

# 2025

## Stark County Junior Fair Rabbit Rules



**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN ENTRY!!**

**DEADLINE IS JULY 25<sup>th</sup> 2025**  
***NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED***

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## Stark County Junior Fair – OVERALL General Rules for ALL Species

The Stark County Junior Fair operates under the authority of and in conjunction with the Stark County Senior Fair Board. The Junior Fair Board is a department of the Stark County Fair with its own objectives. These objectives in many instances, require rules or guidelines that differ significantly from those of other Stark County Fair Departments.

Any boy or girl enrolled in a Stark County Youth organization is eligible to participate in the Stark County Junior Fair. They must abide by the rules and age limitations of said youth organization (4H, FFA, Grange, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.)

1. To participate in 4H activities, youth must comply with the State 4H membership policy. 4H eligibility begins at age 5 (and in kindergarten as of January 1) and ends December 31st of the year in which they attain the age of 19.
2. Exhibitors in 4H classes must be enrolled in 4H club work in Stark County. Exhibits must be from 4H projects approved by the State or Local Extension office.
3. All members are encouraged to show in open class events.
4. Health rules for the livestock exhibits are the same as those governing all open class exhibits. Health papers must be shown, if requested, to the proper person before an animal is assigned a stall.
5. The Board of Directors of the Stark County Agricultural Society will, to the best of their ability, safeguard persons, livestock and articles on the grounds, but will not be responsible for injury, damage, disease, theft or loss of any kind.
6. Animals released due to illness or injury must have a signed release from the Fair Veterinarian, Junior Fair Coordinator and/or Barn Superintendent. Any animal removed without proper permission will be subject to 1-year suspension for the exhibitor.
7. Members are required to clean stalls or pens daily and maintain a neat and presentable area. Failure to keep the area clean or properly feed and water livestock may result in the committee withholding payment.
8. Anyone assisting with showing another exhibitor's animal must be enrolled as a current 4H or FFA or other youth organization member in Stark County.
9. All animals must remain on exhibit at the fair until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, the last day of the fair.
10. All animals sold remain the property of the member and in the member's care until Fair release time, 4:00 p.m., Monday, the last day of the fair. *Please be advised, some market animals may be released to contracted Livestock Brokers prior to the 4pm release time.*
11. Animals sold are not eligible to be shown again by that exhibitor or any other 4H or FFA member in any Junior Show in the County or State or Independent Fair in the calendar year. All Grand and Reserve Grand Champion market animals are terminal\*\*. \*\*Does NOT apply to the Dairy Beef Feeder project\*\*
12. Exhibitors are responsible for their own veterinary bill.
13. Veterinarians assigned to the Fair for check-in will decide all matters of health, presence of disease and stall release.
14. The Fair Board will provide ribbons and/or appropriate awards. If the budget is exceeded, the Fair Board reserves the right to prorate cash premiums.
15. *Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H (clubs) and Vocational Agriculture (FFA) or be members of either organization. However, those involved in both must carry separate and distinct projects, including different animals and/or products, for each organization. Examples of distinct projects include Sheep Breeding, Market Lambs, Pullets, and Broilers. The same or similar animals or products cannot be exhibited in both organizations, even if classified under different projects or programs. Additionally, an animal or product may not be shown in more than one county in 4-H or FFA classes.*
16. Stark County youth programs and the Junior Fair Board will not condone the use of alcohol or drugs by any of its members, volunteers or anyone else associated with the Junior fair. The Junior Fair Coordinator, Junior Fair Board advisors, FFA advisors, Extension office and the Senior Fair Board will contact parents or legal authorities to handle individuals caught using or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
17. In the event that a project animal dies after the designated possession date, members will not be permitted to replace the animal for the purpose of exhibition or sale in any Junior Fair event.

