



May 1, 2024

Dear Market Rabbit exhibitors and 4-H advisors,

I'd like to wish all of you the best of luck with your market rabbit projects this year. As you begin your projects, please find enclosed some important fair rules for market rabbit exhibitors. Included is information that will be helpful for exhibitors at the Delaware County Fair, Ohio State Fair, and the Hartford Independent Fair. Delaware County Junior Fair rules will be finalized at the May board meeting of the Delaware County Ag Society (Senior Fair Board) and a more complete listing of rules for each fair will be available in the exhibitor handbooks for each fair once they are published.

Delaware County Fair- all Breeding and Market rabbit exhibitors are required to complete a Quality Assurance session By **July 1**. Email Jacci smith.11005@osu.edu for QA questions.

Delaware County Fair schedule has some slight modifications. Please check <https://go.osu.edu/jrfairschedule> for updates.

Reminder For Delaware County Fair:

- Market fryers need to be 70 days of age or less at check-in and must weigh 3.5-5.5 lbs.,
- Roasters need to be less than 6 months old at check-in and must weigh 5.5-9 lbs.

The rabbit committee has a very helpful and informative Facebook page- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1591823037738276/>

Like last year, the sale committee is planning to continue having youth digitally submit a picture of themselves and their project before coming to the fair for the sale.

Again this year each animal exhibitor will be asked to acknowledge that they are willingly placing their animals in the Delaware County Fair cage/pen.

If you have any questions, please talk to your advisor or call the Extension office. Enjoy your projects!

Sincerely,

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OSU Extension Delaware County

Enclosures: Market Rabbit Fair Rules
DCF Jr. Fair Sale info
QA flyer

For Delaware County Fair Market Rabbit Exhibitors

- All market rabbit exhibitors must attend a Quality Assurance program.
- All 4-H and FFA members who wish to exhibit market rabbit fryers at the county fair this year should own and have in their continual care and possession the brood doe of the litter from which the fryers are selected by **June 1**.
- Rabbit fryers must be **70** days of age or less and weigh between **3.5 and 5.5 lbs.** as of check in. Single Fryers must meet the same age and weight requirements as a Fryer Meat Pen of 3.
- Pen of 2 Roasters may be purchased but must be in the exhibitor's possession and continual care by **July 15th**. *Roasters should be reserved now as breeders will run out of rabbits.
- The Pen of 2 Roasters will consist of two roasters that are less than 6 months old and weigh between **5.5 and 9 lbs.** at check in.
- All rabbits exhibited at the Delaware County Fair must have a legible identification tattoo. There will be tattooing of healthy rabbits at the interview judging in September. The **cost is \$1/ rabbit**. This is not mandatory as exhibitors can tattoo rabbits on their own.
- Junior Fair exhibitors may enter and exhibit a market project in up to 2 departments if they meet the conditions outlined by the Fair Board. Please see the "Fair General Rules" section of the Exhibitors handbook posted on the Delaware County Fair's website (www.delawarecountyfair.com)
- Interview judging for Market Rabbit exhibitors will be **September 7** from 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Members should bring their project books completed up to that date. Livestock exhibitors who are unable to be interviewed on that date should schedule an interview with your advisor.
- Exhibitors may make one entry in each of the following classes: Meat Pen of 3 Fryers, Single Fryer, and Pen of 2 Roaster classes.
- Rabbits used for market projects are not eligible to show in the breeding rabbit show.
- Exhibitors of the Champion and Reserve Champion Pen of 3 Fryers are ineligible to place in the Single Fryer and Pen of 2 Roasters classes.
- Members must complete a fair entry online. Junior fair entries are due by Friday, **August 23**.
- Exhibitors selling through the Junior Fair Auctions will not be permitted to take that project home.
- All Pen of 3 Meat Fryers, Single Fryers, and Pen of 2 Roasters sold in the auction must be harvested through the processor designated by the Rabbit Committee.
- Rabbits not meeting age and weight requirements will not be eligible to sell.
- The only Single Fryer rabbits that will sell are the Champion and Reserve Champion.
- The Jr. Fair Sale is on Tuesday of the fair.
- Drug Use notification forms will be required to be completed before the show. One DUNF form must be completed per pen of rabbits. Animal tattoo numbers must be on the form as identification.

