

BARRY COUNTY 4-H RABBIT & CAVY PROJECT AREA
Rules and Pre-registration Packet
2021

Barry County 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Developmental Committee

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1. All Rabbit/Cavy Developmental Committee meetings are open to the public. It is encouraged that at least one person from each club attends these meetings.
2. All meeting dates are posted in The Reminder under the Calendar of Events and on Facebook. Scheduled meetings are usually the fourth (4th) Monday of the month as needed over Zoom. Additional meetings may be called as required. Watch the news column and Facebook page for exact dates.
3. This committee keeps the rabbit and cavy program organized. If you have problems or questions, they can help. The Extension office will have a list of phone numbers for the current executive board.

**Pre-registration
Due May 15, 2021**

RULES
Pre-registration

1. All rabbit and cavy exhibitors that plan to participate in the current fair program are required to be fully enrolled in 4-H or FFA and pre-register at the MSU Extension office by *May 15*. Rabbits must be in the youths' possession by May 15th (including Young Clovers) with the exception of purchased fryer pens (that possession date will be published annually).
2. All exhibitors that are showing in this project for their first or second year are to attend a mandatory rabbit/cavy meeting to be able to show at fair. Exception: exhibitors with siblings that have been in the project more than 2 years do not have to attend a mandatory meeting.
3. The number of entries per exhibitor is subject to the approval of the superintendent and the Barry County 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Developmental Committee Executive Board. Under the current rules, it is possible that one exhibitor could have 7 rabbit breed pens, 2 senior rabbit progeny pens, 2 market rabbit pens, 7 cavy breed pens and 2 senior cavy progeny pens for a total of 20 pens. All entries must be included on the MDA form due in June. You may only enter 2 animals per class. Progeny senior animals must be entered on the MDA form listed as a PROGENY SENIOR ANIMAL (No Premiums).
4. Manure fees and insurance fees are required to be paid with the fair entry (MDA) forms:
 - Manure fees are paid for every breed rabbit and cavy, progeny senior rabbit or cavy (this is your extra animal that you are using only for progeny class), and market rabbit.
 - Market animals must also have insurance which is paid with the manure fee. (Example: Single Fryer and a Pen of Three, you must pay for 4 animals. Each animal has an insurance and a manure fee.) The fees are not refundable.
5. Each exhibitor will be assigned a pen(s) and the entry is to remain there for the duration of the fair. No rabbits or cavies may leave before the last Sunday of fair without permission from the superintendent.
6. Additional rules will be in the fair book which is available in May.

Fair Check-In

1. You should bring a copy of your fair entry (MDA) form for check-in. This is your back up if entries are questioned.
2. Check-in will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., the Saturday before fair. Teen superintendent check-in is from 3 to 5 p.m. Animals must be clean and you must have your rabbit and cavy's **nails trimmed** before you enter the barn. No exhibit allowed in the barn without Superintendent approval.
3. All rabbits and cavies must be transported in a wire carrier with a leak proof pan attached, with an absorbent material in the pan. If you have questions about your carrier talk with your leader.
4. Crocks (rabbits use crocks only) and cavy water bottles need to be clean, 1 per animal.
5. Your educational project requirements:
 - If you are just showing breed classes, then you have a choice of doing a notebook or a poster for your requirements.
 - Market class exhibitors must complete the market notebook
 - Each notebook in a separate binder.
6. Thank you notes:
 - Each exhibitor writes one thank you note (2 if participating in both rabbit & cavy projects) for our sponsors.
 - These will be collected at check-in. The cards should be filled out and signed.
Do not seal them in an envelope.
 - Market exhibitors need thank you notes are ready for buyers (1 card for each unit) at the Small Animal Sale.
 - If you sold animals last year you must have a (8.5" X 11") thank you sign for the barn. Sign includes: buyer name, your name, and type of unit that was purchased (example: Single Fryer).
7. NO parents will be allowed in the barn during check-in. Teen superintendents will help the members get their animals in their cages.
8. **No entry changes will be allowed at check-in or during show.** Extenuating circumstances need to be in writing to the superintendent one week before check-in.
9. It is very important that you **read your fair book**.
10. There are guidelines at the Extension Office and online for the non-livestock class notebooks.

Awards

- All awards (other than ribbons) are conditional depending on available funds.
- Funding for the rabbit/cavy project comes from sponsorships. Each exhibitor should obtain at least \$20 in sponsor money payable to the Barry County 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Developmental Committee. Without these funds we cannot continue the rabbit and cavy program in the same way we have done in the past.
- For the sponsor's name to be printed in the fair book and be on the board outside the barn during fair, the money is due to the Rabbit/Cavy Developmental Committee Treasurer by March 1st.
- For the sponsor's name on the board exhibited outside the barn at fair, the money is due by June 15.

Please keep this page and the previous page for reference. Turn in the following page to the Extension Office. If you have any questions, the Extension Office will have a list of the current Rabbit/Cavy Developmental Committee officers and the fair superintendents.

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Rabbit & Cavy
Exhibitor Pre-registration for Fair

Due May 15 to Extension Office (this page only). Please email to pennin25@msu.edu and kateilar@gmail.com One registration form *per exhibitor*. Not accepted without signatures. Verify receipt of this document.

Name: _____ Years in 4-H _____

Address: _____ Age (as of Jan. 1) _____

City: _____ Birth Date _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Member Email: _____

Club: _____ Years in Project _____

Leader: _____ Leader Phone: _____

Leader Email: _____

List all other species shown at fair (this helps us with coordination during fair week):

Please check all areas below that apply to the member pre-registering

Are you a _____ Member or a _____ Young Clover

_____ Rabbit

_____ Cavy

_____ Homegrown Market Project

_____ Purchased Market Project

I have read the pre-registration guidelines and if this is my family's first or second year in the project I will/have attended a mandatory rabbit/cavy meeting. I understand the rules and what is expected of me in the rabbit and cavy project areas.

Member Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature