



Van Wert Bunny Hoppers 4-H Club & Van Wert Youth Rabbit Club



August 2019

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August Calendar & Fair Calendar for 2019



Events

Mon July 29.....livestock judging by schedule
 Sat Aug 03...livestock entries due at fair office by noon
 Wed Aug 05.....club meeting at 6:30
 Mon Aug 05.....black inc. judging 3 to 7 pm
 Sat Aug 10.....rabbit tattooing 7:30 am to 10:30 am
 Sat Aug 17.....barn prep for county fair 9:00 am

At the Fair 2019

Tues Aug 27.....can start bringing rabbits to the fair
 after 9:00 am
Tues Aug 27..... all junior fair entries must be
 in place by 8:00 pm
Tues Aug 27.....rabbit meat pen, roaster & single fryer
 weigh in between 6:00 to 8:00 pm
 (you must get the rabbits to the scales yourself)
Fri Aug 30... meat pen, single fryer, roaster & doe/litter
 judging start at 4:00 pm
 (you must get the rabbits to the show table yourself)
Sat Aug 31.....open & youth A.R.B.A. senior fair
 Rabbit Show starts at 10:00 am
Sun Sept 01.....rabbit showmanship start at 9:00am
Sun Sept 01.....Junior Fair Rabbit Show
 11:30 am or after showmanship
Mon Sept 02 ..Showman of Showman Contest 5:00 pm
TBA.....rabbit judging contest
 (check the information board for more details)
Mon Sept 02.....**Last Day of the Fair**
Mon Sept 02.....non-sale animals & other Jr. Fair
 projects releases 7:00 pm
Tues Sept 03.....Junior Fair Livestock Sale
 Starts at 9:00 am (check info board)
Tues Sept 03..... all rabbits must be removed
 from the barn by 3:00 pm

Rabbit Judging on Monday July 29, 2019

This includes all your animal projects; (rabbits, beef, poultry, horse, etc.) **DO NOT BRING YOUR ANIMAL TO JUDGING.** You need your completed breed rabbit project book, and market rabbit project book (if you are doing market). Note: we went over the books at the last meeting.

cloverbuds do not need to do this judging

You must go online to enter the 2019 fair

www.vanwertjf.fairentry.com

All Junior Fair entries must be made online by Saturday August 03rd. This includes, animals, non-animals, and cloverbuds. Remember to print a copy of your entry for your records. Cloverbuds too!

This is a new computer program, and looks very different than the past few years. Make sure to put in the ear number, breed of rabbit, age of the rabbit, and sex of the rabbit. There are questions for the name of the rabbit date of birth, and others you do not need.

For rabbits you can enter a maximum of::

- 6 Breeding Rabbits (show rabbits)
- 1 Meat Pen Rabbits
- 1 Roaster
- 1 Single Fryer
- 1 Doe and litter

1 Cloverbud (you are allowed 1 entry)
 Remember: you must enter and show a



rabbit in the show category to enter a meat pen, roaster or single fryer rabbit.

Show Coats

P&R Medical Supply does carry coats in adult and youth sizes. Also a long sleeve shirt works just as well as a show coat.

REMINDERS for the Fair

#1 Rabbit Meat Pen and/or Single Fryer each rabbit must weight 4 to 6 pounds. Roasters are 6.1 to 9 pounds. If they are under weight or over weight they will not be eligible for the auction on Tuesday.

#2 To take a market rabbit you must also do a separate breeding (show) rabbit project and display and show in the Sunday Junior Fair Show. If you do not show in the Sunday show you will not be permitted to sell rabbits at the livestock sale.

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### Problem In the Past Years



A problem developed, in that after the meat pen and single fryer show, some Junior Fair Exhibitors stopped taking care of their rabbits. You are exhibiting a market animal that will be sold to others for consumption. **YOU MUST CARE FOR YOUR RABBITS EVERY DAY.** (If it is extremely hot it should be twice a day).

Again this year the junior fair barn superintendents will be checking pens twice a day, and there is a daily sign in sheet at the office for your signature and time you checked your rabbits. If you are not taking care of your rabbits, they will be sent home with you and not be a part of the auction on Tuesday.

### Open Rabbit Show

Remember there is an open rabbit show on Saturday of the fair. It is sanctioned by the ARBA, and is just like our spring rabbit show. Entry fee is \$2.00 per rabbit. This is another chance to show your rabbits

## Meat Pen/Single Fryer/Roaster Tattooing

Saturday August 10, 2019 any time between 7:30 am to 10:30 am at the rabbit barn.

All meat pen, roaster and single fryers must get a special tattoo at this time (up to 8 rabbits).

**Note:** Rabbits must have the regular left ear tattoo before the special tattoo..... suggestion: get the regular left ear tattooed before this day; it will be less stressful on the rabbits

## August Club Meeting

**Mon August 05, 2019 starting at 6:30**

This Bunny Hopper Meeting is a scavenger hunt and fairgrounds project. Advisor Mosier has an exciting event planned.

**Tues. August 13, 2019**

This meeting will be canceled. It was a father's meeting to work on cages. We will just do that at the barn set up on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Barn Set Up Meeting  
Saturday August 17, 2019 9:00 am**

It is that time again for us to set up the rabbit barn for the fair. **Members and parents** are to come to this meeting ready to help set up. If you can, bring plyers, gloves, rakes, shovels, wheel barrels, etc. There is a job for everyone, and we can get things finished in less than 2 hours if we all work together. After the cleanup we will have a short meeting about the fair.