For Ohio State Fair Market Rabbit Exhibitors

- The Ohio State Fair exhibitors' handbook has been posted at the Ohio State Fair website. Please visit the following website for rules and entry form: <https://www.ohiostatefair.com/p/get-involved/livestock/livestock-competitions>
- Possession deadline is June 1

For Hartford Independent Fair Market Rabbit Exhibitors

- May exhibit up to 2 entries per lot (Max of 6 total Rabbit entries)
- Possession deadline: 30 days preceding the fair
- Pre-fair registration/tattooing July 13 from 10 AM – 2 PM at the fairgrounds (Beef Barn) fee: \$1/animal
- Single fryer/ pen of three fryers minimum 3.5 pounds / maximum 5.5 pounds; 69 days old each at show
- All market and breeding rabbit exhibitors must attend a Quality Assurance program prior to June 1
- Entries are due by June 28
- Rabbit and Poultry Clinic and Fun Show June 1 at the Hartford Fairgrounds.
- Fair Handbook available at <http://www.hartfordfair.com>

2024 DELAWARE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR SALES/AUCTION

1. 4-H members taking a market animal to show and sell at the fair will be required to take a picture with their animal and upload it by 11:59pm, Saturday, September 7, 2024 (*links and information will be sent out with fair sign-up information*). Each species requires a submission. Photo requirements must follow sales & show arena rules:
 - The animal should be clean and groomed for show and the exhibitor should be dressed neatly as well.
 - A button/ snap collared shirt closed to within one button from the top or Department approved shirt (such as a lab coat), long or short sleeves permitted.
 - No sleeveless shirts allowed.
 - No bare midriffs allowed.
 - No logos/ads on shirts other than 4-H or FFA.
 - Long pants or skirts whose length is below the knee shall be worn, no shorts.
 - Footwear should be sturdy shoes or boots.
 - No sandals, open toed or open heel shoes.
 - Clothes must be neat in appearance with no rips or tears.

Please plan a plain/solid background with little distractions/clutter. (ex: building wall, pine tree, etc.)

These pictures will be printed and given to the buyers during the auctions, so please plan to take a great picture as a thank you to your buyer.

2. Junior Fair exhibitors may enter and exhibit a market project in up to 2 departments if they meet the conditions outlined by the Fair Board.
 - **Exhibitors will still only be allowed to sell ONE market project through the sale.** Please see the “Fair General Rules” of the Exhibitors handbook posted on the Delaware County Fair’s website (www.delawarecountyfair.com)
3. W-9 forms will be required from all market exhibitors. These forms are to be filled out and turned into the fair office by December 31st. Sale checks will be mailed when available to those who have turned in their W-9 forms. Exhibitors who sell in the Jr. Fair Sale with gross proceeds greater than or equal to \$600 will receive a 1099 tax form from the fair.
4. The sale order is established by having the species that sold last in the previous year sell first in the current year.
 - The sale order for the 2024 Tuesday sale shall be Baked Goods, Dairy Products, Rabbits, Poultry, and Beef.
 - The sale order for the 2024 Wednesday sale will be: Goats, Lambs, and Pigs.
5. Delaware County Fair has a Buyers Club to help support the sales. The purpose of the Buyers Club is to provide an opportunity to participate in the sale for those businesses, organizations, or individuals who are interested in contributing to a pool of resources or unable to attend the sale. The committee that oversees the Buyers Club is seeking additional members. Anyone interested in participating on this committee should contact Cheryl Hagerty at 614-595-1562.
6. All exhibitors selling a market animal or product through the Junior Fair Sales at the Delaware County Fair must submit a thank you note, card or letter to the Junior Fair Office (drop box), located on the fairgrounds, by October 31. The envelope should be sealed with a stamp affixed and the exhibitor’s name listed with the return address. Thank you notes and tokens of appreciation given to buyer’s at the sale do not count toward this requirement.

2024 Quality Assurance Opportunities

(Please contact the county before attending any Quality Assurance Session that is not your own county for possible changes.)