18. **All Entries are Due at midnight By or On The final Friday of July - NO EXCEPTIONS - No Changes will be permitted after entry deadline.**
19. All market animal grooming must be performed by the Stark County Junior Fair exhibitor or their immediate family, as defined by Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 901-19(P). "Family" includes, but is not limited to, the exhibitor's parent, step-parent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, sibling, step-sibling, half-sibling, son, daughter, step-child, or guardian. Additionally, a current Stark County Junior Fair exhibitor may assist. This rule applies to all projects entered in the Stark County Junior Fair show during the Stark County Fair from August 26, 2025, to September 1, 2025. Violation of this rule will result in the animal being ineligible for sale.
20. No one may handle a Junior Fair exhibitor's animal(s) without the exhibitor's permission, except in an emergency. Committee members are permitted to handle animals as part of their regular duties, including during the show, sale, weigh-in, photos, loading, and unloading.
21. Judges' Decisions are Final.
22. Any Medical/School excuses must be submitted in writing to Committee Chair and Junior Fair Coordinator.
23. **ALL Junior Fair Exhibitors are REQUIRED to attend a QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) CLINIC by JUNE 1 before the fair. Exhibitors who do not complete this requirement will be ineligible to show at the fair or bring a carcass.**
24. **Exhibitors must complete a DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF) for all market and lactating animals before the show. Failure to comply WILL result in disqualification from showing. This requirement is mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture under Ohio Revised Code 901-19-06 and 901-19-07. All Junior Fair livestock must be free of drug residues on the first day of the fair unless otherwise noted on the DUNF. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their market animals until the fair concludes, the drug withdrawal period ends, or if the animal is placed under quarantine.**

**Junior Fair Coordinator**

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**Junior Fair Livestock Barn Superintendents**

Beef	Amber Shoemaker	Justin Durkin
Dairy	Justin Durkin	Dan Farnham
Goat	Jill McNeil	Mikayla Durkin
Horse	Mikayla Durkin	Justin Durkin
Poultry	Julie Nicholas	Justin Durkin
Sheep	Dave Stock	Jill McNeil
Swine	Sarah Yungen	Kevin King
Rabbit/Cavy	Jill Sterling	Julie Nicholas

(Please refer to the Fair Book for contact information or leave a message at [office@starkcountyfair.com](mailto:office@starkcountyfair.com))

# RABBIT RULES 2025

## I. RABBIT RULES

1. Project animals must be purebred animals according to American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA). Contact a member of the Rabbit & Cavy Committee for help in finding purebred rabbits.
2. Rabbit projects must be taken in order, regardless of the number of rabbits the exhibitor is showing at the fair. Projects should not be repeated.
3. All rabbits exhibited must be permanently earmarked by a legible tattoo in the rabbit's left ear, prior to fair check in. All tattoos must be done by the final July Entry Clinic Free (only exception is meat pens) or there will be a \$5.00 fee per rabbit.
4. Rabbits exhibited must be clean, free of parasites and in good health. The superintendent may send any animal home at their discretion.
5. Exhibitors are responsible for caring for their project animals through the last day of the fair. Care includes: Checking in or out, cleaning pens, and feeding and watering on a **daily basis**. **Any failure to fulfill these requirements will result in forfeiture of premium money. NO EARLY DEPARTURES.** Exhibitors are responsible for bringing their own feed, feed and water containers and bedding. (Bedding will be provided the first day of the fair only.)
6. No locks may be placed on cages. Zip ties are permitted.
7. All animals sold in **any** Junior Fair Show throughout the state **may not** be shown in any other Junior Fair Show within the same year.
8. There must be a minimum of 7 rabbits in a breed with a minimum of 2 exhibitors for exhibitors to be eligible for awards. Rosettes will be awarded if there are less than 7 animals.
9. Exhibitors winning an award must turn in a thank you letter, addressed and **stamped**, to the Junior Fair Rabbit committee by Saturday during the fair. The Rabbit & Cavy Committee will give out sponsors names and addresses after the show.
10. In the event that a project animal dies after the designated possession date, member will **not** be permitted to replace that animal for the purpose of exhibition or sale. However, you may replace it for the purpose of completing the project, showmanship, or skill-a-thon. Exhibitors should report the death of any animal immediately to a committee member.
11. All exhibitors will receive a \$5.00 premium per rabbit project registration.
12. *Parents or Advisors need to contact a member of the Rabbit & Cavy Committee if they have a participant with a learning or physical disability.*
13. Each exhibitor should attend the Jr. Fair Rabbit Show and show their own rabbit(s). If this is not possible, you must notify the committee and you must find another Junior Fair exhibitor to show for you.
14. **Market Projects - Thank you notes for buyers must be turned into a Rabbit and Cavy committee member before 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 30, 2025, for you to receive your check.**
15. **The Pet Rabbit Project is no longer a Junior Fair Project. Please contact 4-H Extension Office for rules and information. PET RABBITS WILL NOT BE EXHIBITED AT THE FAIR!**

