30 p.m., Rabbit Barn
- **GENERAL RULES FOR MARION COUNTY FAIR RABBIT SHOW**
 1. No litters permitted.
 2. Exhibitors must provide their own crocks for feed and water, feed, and bedding (wood chips or straw, no cedar shavings). **NO CEDAR CHIP PERMITTED!**
 3. All pens will be assigned by the barn committee in cooperation with the junior fair board superintendents.
 4. Pens must be cleaned daily by 10:00 a.m. except on show days when pens must be cleaned by 9:00 a.m. Water must be available for animals at all times.
 5. There must be at least 5 entries and 3 exhibitors to make a breed class.
 6. Four entries or less in a breed will be placed in an "other breeds" class.
 7. Limit of two entries per variety per class
 8. No more than 12 rabbits per exhibitor to be entered in the breed classes.
 9. All classes subject to change, depending upon entries.
 10. The Breeding Pair class will consist of one buck and one doe of the same breed. This is open to all breeds recognized by the ARBA. The rabbits must be a minimum of six months of age. These rabbits may also be shown in their breed classes.
 11. In order to show a meat pen, you must show a breeding rabbit in the breed show, also.
 12. All breed rabbits must be at least 6 weeks old by possession date.

- **SHOWMANSHIP**

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
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| 1. Senior Showmanship (16+ years as of Jan. 1st) | 5.00 | 4.00 | 3.00 |
| 2. Intermediate Showmanship (15-15 years as of Jan. 1st) | 5.00 | 4.00 | 3.00 |
| 3. Junior Showmanship (11-13 years as of Jan. 1st) | 5.00 | 4.00 | 3.00 |
| 4. Beginners Showmanship (8-10 year as of Jan. 1st) | 5.00 | 4.00 | 3.00 |
| 5. Showman of Showmen | 5.00 | 4.00 | 3.00 |
| 6. Parent/Advisor Showman of Showmen | No Premium | | |
| 7. Pee Wee Showmanship | No Premium | | |

- **COMMERCIAL/MEAT PEN INFORMATION**

Commercial/Meat Pen Rules

1. A member must be in their second year or more of the rabbit project in order to show a meat pen. First year rabbit exhibitors must take breeding rabbits. In order to show a meat pen, you must show a breeding rabbit in the breed show, also.
2. There will be two groups and two shows in this category.
Group A: Traditional: Meat Pen And/or Single Fryers – Animals entered from litters bred, born, and raised at exhibitor's rabbitry, from buck(s) and doe(s) owned by the exhibitor.
Group B: Purchased: Meat Pen and/or Single Fryers - Animals entered that were purchased by exhibitor and in his/her possession by June 1. In general terms, the possession date is approximately four weeks prior to the fair weigh-in date.
3. Only Group A animals will be eligible for the Sale of Champions.

4. Group A and B animals will be used in determining Outstanding Market Exhibitor.
5. All meat pens must be either bred or purchased. Purchased meat pens must be accompanied by a bill of sale with breeder's name and phone number. (Exhibitors may not purchase rabbits from a family member or themselves.) Purchased meat pen entries will not be permitted to show at the fair without a Bill of Sale.
6. Exhibitors may not show in both Group A and Groups B classes!
7. A meat pen will be a pen of three fryers.
8. Two meat pens (pens of three) and two Single Fryers may be entered in either Group A or Group B but only one may be sold. If you have a Grand Champion Pen, the others will be returned to the barn.
9. Rabbits in meat pen classes may not be shown in the breed classes.
10. The maximum weight of each rabbit in the meat pen cannot be over five pounds with a minimum weight of three pounds. No age limit will be used, but weight for age will be considered in the judging.
11. All rabbits in the meat pen must be the same color and breed and be representative of that breed.
12. All market rabbits will be ear marked at 6:30 p.m. after check-in. After the animals have been ear marked, they may not be switched from that order or pen.
13. Exhibitors must show their own meat pens unless prior department authorization has been granted. Exhibitor must be present to sell in the Livestock Sale.
14. Rabbit meat pen exhibitors must contact their buyer to arrange for transfer of animals after the fair according to the wishes of the buyer and the approval of the department superintendents.
15. Sale order will be: Grand Champion Meat Pen, Reserve Champion Meat Pen, and Outstanding Market Exhibitor for Rabbits, followed by a random selection of the rest of exhibitors entries.

