Rabbit General Requirements
Includes: 225 Breeding Rabbit and 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. NO LATE FAIR ENTRIES WILL BE 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. Crock 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](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.