***For all youth wishing to exhibit rabbits at the Junior Fair it is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED to attend the July Pre-registration Entry Clinic. For all First- and Second-Year Members it is MANDATORY to attend the Spring Educational clinic. Roaster, Meat Pen AND Fryer Exhibitors must also attend a Quality Assurance Clinic.***

The Junior Fair Rabbit Show is under the supervision and direction of the Junior Fair Rabbit & Cavy Committee. The committee will supervise all shows and activities at the fair. Any questions regarding rules, procedures etc. will be decided by the majority vote of the committee membership. **The decision of the Judge is final.**

## **II. PURCHASING/POSSESSION RABBIT**

All rabbits must be in the possession of the exhibitor by **May 25** to be able to show at the Stark County Fair. **EXCEPTION:** Meat Pen and Junior aged rabbits, which are raised by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must have in their possession, the Dam (mother) of any Homegrown Meat Pens, or Junior aged rabbits shown. Project Animals must be of American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) standard breeds.

## **III. CHECKING IN / CHECKING OUT**

- All rabbits must be checked in with the Junior Fair Show Secretary, at the Rabbit barn, on Monday August 25, between 12pm and 8pm. **ALL RABBITS MUST BE CHECKED IN AND OUT WITH THE JR. FAIR SECRETARY. NO EXCEPTIONS**
- **All rabbits will remain on exhibit until 6:00 p.m. on the last day of the fair**, except sold or meat pen, roaster, and fryer rabbits, which are released at 4:00 p.m. **NO RABBITS will be released except through the Jr. Fair Show Secretary.** If an animal is removed from the fair early, without checking with a committee member or Junior Fair Show Secretary, you will not be permitted to show at the fair next year!

## **IV. SKILLATHON**

### **A. PROJECT COMPLETION**

The Junior Fair Rabbit & Cavy Committee has determined that each exhibitor **MUST** complete a Skill-a-thon, for project completion. *Check calendar for date & time.*

#### **Divisions:**

Senior	15 years and up
Intermediate	12 – 14 years
Junior	9 – 11 years
First Year (In project only)	8 years and up

1. Exhibitors must bring completed project books and a one-page report to Skill-a-thon. If unable to attend Skill-a-thon, books and one-page report must be turned in to a committee member before Saturday, AUGUST 23, 2025. If books and reports are not turned in by deadline, your rabbits will not compete for any awards. Your animals will be judged at the end of the class for comments ONLY.
2. Skill-a-thon will consist of 5-6 stations, with each station being timed, to evaluate project knowledge.

#### IV. RABBIT FAIR CLASSES

For all classes, you must complete the member project guidelines, focus questions=one-page report, Quality Assurance section, medication scenario, and record section of the project book.

##### A. RABBIT I

1. First year exhibitors – begin rabbit project book, Complete sections for Breeding and/or market rabbits depending on what you will be exhibiting.
  - a. This project may exhibit **TWO** pens.
  - b. Requires **ONE** Buck and ONE Doe of the same breed.

##### B. RABBIT II

1. Exhibitors who have completed Rabbit Fair Class I – continue with Rabbit project book.

Complete sections for breeding and/or market rabbits depending on what you will be exhibiting.

- a. May exhibit **FOUR** pens.
- b. Requires **ONE** Senior and **ONE** Intermediate/Junior and **TWO** of Exhibitor's Choice from class list.
- c. All rabbits shown **must be** of the same breed, offspring recommended.

##### C. RABBIT III

1. Exhibitors who have completed Rabbit Fair Class II – Continue Rabbit book – Complete breeding and/or market sections depending on what you will be exhibiting.

- a. May exhibit **SIX** pens.
- b. **Two** breeds can be shown.
  - i. If exhibiting one breed – Requires: 2 Seniors, 2 Junior or Intermediate and 2 Exhibitors Choice.
  - ii. If exhibiting two breeds- Requires **ONE** Senior of each breed and **TWO** Intermediate/Junior of either breed and **TWO** Exhibitor's Choice from class list. *Exhibitors Choice may NOT include Meat Pen and/or single fryer.*

##### D. RABBIT IV

1. Exhibitors who have completed Rabbit Fair Class III – Complete Rabbit Project Book – Complete breeding and/or Marketing sections depending on what you will be exhibiting.

