

# 2025

# RABBIT HIGHLIGHTS



Welcome to the 2025 4-H Rabbit Project. We are excited about the upcoming year and want your family to have a great experience learning about rabbits. Questions this year can be directed to committee members, Purdue Extension office or our Facebook page at LaPorte County 4-H rabbit project. Please read the information in this booklet and keep it in a safe place as it contains information for the entire 2025 4-H Program year.

## 2025 Rabbit Committee Members

Kim Saylor	(574) 952-1104	Superintendent
Matt Mueller	(219) 380-4672	Assistant Superintendent
Angie Rose	(219) 608-4373	Treasurer & Fair Entry
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Mindy Heidel	(337) 842-3882	Rabbit Ambassador & Judging
Tim Rozinski	(219) 448-1167	Project Check-in
Lane Thomas		Food Stand
Lindsay Whitfield	(219) 608-6372	Committee Member
Lauren Schoff	(219) 380-9278	Committee Member
Jenna Beecher		Committee Member
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Kaylynn McKeague	Youth	Committee Member
Josie Whitfield	Youth	Committee Member

# 2025 Rabbit Committee Volunteers

Jody Rose	(219) 608-4372	Food Stand
Nancy Williamson	(219) 369-9314	Open Show
Jenni Litza	(219) 851-2401	Committee Volunteer
Kami Saylor	(574) 279-1384	Fun Activities

## Entry Details

**4HOnline:** Rabbits must be owned and cared for by 4-H members, and only shown by the exhibitor by May 15th through to fair. You must ID your animals in 4HOnline by May 15th. For your rabbit's name please put in your rabbit's variety.

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Variety of Rabbit

Variety

**Tattooing Sessions:** All rabbits exhibited must have a tattoo in the rabbit's left ear. There is a \$1.00 charge per rabbit at select workshops. Tattooing will not take place during fair. *Note: The Committee cannot be held responsible for injury or death of rabbit as a result of tattooing.*

**Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (QLC) Requirements:** Each 4-H member who is participating in Beef or Dairy Feeder, Sheep, Goat, Swine, Poultry and Rabbits projects will need to complete the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program. These trainings will all be held in-person for the upcoming year. Register for a session through 4HOnline, under events. The cost is \$3.00.

You may still complete YQCA online (<https://yqcaprogram.org/>) however, you must send a copy of your completion certificate to 4-H staff at [woznia11@purdue.edu](mailto:woznia11@purdue.edu).

**FairEntry:** After May 15th the rabbits that you entered in 4-H Online will sync to FairEntry. All rabbits that are to be shown at fair will need to be entered into the appropriate classes in FairEntry by June 13th. We will also use FairEntry as your pen reservations this year.



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## Find Your Fair

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Filter by State	ALL
<a href="#">Select a State from the Map</a>	

Indiana

2024 **LaPorte** County Fair 4-H Exhibition  
July 06 - July 13, 2024

## Fair Details

**Pen reservations:** \$10.00 reservation payment due per member are to be turned in to the Rabbit Committee Treasurer no later than June 14th. Substitutions at entry time can only be for rabbits in same class.

- Reservations will be completed in FairEntry & are due June 13th.
- Confirm your rabbit is sexed correctly. If it is entered into the wrong class, it will not be shown.
- You can scratch a rabbit due to illness, death, molt, etc. or if you chose to not bring it for whatever reason. You can substitute rabbits if they are in the same class (breed, sex, age, and color) as the original rabbit.
- If rabbits are tattooed just before fair, the ink must be removed in order for the numbers to be read.

**Fair Check In:** Upon arrival to fair you will be given an envelope with your entry cards, list of rabbits that are on your pen reservation done through FairEntry, & the rabbits listed in 4-H Online.

- If you have changes now is the time to do so but remember that rabbit must be in 4-H Online.
- The check In person will keep the pen reservation (fair entry paper) with changes and the 4-H Online list. You will get your entry cards back.
- Once you are checked in you will take your entry cards to the designated table to make any changes. You MAY put your rabbits in their cages first but please be prompt in turning in your cards.
- Nails should always be trimmed before check in to avoid excess scratches to the volunteers.

**Fair Set-up & Tear-Down:** Families that volunteer to help with the set-up and tear-down of the rabbit barn, help support the Rabbit Committee and the youth involved in the project.

**Fair Concession/Food Stand:** The Rabbit Committee operates the food stand that is connected to our Barn at Fair and that money helps us financially support the LaPorte County 4-H Rabbit project.

Members working shifts in the food stand financially supports the 4-H Rabbit program.

- Each year, the food stand buys rabbits from members, creating a market for our members to sell their rabbits. We will buy all breeds at \$1.25 per pound live weight.
- We need help deboning the rabbits. These steps are very easy to learn and if everyone would offer to help, it would lighten the load for all. Our theory is, “come when you can and leave when you have to.”
- Processing dates will be announced at the workshops.
- Any one that helps with deboning will be compensated with “Bunny Bucks” that can be redeemed at the food stand during fair. The more that you work the more you earn in bunny bucks and auction, if you are selling in auction.
- If you wish to sell rabbits, contact Jody Rose at 219-608-4372 or Nancy Williamson at 219-369-9314.

