

Rabbit General Requirements

Includes:

- **225 Breeding Rabbit**
- **226 Market Rabbit**

All dates are listed on the Tuscarawas County Fair Livestock Requirement Summary.

1. All livestock projects must be owned, in continual care of the exhibitor, and registered by specified dates. An exhibitor is eligible to enroll in all three (3) rabbit projects.
2. All members must have a basic knowledge of Quality Assurance (QA) issues and **are required to attend one QA session.**
3. All members in a Rabbit project must have access to #228R Rabbit Resource Handbook. This can be purchased through your club advisor or directly from the Extension office. (Due to cost factors, one book **per family** is recommended.)
4. It is recommended that feed be purchased from a feed store in order to get the proper feed for your animal.
5. A carrier (of some sort) is recommended for your animal to transport them to clinics, shows, and county fair. Rabbits get stressed when held too long, especially in warmer weather.
6. A grooming kit should contain (but not limited to): nail trimmers, baby wipes, and hand sanitizer. Continual grooming of your rabbit is good practice. The rabbit's nails should be trimmed a week before fair.
7. **The more you work with your rabbit, the more it will trust you and be less stressed.**
8. All livestock exhibitors are required to attend Interview Judging in order to exhibit their animal at the Tuscarawas County Fair. **Interview judging in this project will reflect the individual's project experience.** (Consult with your advisor or contact the Extension office if you need help with your project. Do not wait until Interview Judging to complete your book.) Members are to bring completed (to date of Interview Judging) their Project and Record Book. If a conflict arises, a member may attend Pre-Judging by appointment only. Members are not eligible for county interview placing if they attend Pre-Judging. Your advisors will be notified of your club's specific Interview Judging times. Times and locations will also be available on our web site (<http://tuscarawas.osu.edu>).
9. Member should know for Interview Judging: the Pillars of Character, 4-H Pledge, 4-H Motto, 4-H Colors, and show ring ethics.
10. In order to exhibit your animal at the Tuscarawas County Fair, a fair entry must be made (available from the Tuscarawas County Fair Book received at Interview Judging) and submitted to the Extension office by the deadline. **LATE FAIR ENTRIES NOT ACCEPTED.**



11. All fair exhibitors are responsible for the proper care of their animals during the fair. Pens/litter trays are to be kept clean throughout the fair. Water must be available for your animal at all times. Crocks are recommended for water and feed. If water bottles or bowls are attached to the cage, they can only be hooked to your pen, not your neighbor's. No hay, straw, carpet, or cloth material items are permitted in the cages. If cages are available, each club will receive a cage to share for storage of rabbit supplies (feed, water, etc. – **no personal belongings**).
12. **It is suggested that large gifts are not to be given to your buyer following the sale of your animal.** Some buyers have to park far away (possibly off the fairgrounds) or may not be able to fit everything into their vehicle. **Remember, your animal may not be the only one they purchase.** Instead, thank your buyer personally at the fair then make a follow-up visit with them to bring any items you may wish to give them.
13. The Small Animal Sale benefits every small livestock project. All members need to invite buyers to the sale.

In order to receive a share from the Small Animal Sale:

Sale share checks will be distributed in October. Check with your advisor or our web site (<http://tuscarawas.osu.edu>) for dates, times, and location. To receive a sale from the Small Animal Sale, member must:

- a. Attend an Interview Judging process and receive at least a Bronze rating;
- b. Exhibited and shown your own rabbit(s) at the county fair;
- c. Follow all Jr. Fair rules pertaining to your project;
- d. Turn in completed Project and Record Book at designated date along with an appropriate thank you card (**with correct postage affixed to envelope**).

If you have any questions regarding your project and your advisor is unable to answer your questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Extension office at 330-339-2337.