2. May exhibit **EIGHT** Breeding Pens.

a. Breeding Project Requirements:

- i. Exhibiting One Breed - Requires **TWO** Senior, **TWO** Intermediate/Junior and **FOUR** of Exhibitor's Choice from class list.
- ii. Exhibiting Two Breeds – Requires **TWO** Senior of each breed, **TWO** Intermediate/Junior (either breed) and **TWO** of Exhibitors Choice from class list, using either breed to fill pens.

## E. RABBIT V

1. Exhibitors who have completed Rabbit Fair Class IV – Complete Rabbit project book. Complete breeding and/or market sections depending on what you will be exhibiting
  - a. May exhibit 10 pens.
  - b. **THREE** breeds may be exhibited in Rabbit V.
    - i. Exhibiting One Breed – requires **TWO Senior**, **TWO Intermediate/Junior** and **SIX** of Exhibitors Choice from class list.
    - ii. Exhibiting Two Breeds – Requires **TWO Senior** of each breed, **TWO Intermediate/Junior (either breed)** and **FOUR** of Exhibitors Choice from class list, using either breed to fill pens.
    - iii. Exhibiting Three Breeds – Requires **ONE Senior** of each breed, **ONE Intermediate/Junior** of each breed, and **FOUR Exhibitor's Choice**.

## F. RABBIT VI & UP

1. Exhibitors who have completed Rabbit Fair Class V, complete rabbit project book, Complete breeding and/or market sections depending on what you will be exhibiting. May exhibit **TEN** pens. **FOUR** breeds may be exhibited in Rabbit VI & Up.
  - a. Exhibiting One Breed – requires **TWO Senior**, **TWO Intermediate/Junior** and **SIX** of Exhibitors Choice from class list. Exhibitor's Choice may NOT include Meat Pen and/or single fryers.
  - b. Exhibiting Two Breeds – Requires **TWO Senior** of each breed, **TWO Intermediate/Junior** of each breed and **TWO** of Exhibitors Choice from class list, using either breed to fill pens. Exhibitor's choice may NOT include meat pen and/or single fryers.
  - c. Exhibiting Three Breeds - Requires **ONE Senior** of each breed, **ONE Intermediate/Junior** of each breed, and **FOUR** of Exhibitors Choice from class list, using either breed to fill pens. Exhibitor's choice may NOT include meat pen and/or single fryers.
  - d. Exhibiting Four Breeds – Requires **ONE Senior** of each breed, **ONE Intermediate/Junior** of each breed and **TWO Exhibitor's Choice** of any breed to fill pens.

***\*\*THE COMMITTEE HIGHLY RECOMMENDS A NEW PROJECT BOOK  
AFTER THE BOOK HAS BEEN USED FOR TWO YEARS! \*\****

## **CLASS LIST**

### **SIX CLASS BREEDS**

Senior Buck (Over 8 Months)  
Senior Doe (Over 8 Months)  
Intermediate Buck (6-8Months)  
Intermediate Doe (6-8 Months)  
Junior Buck Under (6 Months)  
Junior Doe Under (6 Months)  
Pre-Junior Buck (Under 3 Mos.) \*\*Must Own Mother  
Pre-Junior Doe (Under 3 Mos.) \*\*Must Own Mother  
Homegrown Rabbit Meat Pen \*\* Must Own Mother

### **FOUR CLASS BREEDS**

Senior Buck (Over 6 Months)  
Senior Doe (Over 6 Months)  
Junior Buck (Under 6 Months)  
Junior Doe (Under 6 Months)

### **American Rabbit Breeders Association - Standard Breeds**

#### **Six Class Breeds**

American	American Chinchilla	New Zealand*#
Giant Angora	Cinnamon #	Palomino*#
Beveren #	Cream D'Argent#	Satin*
Blanc de Hotot#	Flemish Giant	Silver Fox
Californian *#	English Lop	Argent Brun
Champagne D'Argent *#	Giant Chinchilla#	
Checkered Giant #	French Lop	

*\* Good for Meat Pen Use*

*# Has a Pre-Junior Class*

**Six Class Breeds** – Rabbits, that at their ideal senior weight is 9 pounds and over. These breeds are divided in to six classes. Some are even divided further to 8 classes adding the pre-Junior Bucks and Does.