- **CLASS PREMIUMS**

A- \$2.00; B-\$1.50; C-No premium

- **RABBIT MEAT PEN/MARKET CLASSES**

226A - Meat Pen (3) Traditional

226B - Meat Pen (3) Purchased

226C - Single Fryer Class

- **CLASS PREMIUMS**

A-\$2.00; B-\$1.50; C-No premium

- **JUNIOR FAIR RABBIT POSTER EXHIBIT**

Purpose:

1. To visually demonstrate Junior Fair Rabbit Project knowledge.
2. To stimulate an interest in Junior Fair Rabbit projects and the rabbit industry.

Rules:

1. Each poster must be made by the 4-H or FFA member currently enrolled in a rabbit project.
2. Posters must be turned in to the Rabbit Department no later than 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 1.
3. Posters must be made using a half sheet of standard poster board (11" X 15") displayed horizontally.
4. Poster must represent the topic assigned for the current year's exhibit. Topic for 2019 is the Exhibitor's Choice
5. Each poster must be clearly labeled in the lower right hand corner, in a space no larger than 2" X 4" with the exhibitor's name, club, or chapter and age as of January 1, 2019.
6. Posters will be displayed in Junior Fair Rabbit building during the Marion County Fair.
7. Posters can be picked up at the Junior Fair Rabbit building after 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 8. Those not picked up at that time will not be returned.

Awards:

1. Awards will be given: A, B, and C ribbons
2. Premium money will be awarded as follows: A-\$2; B-\$1.50; C-No Premium

**2019 MARION COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR BREEDING
AND MARKET RABBIT ENTRY FORM**

**ENTRY DEADLINE - Monday, May 13
NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Turn in at OSU Extension by 4:00 p.m. OR at Health Check/Tattoo Clinic at the
Marion County Fairgrounds by 7:30 p.m

Exhibitor's Name (Printed) _____

Home Phone Number _____ Exhibitor's Birth Date _____

Complete Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Exhibitor's Age (1/1/19) _____ Both Parent's Names _____
(As listed in sale catalog)

Parent Emergency Contact: Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Name of Club or Chapter _____

I ACKNOWLEDGE I HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE 2019 RABBIT DEPARTMENT RULES AND I
HAVE COMPLETED ALL THE MARION COUNTY JR. PROJECT EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS AS
STIPULATED IN THE MARION COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM BOOK

Members Signature: _____

PARENT RELEASE: I authorize release of information on this page to the Livestock Sale Committee,
Junior Fair Board, Senior Fair Board and OSU Extension for the sole purposes of planning and conducting
the appropriate show(s) at the Marion County Fair, identifying the animals available for the Livestock Sale
and recording the information where sale proceeds will be sent.

Parent Signature: _____

Livestock: Enter the total **NUMBER OF PENS YOU WILL NEED** for your rabbits. _____

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Exhibitor Name: _____

Breeding and Market Rabbit Entry Form (Complete Page 1, also)

| Breed | Tattoo | Animal's Gender B or D | Animal's Age In months OR Years as of July 3, 2019 | | For Department Use Only |
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2019 MARION COUNTY OUTSTANDING RABBITRY APPLICATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE Friday, April 19, 4:00 p.m., OSU Ext. Office
Interviews will be held on May 9, 7:00 p.m., OSU Extension Office

DIVISIONS: JUNIOR – AGES 9-13 AS OF JANUARY 1, 2019
SENIOR – AGES 14-18 AS OF JANUARY 1, 2019 (unless you have previously won Jr. Husbandry)

NAME: _____

AGE (1/1/19): _____ BIRTH DATE: _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PRESENT RABBIT PROJECT: _____

NUMBER & TYPE OF ANIMALS APPLICANT ACTUALLY OWNS: _____

NUMBER OF YEARS TAKEN RABBIT PROJECTS: _____

1. Feed Program

A. Kind and Amount of Feed: _____

2. Breeding Program

A. How Often Do You Breed Your Rabbits? _____

B. When is the Best Time of Year to Breed Your Rabbits? _____

C. Average Number Per Litter Raised? _____

D. Care of Rabbits Prior to and During Breeding Season? _____

3. Heard Health and Sanitation

A. Parasite Control Program: _____

B. Worming Program: _____



4. Replacement Program

A. Describe Your Culling Program. _____

B. How are Replacements Secured? _____

5. Buildings

A. Type You Use for Kindling _____

Describe Your Daily and Weekly Routine: _____

How Would You Improve Your Rabbit Program? _____

What Do You See In the Near Future for the Rabbit Industry? _____

What Has Been Your Most Outstanding or Rewarding Experience in Your Rabbitry: _____