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226 Market Rabbit

Beginner Level

1. Read and complete, neatly and accurately, the Project and Record Book. This includes completing all activities listed in the Project Guidelines of the Project Book. **No pages are optional in your level.** Receipts are required.
2. Be able to identify 10 parts of a rabbit.
3. Be able to identify four 6 class commercial type rabbits and four any other breeds.
4. Know wholesale meat cuts of a market rabbit.
5. Have knowledge of what a fryer is and rabbit meat quality.
6. Have an understanding about the principles of breeding and care of a litter of rabbits and management, gestation, and kindling.
7. Have knowledge of rabbit diseases.
8. Have basic knowledge of tattoo identification.
9. Have knowledge of rabbit conformation and disqualifications.
10. Understand breeding records and how to keep growth rate records.
11. Describe why sanitation is so important when raising rabbits.
12. Have an understanding of the handling and showing process of market rabbits.
13. Know definition of genetics.
14. Have basic understanding of rabbit nutrition and how to read a feed tag.
15. Know the difference between rabbit and hares.
16. Have basic understanding of Quality Assurance.
17. **All meat pens for county fair must consist of three rabbits, 70 days old, and weighing between 3 and 5 pounds each. Only the first 3 rabbits to make weight will be eligible for exhibit at the county fair.**

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Rabbit Buyer Pictures

All pictures need to be landscape oriented, 4"x6" only, and in color.

1. Dress appropriately. Please wear show clothes (show coats, white shirts, and nice jeans are usually worn).
2. Consider background before taking the picture. Have fun with it! Fall decorations are acceptable. Dirty cages are not.
3. Picture **must** include your rabbits! Please pose your rabbit(s) in the picture. They should be posed in front of you on a table. If you have a Pen of 3, please have 3 on the table. If you have a single fryer, have a single fryer on the table.
4. Label the back of your picture with your name **and** 4-H club. This is due at fair check-in.
5. If you cannot take a picture, or if your picture is unacceptable, we will take pictures at fair check-in.
6. Please remember this is a gift and a thank you to your buyer. Please give them a great impression of you!

Example of an acceptable photo:



This example shows member and pen of rabbits with an acceptable background. Please note that the example has been resized to fit this space and is not 4x6.

Remember:

- Landscape Orientation (horizontal)
- 4"x6" **only**
- Color



County 4-H Project Completion and Judging Overview 2020

Please carefully read this information; it may answer most Interview Judging or county fair questions.

Project Guidelines

For project guideline information, visit: go.osu.edu/tusc4-hguidelines

All project guidelines are available online. Only equine and livestock projects will receive guidelines with project book.

Guidelines need completed for Interview Judging. Members taking more than one project in the same interest area need to complete guidelines for each project and cannot use the same items to support both projects.

For a member to achieve the progression of goals needed for development, 4-H projects must be separate and different from those carried in other organizations such as FHA/HERO, FFA, Scouts, Camp Fire, grange, church, and school (including industrial arts class, science fairs, etc.).

Project Completion and Interview Judging

For more Interview Judging information, visit: go.osu.edu/tusc4-hjudging

Completion of a 4-H project may be achieved in one of two methods. Members must choose one of the following for evaluation, based on the completion of project guidelines and knowledge gained. **All projects must be judged no later than August 7.**

- *4-H Project Interview Judging* – All members are required to attend an Interview Judging evaluation to receive a project grade. All projects are evaluated using individual project guidelines. Club times will be assigned, and advisors will be notified of their club's times. Members are strongly encouraged to attend at their club's scheduled time.
- *Pre-Judging* – Pre-Judging is arranged in advance. Any member who is unable to participate in 4-H Project Interview Judging may participate in Pre-Judging. Participants will be ineligible for county awards and state fair participation. Contact the Extension office **after June 1** to schedule an appointment. Post-Judging arrangements will be reviewed on a case-by case basis if a member misses Interview Judging due to extenuating circumstances.

Dress Code

Clothing and footwear need to be neat, clean, and appropriate for a professional office interview. No blue jeans or shorts. Shirts/tops and skirt length should be conservative. Wear appropriate shoes (no flip flops).

#2010 Dog Obedience

Judging dates are determined by the key leaders and will be distributed at the dog project information meeting.

#588 The Writer in You

Writings are due to the Extension office **before Noon on Thursday, July 2, 2020.**

Shooting Sports Projects

The Shooting Sports program is designed for 4-H members ages 9 to 18 (4-H age). Judging dates are determined by the key leaders and will be distributed at the Shooting Sports orientation meeting.

Llamas/Alpacas Projects

Tuscarawas County does not currently have a program in place for llamas/alpacas.