#### **Four Class Breeds**

American Fuzzy Lop	Dwarf Hotot	Mini Lop
American Sable	English Spot	Mini Rex
English Angora	Florida White	Netherland Dwarf
French Angora	Harlequin	Polish
Satin Angora	Havana	Rex
Belgian Hare	Himalayan	Rhineland
Britannia Petite	Jersey Wooly	Silver
Standard Chinchilla	Lilac	Silver Marten
Dutch	Holland Lop	Tan
Thrianta	Mini Satin	Lionhead
Dwarf Papillon	Czech Frosty	Blue Holicer

**Four Class Breeds** – Rabbits, that at their ideal senior weight is under 9 pounds. These breeds are divided into four classes.



**V. JUNIOR FAIR MARKET ANIMAL RULES & REQUIREMENTS – (MEAT PEN RABBITS, FRYERS & ROASTERS)**

***IN ORDER TO TAKE A **Homegrown** MEAT PEN, ROASTER, AND/OR SINGLE FRYER PROJECT, YOU MUST ALSO TAKE A BREEDING PROJECT! YOU MUST RAISE YOUR OWN Homegrown MEAT PEN, ROASTER, AND SINGLE FRYER RABBITS.***

***Meat animals do not have to be the same breed as your breeding animal project.***

**\*\*MUST COMPLETE NEW RABBIT RECORD BOOK (MARKETING SECTIONS), THE QUALITY ASSURANCE SECTION (Medication scenarios), RECORDS SECTION, MEMBERS PROJECT GUIDELINES, MARKET PROJECT POSTER AND ONE PAGE REPORT (Focus Questions) AND COMPLETED DUNF FORM\*\***

- **First and Second Year: Complete Marketing sections in the rabbit project book**
- **Third and Fourth Year: Complete Marketing sections in the rabbit project book**
- **Fifth Year and Up: Complete Marketing sections in the rabbit project book.**
- **Market Project 1 or 2: May exhibit ONE Rabbit Meat Pen and/or Single Fryer, and/or Roaster.**
- **Market Project 3 and above: May exhibit TWO Meat Pens and/or Single Fryers, and/or Roasters**

1. Exhibitors must have in their possession the dam (mother) of any Homegrown meat pen, fryer, or roaster exhibited. **You may not purchase meat pen and/or fryer animals. YOU MUST RAISE YOUR OWN MEAT PEN, SINGLE FRYER, and ROASTER RABBIT PROJECTS.**
2. All qualifying meat pens, fryer, and/or roaster projects will be sold at auction. (Contact Buyers for the Auction). Grand and Reserve Champion Homegrown Meat Pen, Fryer and Roaster projects may be processed by a Commercial Processor.
3. All meat pens, fryer and/or roaster projects must be entered with all other Junior Fair rabbits by July 25, 2025.
4. For each meat pen group entered, six ear numbers may be placed on the entry form. This allows exhibitors to choose the three best rabbits, per pen at fair time.
5. For Single Fryer and Roaster projects, you may list up to FOUR tattoo numbers. This way you can choose the best One or Two fryers or roasters to bring to the fair. Tattoo numbers may be out of meat pen numbers or can be totally different tattoo numbers.
6. **SINGLE FRYERS CANNOT BE ONE OF THE RABBITS OUT OF YOUR MEAT PEN PROJECT BEING SHOWN.**
7. Meat Pens must contain three rabbits of the same breed and from the same litter. They may not be more than 70 days old on the day of the Meat Pen Show. SINGLE FRYERS MAY NOT BE MORE THAN 70 DAYS OLD ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW.

8. Meat Pen and Single Fryer rabbits must weigh from 3.0 to 5.5 pounds. **Roasters need to be UNDER 6 MONTHS OF AGE AND WEIGH between 5.5-9 pounds on the day of the show. \*\*\*\*UNDERWEIGHT ANIMALS CAN BE SHOWN IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CLASS BUT MAY NOT BE SOLD AT THE AUCTION. THEY CAN BE SOLD IN THE BARN ONLY.\*\*\*\*\***
9. Judging of meat pens will be based on meat type (conformation), condition of flesh, uniformity in body and weight of the pen (all three rabbits), and condition of fur.
10. Single fryer & Roaster judging will be based on meat type (conformation), condition of flesh, and condition of the fur.
11. The exact date of birth must accompany each Junior Fair Meat Pen, single fryer and/or roaster entered on the form. **Contact a committee member within 1 to 2 days after kindled (birth).** A date will be set for a home visit within 2 weeks (last week of June, first week of July). **(If a committee member is not contacted for a home visit you may exhibit at the fair for remarks only not for an award or sell at the Jr. Fair Auction.) Optional facetime / Zoom inspections set up with Committee member.**
12. There will be a \$3.00 commission taken out of each meat pen and \$1.50 single fryer and roaster project sold, monies to go to the Stark County Jr Fair Marketing Committee. Exceptions: a 6% Commission will be taken out of the Grand Champion Meat Pen, Grand Champion Single Fryer, and Grand Champion Roaster and a 3 ½ % commission will be taken out of the Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pen, Reserve Grand Champion Single Fryer, and Reserve Grand Champion Roaster.
13. You must be present for Meat Pen, Fryer, and Roaster Project Pictures. (Time to be announced)
14. **Thank you notes for buyers must be written and turned into a Rabbit and Cavy committee member before 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 30, 2025 in order for you to receive your check.**

