



# 2025 Breeding Rabbit Project Guide

## Noble County



**4-H Project Book:** #228BR Breeding Rabbit or paper copy Livestock Record Book (required) \*First year members should use project book FFA – AET Records

**Resource Guide:** #228R Rabbit Resource Handbook

### Project Animal Requirements:

Bucks and/or Does – Exhibited by breed. Breeds include: New Zealand White, New Zealand Red, California, Dutch, Chinchilla, Checker Giant, Silver Martin, other recognized rabbit breeds, classes for all breeds, mixed breeds - Crossbreds

\* All rabbits except meat pens will be exhibited by breeds. The first place of each breed will compete for best buck, best doe and best doe and litter. Place ribbons will be awarded to first thru fifth in each class.

\*Exhibitors may enter and show a total of seven (7) rabbit exhibits which may include any combination of the following: one or two junior does, one junior buck, one or two senior does, one senior buck, one doe and litter and two meat pens.

\*Doe & Litter Rules: No litters under 3 weeks of age. Small breed rabbits – litter must consist of at least 3 young in order to place. All other breeds – litter must consist of at least 5 young in order to place.

\*No Jr. Fair Market Animals (Market Rabbits can't be shown as a Rabbit Breeding Project)

\*Possession: **By July 1, 2025**

### Pre-Fair Tattooing: NONE

**Quality Assurance:** Exhibitor and one parent/guardian **must** attend one of the sessions offered in Noble County or any other Ohio County **OR** youth must be tested out or completed the YQCA On-Line certification.

\*See 4-H Newsletter available at the Extension Office or online at <http://noble.osu.edu> for dates, times and locations.

**Fair Pen Reservations Due:** Exhibitor must let your club advisor know how many rabbits you will bring to the fair.

**Please refer to above mentioned requirements for the number of entries allowed.** Stall/Pen assignments are due **by August 7<sup>th</sup>** to your club advisor. On the pen assignment you will be asked to enter the Breed and Class for each rabbit.

Classes are: 1) Senior Buck – Over 8 months of age. 2) Junior Buck – 6 to 8 months of age. 3) Senior Doe – Over 8 months of age. 4) Junior Doe – 6 to 8 months of age. 5) Doe and Litter – Litter is 3 to 8 weeks of age.

**Showmanship Sign-up:** If you plan to show in showmanship, a sign-up sheet will be included as part of the Stall/Pen Assignment sheets. Sign-up prior to fair with your club advisor; due **by August 7<sup>th</sup>** to your club advisor. \*You will also be able to sign up for showmanship at the fair. Sign up sheets will be located in the Rabbit/Poultry Barn area.

### What happens at the Fair?

**Time to be on Fairgrounds** – Rabbits should be brought to fairgrounds on **SUNDAY, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM.** **\*\* Pen assignments will be posted.** \*Feeders/waters/signs can be brought in starting Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> and all day Friday, Saturday, Sunday. No rabbits on grounds until Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> after 2:00 PM.

**Health Requirements:** No health papers required. The Fair Veterinarian will visually inspect animals in their cages. If they find an animal that does not meet the health requirements for exhibition your animal may be disqualified and sent home. Decisions of the Fair Veterinarian are FINAL.

### **\*\*PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN SHOW SCHEDULE**

**Shows –Showmanship: Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM** – (determined by age - Senior Division first)

**Junior Fair Rabbit Breeding Classes: Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** following Rabbit Showmanship

**Market Classes: Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM** - (determined by weight)

\*Underweight & Overweight pens will show in one class, but will not place or sell.

**Dress Code Guidelines for Rabbit Exhibitors:**

- Full-length pants, belts are strongly encouraged. No shorts. Dark jeans
- Hard soled shoes or boot are suggested. No clogs, slides, sandals, or athletic shoes.
- Long-sleeved shirt, **preferably white** and collared. May also wear white show coat.
- No exposed jewelry. No halter-tops, tank tops, or bare midriff.
- Equipment: No special equipment needed.

**What is the Premier Exhibitor Award?**

High scoring exhibitor from skillathon/interview (project book required), showmanship and breeding & market class placing. Special awards, cash awards, etc.

Skillathon: *Skillathon is **OPTIONAL** for 4-H & FFA members.* Skillathon will be held August 4th at the Fairgrounds. Sign-up Genius will be used to schedule a time – more information to be shared.

**What happens after the Fair?**

**Premium money** – exhibitors are paid \$8.00/project (not animal) for completed project shown at the Fair; up to a total of 4 projects. This money will be given to you by your club advisor.

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