Precise Schedules to be Announced				
Monday July 13	Tuesday July 14	Wednesday July 15	Thursday July 16	Thursday July 23
Equine (includes Horseless Horse)	FCS Related	Small Livestock (all goats, poultry, rabbits)	Dairy	Clothing and Style Review
Swine	Food and Nutrition		Beef	
	Miscellaneous		Sheep	
	#200 All About Dogs #201D You and Your Dog			



Member Evaluation Form

This form is due to our office no later than June 15, 2020.

This is available from the organizational advisor or online (go.osu.edu/tusc4-hjudging). It is to be **completed by the 4-H Advisor and parent/guardian** if they feel it is necessary that the judge should use special consideration concerning a 4-H member during Interview Judging.

State Fair Eligibility

For more State Fair competition or entry deadline information, visit: <http://www.ohiostatefair.com>

A 4-H member taking non-livestock projects must attend regularly scheduled judging to be eligible to place in the county or be eligible to go to State Fair. No pre-judging participants will be considered. NOTE: 4-H members in clothing projects must participate in the county 4-H Style Review to be eligible to be selected for State Fair competition.

County Fair

For more county fair information or to see the fair booklet, visit tusccountyfairgrounds.com.

All members attending a Quality Assurance session will receive the Junior Fair Section of the Tuscarawas County Fair Book. Fair entry forms, rules, and show information are in the booklet.

Of special note:

- **All Junior Fair exhibitors must have their official entries completed and signed by their parent/legal guardian regardless of age. The Tuscarawas County Extension office collects Junior Fair Entry Forms on behalf of the Senior Fair Board. All entries must be in the Extension office before by 4:00 p.m. on August 7, 2020. LATE ENTRIES ARE NOT ACCEPTED BY THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Wristbands will be distributed only to members who have a yes (Y) in the Club Completion Column on their club's Completion Sheet.
- Members must have an exhibit at the county fair (as stated in project guidelines) in order to receive a fair premium. If there are circumstances where an animal is not able to be exhibited, a display or poster must be exhibited in the member's club's or county miscellaneous booth.

PROJECT RATINGS, PREMIUM REQUIREMENTS, and PAYMENTS		
<i>All premiums are paid by the Tuscarawas County Agricultural Society based on project rating received at 4-H Interview Judging.</i>		
Gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exceptional project knowledge.• Work exhibits extra effort with individual initiative to go above and beyond the project requirements.• A thorough understanding of proper methods to complete project.	\$8
Silver	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Very knowledgeable of project subject matter.• Completed project requirements.• Project presented in a neat and organized manner.	\$7
Bronze	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adequate project knowledge.• Has made effort towards completing requirements and project presentation	\$6
Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shows little effort towards completing requirements and presentation.	None
MEMBER'S PRESENTATION AND ATTITUDE WILL AFFECT PROJECT RATING		

Please email or call us at 330-339-2337 if you have any questions.

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2020 Tuscarawas County Junior Fair Livestock Requirement Summary

Each 4-H or FFA member may exhibit two large livestock projects, (in beef and sheep breeding a member may exhibit a third animal if they are enrolled in the corresponding market project) of which must be in different classes. Members can only exhibit two small livestock projects, which must be in different classes. Members are only eligible to receive money from a maximum of two revenue generating livestock sale projects at the fair, regardless of the number shown. (See fair book for complete Junior Fair rules.)