What are Your Future Goals for Your Rabbitry: _____

Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

2019 MARION COUNTY RABBIT KING, QUEEN, PRINCESS AND PRINCE APPLICATION

APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY, April 19, 4:00 P.M.
TO THE OSU EXTENSION OFFICE
NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE
INTERVIEWS: May 9, 7:00 P.M., OSU EXTENSION OFFICE

All ages as of January 1, 2019

Queen: 14-18 Years

King: 14-18 Years

Princess: 9-13 Years

Prince: 9-13 Years

NAME: _____ AGE: _____ BIRTH DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

4-H CLUB _____ SCHOOL _____

GUIDELINES

1. Applicant must be a present Marion County 4-H or FFA member carrying a rabbit project.
2. Applicant must have completed at least one full year in rabbits.
3. Applicant must be of age as of January 1 of application year.
4. Applicant must be a rabbit exhibitor at 2019 fair.
5. Judging will be based on appearance, knowledge, communication skills, and participation in Rabbit Department.
6. Applicant may only receive princess, prince, queen, and/or king one time.

- List projects you have completed, activities, and contests you have participated in, along with leadership responsibilities you have completed in rabbits (use separate sheet of paper if needed).

- If chosen for this honor, how can you help promote the rabbit industry? _____



➤ State briefly why you would like to be selected Marion County Rabbit King, Queen, Prince or Princess: _____

Are you and/or your family ARBA members? _____ How many years? _____

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MARION COUNTY RABBIT KING, QUEEN, PRINCE, AND PRINCESS:

1. The Marion County Rabbit King, Queen, Prince, and Princess are to be free to pass out ribbons during the Marion County Junior Rabbit shows (when not showing own animals).
2. Shall be free for press, TV, radio, and public appearances for Rabbit promotion at any time during the year.
3. The King, Queen, Prince, and Princess shall conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times while representing the Rabbit industry, especially so while wearing tiara and/or sash. (No shorts or revealing clothing, no smoking, drinking, profanity, or other unbecoming or rowdy behavior, etc.)

In the event the designated royalty is unable to fulfill his or her duties, he or she must notify the committee chairman immediately so that the next candidate in line can be notified.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Doris Gerfen Memorial Scholarship

Doris Gerfen was very active in 4-H as a child. 4-H became a part of her life. Her three children, Tisha, Shannon and Rick all became active in 4-H, too. She enjoyed watching them show. As the next generation, her grandchildren, each became old enough, they have also been active 4-H members. Doris always had her camera to catch those special moments. 4-H was her pride and joy. The Gerfen Family is establishing the Doris Gerfen Memorial Scholarship to honor their mother and grandmother. This \$100 award will be presented each year during the rabbit show to a maximum of two rabbit exhibitors.

The applicants must:

- ✓ be a high school senior at a Marion County/City/Home School
- ✓ be taking rabbit projects through 4-H or FFA for two or more years, including 2019
- ✓ reside within the boundaries of a Marion City /County school district
- ✓ submit complete application by April 19, 4:00 p.m.

Interviews will be held May 9, 7:00 p.m. at the Marion County Extension office.

Complete application will include:

- ✓ Application page
- ✓ One page (maximum) essay (double spaced, Times New Roman font, size 12). The essay topic is: "How 4-H and/or FFA will help in my Future Endeavors."
- ✓ Current high school transcript
- ✓ 4-H Member Record Book and/or FFA Record Book are optional and can be brought to the interview if desired.

Scholarship winner(s) will be announced prior to the completion of the rabbit show during the Marion County Fair.



**Doris Gerfen Memorial Scholarship
Application**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____

Grade in school: _____ School: _____

Years of 4-H Membership: _____ Years of FFA Membership: _____

Years taken Rabbit projects: _____

Complete application must include:

- ✓ Application page
- ✓ One page (maximum) essay (double spaced, Times New Roman font, size 12). The essay topic is: "How 4-H/FFA will help in my Future Endeavors."
- ✓ Current high school transcript

Completed application is due by April 19, 4:00 p.m. Interviews will be held on May 9, 7:00 p.m.

Submit completed application to Marion County Extension office, 222 W. Center St., Marion, OH 43302

Applicant Signature and Date: _____

Parent Signature and Date: _____