Quality Assurance

10AM	April 6	**New location Extension Office
6:30PM	May 16	Extension Office Large meeting room
6:30PM	May 28	Extension Office Large meeting room
6:30PM	May 30	Ag. Center DCF Fairgrounds
6:30 PM	June 3	Extension Office Large meeting room

***The QA session on June 3 is after the deadline for the Hartford Fair and will not meet the requirement for exhibitors.**

***All Livestock Exhibitors will be required to attend a QA session by July 1 in order to show at Delaware County Fair.**

NO PREREGISTRATION IS NEEDED

In person Quality Assurance Test

Email or call to schedule a convenient time for you! **No tests will be administered after July 1st.** The Quality Assurance test is offered for youth 4-H ages 12 years and older who have previously completed Quality Assurance programming. Participants must pass by at least 70%. Participants can receive QA credit for multiple years, depending on their age. The test may be taken once each year, any participants who do not pass will be required to complete a Quality Assurance program to receive QA credit.

Nearby Quality Assurance Training Dates:

- Most dates are early March through the end of May

COUNTY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Delaware County, 740-833-2030

Knox County, 740-397-0401

Licking County, 740-670-5315

Marion County, 740-223-4040

Union County, 937-644-8117



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Quality Assurance 2024 - Frequently Asked Questions

- **Who must attend Quality Assurance?** All 4-H and FFA members taking **Market Beef, Market Swine, Market Lambs, Breeding sheep, Market and Breeding Rabbits, All Poultry, Goats (including Pygmy and Pack goats) and Dairy Cattle** **MUST** attend a Quality Assurance program in order to exhibit at the Delaware County or Ohio State Fair. Completing the quality assurance requirement **each year** is mandatory by state law for junior exhibitors.
- **When is the Quality Assurance attendance deadline?** For the Delaware County Fair this deadline is on or before **July 1**. Hartford Fair deadline is on or before **June 1**. For Ohio State Fair this deadline is **June 1**. Ohio Department of Agriculture requires exhibitors to have participated or tested out of a Quality Assurance program within 45 day prior to the opening day of the exhibition.
- **Does it matter which Quality Assurance I attend?** There are 5 QA programs offered in Delaware County this year. Credit will be given for QA attendance regardless of which program you attend.
- **What if I arrive at a Quality Assurance program late?** It is important for each 4-H or FFA member to receive all the training in order to meet Ohio Department of Agriculture requirements. **Anyone arriving more than 10 minutes late will not receive credit for attending the QA session.** For the virtual sessions we will have a moderator letting individuals in from a waiting room. Attendance will be taken via the chat feature at the beginning and the end of the session. If you experience technical difficulties during the session email Jacci at smith.11005@osu.edu.
- **What happens if I am unable to attend any of the Delaware County Quality Assurance programs?** If you have a conflict with each of the listed Quality Assurance options on the reverse of this sheet, you may contact other county offices to see if you can participate at their offerings. If you know you will have conflicts with the Delaware County dates, call as soon as possible because many counties have earlier QA dates. **Also, an asynchronous online session can be taken. YQCA online version is the only type of online QA accepted in the state of Ohio.** Information on how to complete this can be found on our website- <https://delaware.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/quality-assurance>
- **What about the Hartford Fair?** Exhibitors at the Hartford fair taking **any** market or breeding projects must attend a Quality Assurance program on or before **June 1**. Call the Licking Co. Extension office with questions. **The QA session on June 3 is after the deadline for the Hartford Fair and will not meet the requirement for exhibitors.**
- **Can I Test Out of Quality Assurance?** Yes! Delaware County offers in person opportunities for youth to test out of their Quality Assurance. Youth ages 12 and above may take a Quality Assurance test to see how well they know the material. Youth passing the test may potentially fulfill their QA requirement for multiple years, depending on their age. Email Jacci at smith.11005@osu.edu or call the Extension office to schedule a time to take the test or if you have additional questions (740-833-2039). **Tests will NOT be scheduled after July 1st!** You can now also take the YQCA online test out option. You must email Jacci at Smith.11005@osu your completion certificate. Information on how to complete this can be found on our website- <https://delaware.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/quality-assurance>