	Mandatory Project Enrollment Date	Possession	Weigh-In, Tag/Tattoo, Banding, DNA, or Pictures	Quality Assurance	Livestock Interview Judging	Fair Entries	Animal Requirements	Health Requirements	
Market Beef & Dairy Market Beef	December 14 or 16, 2019	December 14, 2019	December 14 or 16, 2019	<p>MANDATORY ATTENDANCE AT ONE SESSION IS REQUIRED. Registration for each session begins at 6:00 PM. February 27, Tuscarawas Valley High School March 23, Port Washington Elementary March 29, Super Sunday – Small Animal QA 1:15 PM, Large Animal QA 2:45 PM, Union Hospital Cafeteria April 29, Dover Middle School Dairy-specific session: April 19 – Registration begins at 1:30 PM Union Hill United Methodist Church</p>	<p>July 16, 2020 Midvale Elementary</p>	<p>Due August 7, 2020 No late entries accepted!</p>	1000 lbs. minimum Heifer or Steer must be Male castrated & dehorned	DUNF Vet check upon arrival	
Beef Breeding	<p>April 15, 2020</p>	<p>June 15, 2020</p>	<p>Registration form/Color Pictures due by 4 PM on June 15, 2020, to Extension office</p>				<p>July 13, 2020 Midvale Elementary</p>	Calf, Heifer or Cow dehorned	No health papers required. Vet check upon arrival
Beef Feeder Calf								350-650 lbs. Steers, castrated & dehorned	No health papers required. Vet check upon arrival
Dairy Cattle								Calf, Heifer or Cow Dehorned	DUNF Vet check upon arrival
Sheep Breeding								Ewes	No health papers required. Vet check upon arrival
Market Hogs								ID Form/Pictures June 15 by 4 PM OSU Extension Tuscarawas County	200-315 lbs. Barrows or Gilts ½ inch hair at fair time
Market Lambs	Tag-In – NO DNA – June 6, 9-11 AM OR June 11, 6-7 PM appt. only Fairgrounds	90 lbs. minimum Ewes or Wethers	DUNF Vet check upon arrival						
Market Goats	Tag-In & scrapie tag info – NO DNA – June 6, 9-11 AM OR June 11, 6-7 PM appt. only Fairgrounds	65 lbs. minimum Castrated & Dehorned	DUNF Vet check upon arrival						



	Mandatory Project Enrollment Date	Possession Deadline	Weigh-In, Tag/Tattoo or Pictures	Quality Assurance	Livestock Interview Judging	Fair Entries	Animal Requirements	Health Requirements
Dairy Goats	April 15, 2020	June 15, 2020	Registration Form due June 15 by 4 PM Extension office	MANDATORY ATTENDANCE AT ONE SESSION IS REQUIRED. See front for dates.	July 15, 2020 Midvale Elementary Check with advisor for your club's time. BROILER EXHIBITORS: Must bring thank you for Orrville Chick Hatchery.	Due August 7, 2020 No late entries accepted!	Dehorned No Males	DUNF Vet check upon arrival
Pygmy Goats & Pack Goats		June 15, 2020	Registration Form due June 15 by 4 PM Extension office				Dehorned	No health papers required. Vet check upon arrival
Market Rabbits		Doe in possession & tattooed June 6, 9-11 AM OR June 11, 6-7 PM appt. only Fairgrounds	Bunnies tattooed August 29 9-11 AM Fairgrounds				3-5 lbs. maximum 70 Days Old	DUNF
Breeding Rabbits		June 6, 2020	June 6, 9-11 AM OR June 11, 6-7 PM appt. only Fairgrounds June 15 - Registration Form/Pictures if rabbit is already tattooed				N/A	No health papers required.
Broilers & Market Ducks		Cost: TBD Due at pick-up Pick up: Fairgrounds Tentatively August 6 5-7 PM	N/A				N/A	No health papers required. DUNF
Pullets & Fancy Poultry		June 15, 2020	Registration Form/Pictures due June 15 by 4 PM Extension office				See Fair Book for specific requirements.	Pullorum-free papers required upon arrival
Ducks, Geese, & Fancy Turkeys		June 15, 2020	Registration Form/Pictures due June 15 by 4 PM Extension office				See Fair Book for specific requirements.	Ducks - No health papers required.
Market Turkeys		Cost: TBD Due at pick-up Pick up: Fairgrounds Tentatively June 4 5-7 PM	N/A				20 lbs. minimum	DUNF Pullorum-free papers required upon arrival
Horses		May 29, 2020	Registration Form/Pictures due May 29 by 4 PM Extension office				Safety & Ethics April 23 or April 27 7 PM Location TBD	July 13, 2020 Midvale Elementary

*See the Tuscarawas County Fair book for more information.

Tuscarawas County Livestock Ages

Disregard age guidelines as stated in record books.

Age is as of January 1 of current year.

Age: 8 - 11 Beginners

Age: 12 - 14 Intermediate

Age: 15 - 19 Advanced

*Unless it is their 1st year in the project then member advances according to age.

