

Important Dates 2023

- 3/31 4-H Enrollment Deadline
- Possession Deadline of Breeding and Pet Rabbits June 1
- Attend ONE Quality Assurance training (all rabbit projects must complete QA) :
 - In person Trainings: March 2nd, April 12th, April 29th, May 5th
 - Test out Options by appointment or at LHS April 14th
 - [Online YQCA Training](#) – Certificates due to office by May 26th
- County Project Judging and Livestock Skillathon (July)
- Market Rabbit Tagging – August 14
- Hocking County Fair September 11-16
Haul in September 9th
- Rabbits Show at the Hocking Country Fair
 - September 11th - Pet, Breeding, and Showmanship
 - Sept 14th – Market Rabbit Show

**Remember to
thank your
buyer(s)
after the sale!**

Rabbit Contacts

Questions about your Rabbit project?
Contact a member of the Hocking
County 4-H Office or the following
project helpers.

Project Help:

Stephanie Fouch	567-204-2392
Kelly Barron-Holcomb	740-603-1140
Kim Woltz	740-407-6016

(Barn Superintendent)



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Hocking County 4-H

Species Guide for First Year Projects

Rabbit



Market, Pet, and Breeding



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Rabbit Project Categories:

- 228BR Rabbit Breeding
- 228MA Rabbit Market
- 228PE Pet Rabbit

*All Rabbit Projects are required to complete an annual QA Training.

Project To Do List

Members must follow the guidelines of:

- ☐ **Market Rabbits** are Tagged in August
- ☐ **Pet and Breeding Rabbits must be in possession by June 1**
- ☐ Attend **Quality Assurance** training
- ☐ Complete project book and attend **Project Judging and Skill-a-thon** (July)
- ☐ Complete Fair Sign ups in August
- ☐ Bring exhibit to the fair at schedule haul in time.
- ☐ Must exhibit the project in designated class.

Recommended:

- Talk with feed sales for best feeding options
 - Chieftain Feed and Supply:
740-216-4208
 - Hocking Hills Feed and Supply:
740-385-3018
 - Rush Creek Feed:
740-569-4105
- Attend an open show to watch or show
- Attend a fitting and showing clinic
- Attend other county fair shows

Market Rabbits

Does should be bred around Memorial Day weekend and market rabbits born the first two weeks of June.

Possession Date: August 14

Tagging August 14th 5pm-8pm – Art Hall

Weight at fair: 3-6 pounds each at fair.

Resources for Rabbit Projects

Rabbit Resource Handbook – available for purchase at the OSU Extension office. This book contains essential information for project evaluation.

Standard of Perfection 2021-2025 from American Rabbit Breeders Association

Skillathon Kits – Ask Club Advisor about checking these out from the extension office for club practice.

Never be afraid to ask an experienced showman or family for help!

Equipment and Cost Considerations

Feed Pan	Soap
Feed	Cage
Hay	Carrying Cage
Water Bottle	Nail Trimmers
Soft Brush	

Thing to consider:

Feed
Pen Size
Adequate bedding
Exercise
Brushing
Nail Trimming
Chewing Blocks

Local Breeders to Contact

Please call the office for the list of annual market rabbit breeders in the spring of 2023. You will want to get on breeder lists ASAP.

Exhibiting a Rabbit Project

- **Showmanship** is offered, but not required.
- Classes are based on **weight or birthdate (breeding)**
- **Dress code:** White Button up, collared shirt; blue jeans, work boots

Review the Hocking County Fair Book for all exhibition rules and requirements

