

RABBIT

This is a State Fair project. Poster Projects will have NO BEST OF SHOW SELECTED. You do not have to qualify at the County Fair to exhibit at the State level (must be enrolled at county level by May 15) State Fair Entry Deadline is July 1.

Rabbit will be divided into levels by current grade in school. The level will be determined by the 4-H'ers grade during the current school year (September-August).

NOTE: All rabbits must have been enrolled on an official 4-H rabbit enrollment form, and identified by **May 15**.

RABBIT – Check-in and Judging

Check-in: Saturday, June 17, 4-8 p.m.

Judging: Monday, June 19, 5 p.m.

RABBIT AMBASSADOR

Monday, June 19, 3 p.m.

Animals dismissed: Thursday, June 22, after Premier Showmanship

Rabbit Breeders Fee

Each family will pay a \$5.00 non-refundable fee, due at check-in. Money goes toward any rabbit supplies.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

1. Each year, you are **required to complete YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) by June 1**. If not completed by June 1, you will not be eligible to show your animal.
2. Complete the Grant County 4-H Livestock Record Sheet. Place in green record book and turn in at the fair.

The Rabbit project has three exhibit options of which you can do one or all of these options:

1. Live animal
2. An educational poster about Rabbits (no Best of Show will be selected). **These posters need to be turned in on Tuesday, June 13, 5-7 p.m. OR Wednesday, June 14, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. (Open judging)**
3. An action demonstration

EDUCATIONAL PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete all required record sheets, and present at check-in. Turn it in before the fair is complete.
 - A. Size - 22" x 28" poster, displayed horizontally with stiff backing and covered with plastic accompanied by a name tag in the lower front right hand corner.
 - B. Each poster must have been made by the 4-H member enrolled in the current year's 4-H program.

The purpose shall be to visually demonstrate rabbit knowledge and to demonstrate to others; 4-H Rabbit Project possibilities.

Level 1 - Grades 3, 4, and 5, grade determined by current school year grade.

Level 2 - Grades 6, 7, and 8, grade determined by current school year grade.

Level 3 - Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12, grade determined by current school year grade.

State Fair Exhibit: There will be three (3) entries, one from each level.

All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list including where the information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster, display board, be the last page of a notebook, or include as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which reference are listed.

*Refer to the poster information page located in the handbook for poster requirements and suggestions

ILLUSTRATED RABBIT TALK / INTERACTIVE DEMONSTRATION

The 4-H Rabbit Illustrated Talk should be original and of practical nature related to some phase of the rabbit industry. Elaborate and expensive equipment cannot be justified. An action demonstration is not like a regular demonstration where the audience sits and listens to you give a prepared talk. In an action demonstration, you may be anywhere where the public is walking by. Your job is to interest them in your topic so that they will want to stop and hear what you have to say.

Division 1 – grades 3 and 4

Division 4 – grades 9 and 10

Division 2 – grades 5 and 6

Division 5 – grades 11 and 12

Division 3 – grades 7 and 8

LIVE RABBIT EXHIBIT RULES:

1. Rabbits must be owned by 4-H member by May 15.
2. RABBITS MUST PERMANENTLY MARKED AND HAVE A LEGIBLE EAR TATTOO IN RABBIT'S LEFT EAR. **Check with the 4-H Extension Educator for questions regarding ear tattooing.**
3. All animals must be in good physical condition before the animal can be unloaded at the fair or be shown, for example, no broken limbs, no serious wounds, no foot rot, sore mouth, or ring worm.
4. A 4-H member may show a maximum of 20 entries at County Fair plus one meat pen with only one entry per class.
5. 4-H member can only show one rabbit per class breed.
6. Broken and Solids among the same breed will show in separate classes.
7. Rabbits not entered in the proper class may be eliminated.
8. Please refer to the ARBA (American Rabbit Breeders Association) Standard of Perfection to determine correct class in which to place your animal.
9. No crossbred rabbits may be shown (except for the Pet Class).
10. **Refer to the General Livestock Rules and the Rules for 4-H Livestock State Fair Entry for State Fair Entry.**

ALL GRADES: EXHIBIT ONE OR MORE ANIMALS FED AND CARED FOR BY MEMBERS SINCE MAY 15 AND SAME CONTINUOUS OWNERSHIP AND CARE UNTIL DATE OF SHOW.

FEEDING AND CARE OF ANIMALS

4-H'ers are responsible for the daily feeding and care of their animals during the 4-H fair week.

SHOW RING DRESS CODE

Every 4-H member must bear in mind the following while showing his/her livestock project through the 4-H program at the Grant County Fair.

- a. Your attire is portraying an image of yourself.
- b. You are representing your club.
- c. You are representing the Grant County 4-H program.

