

2023 Trumbull County 4-H Rabbit Project Guidelines

Checklist for Rabbit Projects:

- Enroll in 4-H by **Friday, April 1, 2023** (online enrollment for existing families [<https://oh.4honline.com>], paper enrollment for new families). This also includes parent/guardian expectations form. ****Make sure the proper projects are enrolled for the new year.**
- Select a project book(s) to complete:
 - 228 Rabbit Project & Record Book (\$8) *Note- In 2023, the three rabbit project books have combined into one.
 - 228R Rabbit Resource Handbook (supplement to above project books, \$12)
- Read over and understand county rabbit rules & club rules. County rules can be found at www.trumbull.osu.edu >> 4-H Youth Development >> Trumbull County Jr. Fair Forms: Rules & Registration.
- Obtain and care for your rabbit(s) by **Saturday, April 1, 2023**. Animal registrations are due to the OSUE Office by this date. Forms must be filled out entirely*. If you have a doe & litter or another project that may be born after this date, please fill out as much information as possible. Registration forms have been broken down into the following categories: 1. Pet 2. Breeding and 3. Market. Please make sure you are filling out and submitting the correct forms.
- Attend Quality Assurance (QA) on **April 15, 2023** from 9:00 am - 11:00 am at the Trumbull County Fairgrounds if you are exhibiting market rabbits. **Pet rabbits or doe & litters projects do not need to attend, but highly recommend.** If a youth member is younger than 16 years of age, a parent or guardian must attend the quality assurance program with them. Test out option- **Thursday, April 13 from 4:00-5:30 pm** at the OSUE Office. (Ages 12 and up). You must RSVP for test out option or face-to-face program. You may attend another county's QA or a state accredited program. Must provide proof of attendance. Quality Assurance must be complete 45 days prior to the start of fair (by Friday, May 26, 2023).
- If exhibiting Market Rabbits, project must be represented (yourself, via family member or club member) at Livestock Sale Committee meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Fairgrounds Sr. Fair Meeting room at 7:00 pm.
- Attend Animal Project Judging on **Tuesday, June 6th from 6:00-8:00 pm** at the Trumbull County Fairgrounds. Make-up date for project judging will be held on Saturday, June 24th from beginning at 9:00 am.
- Rabbit Check-In Required. See Rabbit Rules, Registration Section #2**

Project Information:

- Members must complete project judging/skillathon for their respective project in order to exhibit at the fair and receive credit/project completion for the year.
- Animal Project Judging/Rabbit Skillathon Guidelines were written using old project books due to the unknown publish date of the new project books in 2023. The rabbit committee will consider updating guidelines to support new book if member purchases.

Fair Information:

- Rabbits must arrive at the Trumbull County Fair and be checked in by **11:59 pm on Monday, July 10th**.
- Market rabbits report to rabbit barn for weigh-in **at 10:00 am on Tuesday, July 11th**.
- Rabbit Show: **Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 12:00 pm** in rabbit barn.
- Rabbit Showmanship: **Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 3:00 pm** in rabbit barn. ***Please view updated rules on Showmanship for this year***

