



# 2025 Market Rabbit Project Guide

## Noble County



**4-H Project Book:** #228MA Market 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:** A meat pen of rabbits consists of **three** rabbits

- \* Born between May 19 & June 14, 2025
- \* Market rabbits need to be 10 to 14 weeks old at Fair
- \* Possession: By July 26, 2025 - ideally rabbits need to be 6 weeks old by this date
- \* Fair weight limits: Pen weight must be 12-18 lbs. (4 to 6 lbs/rabbit)
- \* Eligible to show and sell 2 pens of three market rabbits at fair

**Pre-Fair Tattooing:** \*July 26th from 8-11 AM @ Noble County Fairgrounds – King Hall

- \* Can tattoo a maximum of 4 rabbits for each pen with a maximum of 2 pens ID.

**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 pens of rabbits you will bring to the fair. A maximum of 2 pens of Market Rabbits only can be brought to the fair. Stall/Pen assignments are due **by August 7<sup>th</sup>** to your club advisor.

**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.

**Pictures** – Taken by exhibitor prior to fair. Exhibitor must provide a 4X6 color photo for the Buyer Thank You Cards handed out during the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale. Make sure you and your animals are in the photo and all of you are clean! \*\*If you have two pens of rabbits – you will need TWO PICTURES). Drop these off to the Extension Office by Friday before the fair or to the Jr. Fair Office by Tuesday of Fair Week. Put Name and Tattoo # on back of photo. You will be charged \$20 per sale lot if a picture is not turned in.

### **What happens at the Fair?**

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

**Drug Use Notification Form** (completed DUNF must be completed on-line by Friday, August 22nd.). Instructions for completing DUNF forms will be given to you by your advisor prior to the fair. All market rabbits must be **DRUG FREE** by 7:00 AM on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> regardless of if they are selling or not. **Must be drug free to show.**

**Buyer Thank you posters** – make a Thank You poster to thank previous year’s buyer. Hang it in the barn above your pen/stall.

**Fair Weigh-In** – on SUNDAY, August 24th from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. \*\* **Must be weighed prior to penning. All market rabbits must be weighed in by 5:00 PM on August 24th.** \*Underweight & Overweight pens will show in one class, but will not place or sell. \*\*Rabbits from an underweight or overweight pen can still be used to show in Showmanship.

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

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

**Junior Fair Rabbit Breeding Classes: Monday, August 25th following Rabbit Showmanship**

**Market Classes: Tuesday, August 26th @ 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.

**Sale – Saturday, August 30, 2025 –** Each Jr. Fair member exhibitor may sell a maximum of two pens or animals in the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale. Jr. Fair participants must designate 2 hours after the last show on Thursday of fair week which animals they are not taking through the sale ring or forfeit their right to pull their animal(s) from the sale. **If a Jr. Fair participant has three or more market animals** and does not designate 2 hours after the last show on Thursday of fair week which animals they will sell, then their first two animals in the sale order will sell.

\*\*There is usually a packer bidder there to purchase extra rabbits or rabbits that are given back to exhibitor after the Sale.

**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 Sale?**

**Thank/contact buyers** – thank buyers by note, call, or in person. Some members present tokens of appreciation to their buyers on sale day; not required.

**Sale Checks** – checks are mailed directly to the exhibitors by the Noble Co. Livestock Sale Committee after payment from buyers has been made. \*\* Payment will be at least 30 days after the Fair. If you have questions about your check, contact the Extension Office. \*\*3% of the selling price of all livestock marketed through the junior fair sale will be deducted to cover the expenses of the sale and promotional costs.

**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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