## When to bring your rabbits to the fair

The Rabbit Barn will be open for check in on Tuesday August 27, 2019 after 9:00 am



**Remember to sign in at the rabbit office after your rabbits are in place.**

## Rabbit Cloverbuds

All cloverbuds must sign up to enter your one rabbit at the county fair just like everyone else. This is online like the other 4-H kids.

## What to Bring to the Fair



- #1 You need to bring your rabbits
- #2 You need to bring your own feed, in a good container.
- #3 Water at the fairgrounds is city water. A few people bring water from home as to not change things for your rabbits. Most people just use the water at the fairgrounds.
- #4 You need to bring a water crock and a food crock for each of your rabbits.
- #5 You need to bring your grooming/preparation supplies and equipment.

## Junior Fair Booth

Please bring your non-rabbit projects from this year and any trophies or rosettes won at rabbit

shows since the last fair. Bring them to Barn Clean Up Meeting.

## Your Exhibit at the Fair

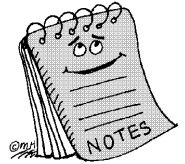
After you have your rabbits in the pens, **YOU MUST SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE** verifying that your rabbits are here and your entry is correct.

It is your job to at least **daily** (twice a day if it is hot and/or dry) feed, water, and clean up your exhibit area.

**This includes cleaning the boards under your cages, and raking under and in front of your cages.**

Supplies are to be stored above the pens. The isle in front of your cages are to be kept clear and clean. Wash and clean water bowls daily, Trash picked up.

## Notes.....



Since you are displaying animals at the fair, and your book was checked and judged at the interviews, you do not need to bring your book for display at the fair booth. You will need it to study the book for showmanship.

Cloverbuds can bring your projects books for the booth

## Rabbit Showmanship at the Fair



By Advisor Heizman

I hope that everyone is practicing with a rabbit or two for showmanship. Showmanship is always an exciting time at the fair. Remember that the rabbit used must be accustomed to being handled for showmanship, and you and the rabbit have

good "Table Manners". So do not wait until the last minute to prepare for your showmanship ability on Sunday of the fair.

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## Remember at the Fair (for all 4-Her's and Parents)

*By president Kyra Welch*

#1 A reminder that you are responsible for your rabbits at the fair. Make sure you feed, water, care, clean the pens, and check your rabbits daily. If you have any questions about the health on one of your rabbits ask your advisor, or the barn superintendent.



#2 Keep the area around your pens clean, neat, and tidy. Pick up papers and keep all of your storage containers stacked neatly. It is your display, keep it looking first class.

#3 You must sign in at the office **daily**, with your name and the time, as to when you checked, feed, watered, and cleaned your cage area.

#4 When you bring your rabbits to the fair, check in at the office to make sure all the information about your rabbits are correct. Check the tags on your pens to see if that information is correct. After you have your rabbits in the pens **YOU MUST SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE** verifying that your rabbits are here and your entry is correct.

#5 If you are going to sell any of your rabbit projects, check the information board for the guidelines.

#6 Check the information board every day, so you are up to date.

#7 Smoking is not permitted in the Rabbit Barn. It is not healthy for you or your rabbits, and it is unsafe. If you see anyone walking in smoking, remind them politely that smoking is not permitted.

## Parents and 4-Her's

There is a message board in the office area of the rabbit barn. Make sure you check it daily for schedules and what is going on.

If you are not sure of something check the fair book, ask your advisor, or one of the people working in the barn.

**It is your job and responsibility to know!!!**

## Discount Ride Bands

You can purchase rides bands from the Senior Fair board Office, before the fair begins for a great savings. In July \$12, in August \$15, at the fair \$18



## Trophies & Awards

**Trophies and awards will be presents at the end of each breed, instead of after the show is over.**

## There is a Dress Code

There is a dress code for you when participating at livestock shows and sales. (see that section of the junior fair book)

Rabbit Club's  
Q.R. code



(scan it with your smart phone).

## What to Sell ( Meat Pen, Roaster or Single Fryer )

You can choose to sell your meat pen, roaster, or your single fryer in the livestock sale on Tuesday. You will need to declare which to sell on Friday after the show. The Meat Pen Show, Roaster and the Single Fryer Show is a terminal sale.

## Who Needs a Fair Admission Ticket

This year kids 12 years old and over in 4H, get a pass to the fair for FREE. They will be ready at livestock judging. Kids under 12 as always are free.



## Officer Books

A reminder to all officers (president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, historian, safety) your officer binder needs turned in to the extension office. There is a rubrics score sheet in the front of the binder you received. This is just to give you an idea of what they are looking for.

Turn them in to the extension office yourself or bring them to tattooing on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Wear a Rabbit Shirt to the Fair

Most everyone has a rabbit shirt. There are shirts made in the past about every other year. Wear a rabbit shirt to the show on Sunday and the auction on Tuesday. If you do not have a rabbit shirt, that is ok too.

Note: we do have 7 new t-shirts and a few from past years. They are \$10.00 each. See advisor Christine or Jacque.

## Fair Programs

The Van Wert County Fair Program Guide Book is available on line. Go to our club's web page, and link to the fair.

Also they are available in print form for free at the extension office, or senior fair board office.

## Thank You Notes

Just a thought: get your thank you notes ready before the fair, so if you win a trophy or special award, you are not scrambling at the last minute. Also get a couple pictures of you and one of your animals printed out in a 4 x 6 just in case.