### Extended Market Rabbit Project

**In response to purchasing market rabbit projects as they do with other market animals, one additional project is being offered. This class is designed to introduce members into the commercial rabbit industry.**

**Homegrown or Purchased Roaster class – will be one single animal either sex, under six months of age weighing between 5.5#-9# on the date of the show. Animals under or over weight will not be considered for champion. This animal must be in your possession by June 1, 2025 and brought to the June 7<sup>th</sup> check/tag in day at the fairgrounds. (Kindled after March 1, 2025). Bring your proof of purchase for bought roasters to the check/tag in.**

**Those youth participating only in the purchased Roaster will be required to complete Skillathon.**

- **Requirement will be a poster on market rabbits and/or buyer appreciation. Examples; sample thank you letters, buyers letters, commercial breeds, cuts of meat, etc. TURN IN POSTER AT FAIR CHECK ON AUGUST 25, 2025.**

- A copy of your receipt of purchase must be included in your Skillathon material/report
- Showmanship will be optional not required.
- Youth participating in breeding classes DO NOT have the option to opt out of showmanship
- You may list up to FOUR tattoo numbers. This way you can choose the BEST one or two animals to bring to the Fair.

**AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (ARBA) RULES  
DO NOT APPLY IN THE COMPETITION**

**VI. RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP**

1. **SHOWMANSHIP IS MANDATORY FOR FIRST- AND SECOND-YEAR EXHIBITORS and Showmanship is strongly recommended for all other exhibitors. Exhibitors entering showmanship must sign in and you must have the tattoo number of your animal you are using! Check calendar for dates and times.**
2. **Exhibitors must show their own project animal, which is entered on their entry form.** (See exception Rabbit Rule #10 and contact a committee member as soon as possible) Any member not doing so will be disqualified from showmanship competition and forfeit any showmanship awards. In case of a tie, all exhibitors involved must be present. Any exhibitor not present will forfeit.
3. Exhibitors should have a good understanding of what is expected of them and their project before entering showmanship classes. Attend the Spring Clinic for additional information.
4. Exhibitors should be appropriately dressed. Wear a long-sleeved jacket, which can be removed after judging and will protect exhibitor’s arms and clothing. This jacket need not be a show coat or white shirt. NO hats, jewelry, or nail polish should be worn. NO gum, and hair should be pulled back.
5. Showmanship classes are determined by age as of January 1, current year.

SENIOR	15 YEARS & UP
INTERMEDIATE	12-14 YEARS
JUNIOR	9 –11 YEARS
FIRST YEAR	8 YEARS & UP

(First Year Showmanship class limited to those taking a rabbit project for the first time)

6. All awards and score sheets will be awarded at the completion of all the showmanship classes.
7. **An exhibitor may win only once in a Showmanship class.** These exhibitors may compete in Champion of Champion Showmanship while waiting to move into the next showmanship class.
8. Any member, whose enrollment form was received after the March 15 deadline, may compete for remarks only, not awards.

### **VIII. CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP**

1. Winners of Rabbit Showmanship classes (see list above) and any other exhibitors who have won or participated in Champion of Champions in the past but are not eligible to move into the next class yet may participate in Champion of Champions.
2. Champion of Champions Rabbit Showmanship will be held the same day as Skillathon/Showmanship on August 16<sup>th</sup>. The order of competition will be decided by a drawing, held before the competition.
3. The winner of Champion of Champions will participate in the Showman of Showman Contest. If the Champion does not wish to participate, the Reserve Champion may go in his/her place. The winner of Champion of Champions may return to defend the title each year until they advance to the next age division. Then they must start over again.