**Food Stand Managers & Workers:** The more food stand shifts that a 4-H member works, the more opportunity they will have to earn bunny bucks and auction price. **Brief description of duties:**

- **Cashier** - Must be an approved volunteer.
- **Fryer & Fryer Helper** - Anyone 18 years old and over can cook burritos, french fries and nuggets.
- **Sandwich Maker** - Anyone 16 years or older can make BBQ, Italian Beef, Hot Dogs, Brats, Nachos and Pretzels.
- **Dishwasher & Dining Room Cleaners** - Anyone 16 years or older can clean tables and dishes; kids can clean tables off and pick up trash.
- **Counter #1 & Counter #2**- Any age; help customers, get drinks and call back orders.
- **Oil Changer** - A parent who is responsible for cleaning the fryer each day before 10 AM.

**Barn Watchers:** This helps keep our barn and rabbits safe. You can sign up to watch the barn during workshops or at fair by the show table. These are 2 hour shifts. Your duties as a barn watcher include:

- Answering questions from the general public. If you are not an expert it is okay to say you do not know but can write the question down to find out if they want to check back later.
- Walk around to make sure the rabbits are safe and the general public is not opening cages, putting their fingers in the cages, or doing any thing that can harm the rabbits.
- Sweep the aisles if they are dirty and if there is not much foot traffic.
- Remind people there should be no dogs in the barn unless they are service dogs.
- Preferably no balloons in the barn but if they do have time just remind them to keep ahold of them so they do not pop/.

## **Scholarship Opportunities**

The Rabbit Committee offers a \$250 scholarship to graduating senior Rabbit Project participants. Application may be found here:

[bit.ly/20214HRabbitScholarship](http://bit.ly/20214HRabbitScholarship)

### **What are the requirements?**

- Must have completed 6 years in the Rabbit Project
- Must complete an essay
- Must fill out application and turned in at Rabbit Check-in (July 4th)
- Applications must be typed
- Must be continuing their education in a technical school, trade school, college, or university
- If awarded, must be used during the first year of post high school education

### **How are winners selected?**

- 25% participation in Rabbit program
- 25% Leadership abilities/citizenship
- 25% Essay (used to break a tie )
- 25% Need


### **Once selected, how will I receive the scholarship?**

After proof of successful completion of the first semester is provided to the Purdue Extension—LaPorte County office, the award money will be provided directly to the participant.

December 28, 2024 10:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.	<b>Workshop 1</b> Pre-registration through 4-H Online Events
January 14, 2025 6:30 p.m.	Rabbit Committee Meeting Extension Office Conference Room
March 12, 2025 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	<b>Workshop 2</b>
March 28, 2025	Meat Pens/Single Fryers/Carcass, Breeding Date
April 8, 2025 6:30 p.m.	Rabbit Committee Meeting Extension Office Conference Room
April 15, 2025 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	<b>Workshop 3</b>
April 16, 2025	Doe & Litter Breeding Date
May 7, 2025 6:30 p.m.	Rabbit Committee Meeting Extension Office Conference Room
May 14, 2025 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	<b>Workshop 4</b>
May 15, 2025	Rabbit Ownership/ID Deadline (4HOnline)
June 13, 2025	Fair Entry Deadline (This acts as your pen reservations)
June 14, 2025 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<b>Workshop 5</b> <b>Cage dealer &amp; payment due</b>
July 4, 2025 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Rabbit Check-In
July 5, 2025 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Rabbit Check-In by Appt. Only
July 19, 2025 9:00 a.m.	Barn Clean-up & Cage Cleaning
July 20, 2025 4 p.m.	Rabbit Achievement Dinner & Banquet

# Fair Dates

Saturday, June 28th 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	4-H Exhibit Hall Rabbit Education Posters check in
Friday, July 4th 3:00-6:00 p.m.	Rabbit Barn Rabbit check-in
Saturday, July 5th 8:00 a.m	Rabbit Barn ARBA Open Class Show Rabbit Judging Contest (follows open show)
Sunday, July 6th 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Rabbit Barn Rabbit Showmanship Rabbit Ambassador Mini 4-H Rabbit Show Check - In Mini 4-H Rabbit Show
Monday, July 7th 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Rabbit Barn 4-H Rabbit Ambassador Winners Announced Rabbit Fun Photo Contest Entries Due Meat Classes and Doe & Litter Judging
Tuesday, July 8th 9:00 a.m.	Rabbit Barn 4 Class Rabbit Show
Wednesday, July 9th 9:00 a.m.	Rabbit Barn 6 Class Rabbit Show
Thursday, July 10th 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Rabbit Barn Rabbit Race Sign In Rabbit Races Start
Friday, July 11th 1:00 p.m. (approximately) 3:15 p.m. (approximately)	Livestock Show Arena Rabbit Auction Release of auctioned meat class rabbits
Saturday, July 12th 9:00 a.m. to NOON	Rabbit Barn Rabbit & Rabbit Education Release

 **Fair Check Out:** Before leaving the barn you must find a committee member to check out with. The barn will not be open to the public on Saturday morning.

- Clean your pens and find a committee member to check your pen.
- Once the committee member checks your pens, you will get a popsicle stick that indicates that you have had your rabbit's tattoos checked and your cages are clean. You are welcome to leave!

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