Example 1: Greg is 16, first year taking a hog. He is in beginner, 2nd year intermediate, 3rd year advanced.

Example 2: Mary is 12, last year was her first year taking a steer. This year she is in intermediate and will be until she is 15.

Example 3: Susie is 8, taking a goat. She will be in beginner project level for 4 years until she is 12.



Small Animal Important Dates 2020

Clinics, Fun Shows, and other dates for members enrolled in the following projects:

Companion Animals (excludes dogs)

- #227 Pet Rabbits
- #220 Pocket Pets
- #216, #217, #218 Cats
- #215 Cavies

Small Livestock

- #135 (all) Goats
- #225, #226 Rabbits
- #150CE, #150CEP, #150CM Chickens
- #150DE, #150DM Ducks
- #150TE, #150TM Turkeys

Unless specified, member may bring animals to clinics.

Pullorum Testing – The Ohio Poultry Association and Ohio Department of Agriculture announced that pullorum testing is not required for 2020.

***Note: Members enrolled in #135P Pack (Utility) Goat MUST attend at least one (1) pack goat clinic. There are 3 options: June 25, July 25, and August 27.**

- **March 29**
 - **Super Sunday** – 1-4 PM, Union Hospital - QA option at 1:15 PM followed by info clinics for rabbits, goats, and poultry
- **April 26**
 - **Multi-County Rabbit Seminar** – 3-6 PM, Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- **June 4 - TENTATIVE**
 - **Market Turkey Pick-up**, 5-7 PM, Fairgrounds (Junior Fair Board Office)
Payment due at pick-up. Cost is to be determined.
- **June 6**
 - **Rabbit Check-in**, 9-11 AM, Livestock Arena, Fairgrounds
On-going Learning Stations will be available. Members in Pet, Breeding, and Market projects are welcome and encouraged to attend.
 - Back-up tag-in/check-in date (rabbits, market goats) – by appointment *only* on June 11, 6-7 PM, Fairgrounds
 - **Market Goat Tag-In**, 9-11 AM, Sheep/Goat Barn, Fairgrounds
- **June 15**
 - **Livestock Project Registrations due by 4 PM to the Extension office for Pygmy, Dairy & Pack (Utility) Goats, Fancy Poultry/Water Fowl, and Breeding Rabbit.** For registration form, visit: www.go.osu.edu/LivestockRegistrations.
- ***June 25**
 - ***Pack Goat Clinic**, 6:30 PM, Fairgrounds

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- **July 15**
 - **Rabbit, Poultry, and Goat Projects Interview Judging at Midvale Elementary** (check with advisor for club time)
- ***July 25**
 - **Small Animal Clinic, Companion Animal and Fun Show**, 9 AM (registration 7:30-8:45 AM), Fairgrounds
Topics include: Rabbit Fun Show and Skillathon, Pack Goat Clinic, Poultry Clinic, Companion Animal Show (Pet Rabbits, Pocket Pets, Cats & Cavies).
- **August 6 - TENTATIVE**
 - **Broiler and Market Duck Pick-up**, 5-7 PM, Fairgrounds (Junior Fair Board Office)
Payment due at pick-up. Cost is to be determined.
- **August 7**
 - **JUNIOR FAIR ENTRIES DUE BY 4 PM TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE**
The Extension office collects these on behalf of the Sr. Fair Board; no late entries accepted.
- ***August 27**
 - **Goat Clinic (ALL goats)**, 6:30 PM, Fairgrounds
- **August 29**
 - **Market Rabbit Tattooing**, 9-11 AM, Main Show Arena, Fairgrounds.
 - Back-up date – by appointment *only* August 31, 6-7 PM
- **September 9**
 - **Poultry Showmanship Clinic**, 5-7 PM, Fairgrounds
- **September 19 & 20**
 - **Fair check-in** – refer to Tuscarawas County Fair Booklet for specifics
- **September 21-27**
 - **Tuscarawas County Fair**

For additional dates, refer to the
[Tuscarawas County Fair Livestock Requirement Summary](#)

For specific county fair information, refer to the
 Tuscarawas County Fair Booklet
<https://www.tusccountyfairgrounds.com>

For project updates and guidelines, visit
<http://tuscarawas.osu.edu>

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