### **VIII. RABBIT SALES**

Any exhibitor may put their Junior Fair Rabbit(s) up for sale, after the show, by entering the information in the Junior Fair Rabbit Sales Book. There will be a 10% Sales Commission taken from exhibitor's check to be used for the Jr. Fair Rabbit & Cavy Committee expenses.

#### **2024 JUNIOR FAIR RABBIT MEAT PEN CHAMPIONS**

<b>Grand Champion Winner:</b>	<b>Noah Mackey</b>	<b>TwitcheR's Rabbit &amp; Cavy 4H Club</b>
<b>Reserve Champion:</b>	<b>Lily Mackey</b>	<b>TwitcheR's Rabbit &amp; Cavy 4H Club</b>

#### **2024 JUNIOR FAIR SINGLE FRYER CHAMPIONS**

<b>Grand Champion Winner:</b>	<b>Larry Mackey</b>	<b>TwitcheR's Rabbit &amp; Cavy 4H Club</b>
<b>Reserve Champion Winner:</b>	<b>Lily Mackey</b>	<b>TwitcheR's Rabbit &amp; Cavy 4H Club</b>

#### **2024 JUNIOR FAIR ROASTER CHAMPIONS**

<b>Grand Champion Winner:</b>	<b>Caitlyn Arbogast</b>	<b>Little Rascals 4H Club</b>
<b>Reserve Champion Winner:</b>	<b>Larry Mackey</b>	<b>TwitcheR's Rabbit &amp; Cavy 4H Club</b>

#### **2024 JUNIOR FAIR RABBIT CHAMPIONS**

<b>Grand Champion Winner:</b>	<b>Eva Weidman</b>	<b>TwitcheR's Rabbit &amp; Cavy 4H Club</b>
<b>Reserve Champion Winner:</b>	<b>Noah Mackey</b>	<b>TwitcheR's Rabbit &amp; Cavy 4H Club</b>

## **2025 RABBIT DATES TO REMEMBER**

- February 15** Stark County Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Sanctioned Open & Youth Show. All are encouraged to attend and show (Stark County Fairgrounds)
- February 16** Summit County Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Sanctioned Open & Youth Show (SC Fairgrounds)
- April 27** Educational Clinic – Art Hall at Fairgrounds 1-3 p.m.  
**\*\*Mandatory clinic for first and second-year members to exhibit at the fair\*\***
- May 25** Exhibitor MUST have their rabbit in their possession Exception: Meat Pens or Junior Aged Rabbits (MUST have Mother)
- June 7** Roaster Tattoo Clinic **MANDATORY CHECK IN** Rabbit Barn
- July 19** Pre-registration Clinic: Stark County Fairgrounds  
9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Must bring entry form and all animals and that will be exhibited. This will be the only day to get your animals pre-registered for the fair. This will be the last chance to have your animals tattooed for free. After the July clinic the charge will be \$5.00 per animal. Exceptions: Meat Pens and Fryers**
- July 25** Stark County Junior Fair entries due **ONLINE**
- August 16** **Skillathon & Showmanship:** Stark County Fairgrounds Begins at 9 a.m. (Skillathon from 9am – noon) Sign in begins at 8:30 am Showmanship classes: Intermediate & Senior start at 9:00 am (all must be signed in by 9:00 a.m.) **First Year and Junior Class to Follow; Showmanship will continue until all classes are finished. \*\*You must have your rabbit's tattoo number with you for showmanship sign-in & the one that you have entered for 2025 Fair\*\***
- August 25** Stark County Fair Check In 12pm. to 8pm. **TURN IN MARKETING POSTERS**
- August 26 – Sept. 1** Stark County Fair
- August 26** Meat Pen/Single Fryer/ Roaster Rabbit Show 3:00 pm
- August 27** 4-H Rabbit Show 9:00 a.m.  
**\*\*Meat Pen Auction\*\* 6:00 p.m.**
- August 29** Scavenger Hunt, Rabbit Barn 9am-8pm
- August 30** Rabbit and Cavy Costume Class, 3pm  
Market Project Thank You Notes deadline 4 p.m.
- September 1** Check out day 6 pm – 8 pm. Must check out with Jr. Fair Show Secretary (Clean your pens before you leave!)
- September 3** Pen Tear-down/Barn Cleanup: 5pm until done - **\*\*Junior Fair Help is Needed\*\***

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