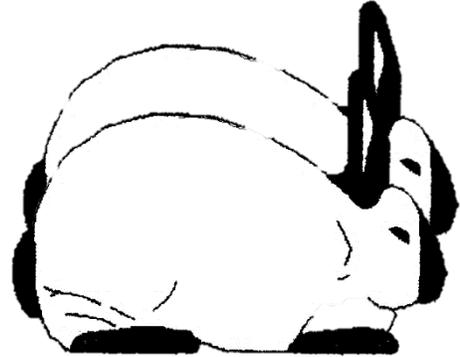


Selection

- 2 Roaster rabbits that are less than 6 months in age (bucks or does)- ideal 5.5 months old
 - Animals should be born the end of March
- Typically from the same litter- not required
- Roaster may be purchased- **no** need to own and breed the brood doe (mother)
- Select 2 rabbits for the fair that are uniform in:
 - Shape
 - Size
 - Color/ Pattern
 - Weight



Weight

- Ideal market weight is 7 lbs per rabbit (pen total around 14)- Delaware County Fair has a range limit of 5.5 lbs to 9 lbs per animal
- A normal rate of gain is about .04 lbs of gain per day- average daily gain=.04 lbs/day
- Rabbits should weigh about 4.2 lbs in mid-July at the possession deadline

Nutrition

- Continue to feed the fryers an 18% protein pellet
- Roasters will eat between 3-6 oz of feed daily
- Clean/ fresh water access

Health

- A normal body temperature for rabbit is 100.5°F-103.5°F
- Common health concerns to look for: snuffles/ respiratory issues, sore hocks, and ear canker
- Rabbits that do not feel well will huddle together, act listless, vocalize loudly, as well as other symptoms
 - It's very important to observe your animal's normal behavior every day so you can notice abnormal behavior.

Facilities and Equipment

- Good ventilation
- Space- .75 square feet per pound of body weight
- Cage/ hutch
- Nesting box
- Feeder- self feeding or crock
- Waterer- automatic/ nipple system or bowl
- Transportation container- Carrying cage
- Risers- for floor of fair cages
- Tattooing supplies
- Nail clippers
- Long sleeve show coat

Dates you need to look for

- Quality Assurance (or test out)-July 1
 - Market animal exhibitors by law must attend
- Roaster must be in the possession of the exhibitor by July 15
- Entry deadline is the last Friday in August
- Mandatory project book and interview is the second Saturday in September

Additional opportunities

- Ohio State Fair- End of July
 - Entries due June 21
 - Must have attended a Quality Assurance by June 1
 - Read their rules at: <https://ohiostatefair.com/livestock/>
- Hartford Independent Fair
 - For eligibility both the following criteria must be met:
 - (1) They are enrolled in a youth organization in the following townships of Delaware Co. (Harlem/Centerburg Village, Trenton, Porter and Berkshire);
 - (2) They attend school in, or have residence within the specified townships
 - Must have attended a Quality Assurance by June 1
 - Read their rules at: <http://hartfordfair.com/premium-book.htm>
- American Rabbit Breeders Association show- March- November
 - Open and youth showing opportunities
 - Read more information at: <https://www.arba.net/Shows.php>