



St. Joseph County, MI 4-H Information and Reminders 2025



Some clubs are having meetings to practice showmanship, rabbit health and handling and practice Skill-a-thon questions remember ALL clubs are open door, so if your club does NOT do workouts, contact the extension office and find a club! We will be having 2 **County Wide workouts 8/2 & 8/24 both at 1pm, location barn#29** EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Below is a timeline of events that would be good to mark your calendars! If you have any questions at any Point feel free to contact me (Emily) or any of the assistant Superintendents!

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*****ALL MEMBERS WILL NEED TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN RABBIT FEED!**

*******MEMBERS, PARENTS, and LEADERS*******

-Rabbit Clinic August 24th 1pm at the fair grounds, Rabbit Barn #29 unless its raining, then we will be under the grandstands.

-Sunday August 10th Tattooing Rabbits 10am-1pm at the Rabbit Barn #29

-Wednesday August 13th Tattooing Rabbits 5pm-7pm at the Rabbit Barn #29

PLEASE EACH MEMBER BRING A CLEAN TOWEL to help prevent possible transmission of any parasites/diseases.

The towel will be used to wrap your rabbit up

While being tattooed. Each Market rabbit & breeding stock rabbit must have a tattoo in its left ear to attend fair.

If your breeding stock already has a tattoo, you do not need to bring it with you, but you **MUST** come and register it. Each member can register 6 market rabbits and 6 breeding stock rabbits. Market Rabbits will be cross-tagged for each family member that lives in the same household. We are allowing each member to bring 1 meat pen and 2 breeding stock.

Breeding stock rabbits are 1 per class, so you can't have 2 senior bucks or whatever that may be. For Clarification, please ask (Emily)

-Countryside, Farmtastic, and Leonidas Do-Best from 5:30-7:30 on 9/11/25 Need as many people as possible, unloading shavings, feeders attached, fill trays with wood shavings. Preparing the barn for 2025!

***** **Friday September 12th 3pm-7pm FAIR CHECK IN*******

**ALL RABBIT LEADERS NEED TO HELP!
PLEASE!!!! SEE EMILY WHERE TO HELP!**

-Each rabbit must weigh at least 3lbs for a minimum of 9lbs for the whole market pen. A PEN THAT WEIGHS 17lbs OR OVER WILL BE SENT HOME. And PENS LESS THEN 9 WILL BE SENT HOME.

-PLEASE bring carpet square or a clean towel for health check table so we don't spread disease.

-Extra scales will be available to double check

Weights, you must do this **BEFORE** you present your rabbits to the health check table. These scales are located at the end of the barn.

-If one of your rabbits does not pass the health

Inspection or does not make weight, you cannot substitute a different rabbit, so do your own health check before bringing them to be checked in.

-MARKET PENS AND BREEDING STOCK WILL START WITH HEALTH CHECKS PRIOR TO BEING REGISTERED.

-There will be check in stations as there have been in the past. Each station must be initialed by staff to move on to the next step. These are to help you make sure everything is complete!

-REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN RABBIT FOOD!!!!

Saturday, September 13th Morning Chores **6-8AM**

-Rabbit Barn will provide wheel barrows this year, you NOT need to bring in your own. We will be limiting how many wheel barrows come in the barn. Clean trays or bottom floor depending on where you are located in the barn. Sweep around your area, feed and water your rabbit. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO FINISH ALL CHORES BY 8AM! THIS IS NOT A STARTING TIME! CHORES MUST BE DONE EVERYDAY MORNING CLEANING FEED AND WATER. EVENING CHORES 6pm-8pm Feed and Water ONLY! This is for ALL pens of rabbits.

-SET UP FOR SHOW SEPTEMBER 13th later afternoon could use any help PLEASE!

- Sunday September 14th SHOW DAY!!!!

- 6am-8am MORNING CHORES PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHORES ARE DONE EVERYDAY. ESPECIALLY TODAY LETS HAVE A CLEAN BARN!(AND SALE DAY)
 - 8:00-8:30 CLOVERBUD CHECK IN
 - 8:30 Pre-Show Meeting —ALL MEMEBERS
 - Exhibitor Numbers Tags will be passed out at this time.
 - 9:00 AM RABBIT SHOW BEGINS
 - Show order: Cloverbuds, Showmanship,Lunch Break, Breeding Stock, Home Kindled Market Rabbits, Purchased Market Rabbits
 - Showmanship Class Attire: Black pants and white shirt and closed toed shoes. No fingernail polish or jewelry and remember if you have long hair to pull it back, so it does not hinder the judge from viewing of the animal or you.
 - Market Class attire: dark pants, long sleeve shirt, no jewelry, no nail polish, no hats. Those showing horses will be allowed to borrow a white coat for their class if desired.
- Monday-Sunday September 15th-21st

*******Morning Chores 6am-8am*******

*******EVENING CHORES 6PM-8PM*******

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17th 7pm HELP IS NEEDED TO SET UP FOR THE SALE AUCTION!

-Thursday, September 18th SALE DAY!

PLEASE DRESS APPROPRIATELY!

Small Animal sale begins at 10AM

Sale order Goats, Chickens, Turkeys,and Rabbits.

PLEASE DO NOT GET YOUR RABBIT OUT TOO EARLY.
RABBITS GET TOO WARM AND ADDS STRESS TO THEM.

You will bring 1 rabbit in your carrying cage. The rabbit superintendents will be there to line you up! You must be on time and in order, so please watch and know how fast or slow its going! One of the superintendents will be writing down your buyer info and sales amounts. You will get this paper, use it to fill out the info on your cage tag. Use a black sharpie, and fill out your buyer and sale price. This needs to be completed by Thursday night chores.

-A Superintendent will be in the barn if you need help after the sale.

Saturday, September 20th-10PM Load out Market Rabbits

Clubs Responsible: 5-8 members per club

Mendon Green Clover, Howardsville, and Rolling Clover

After the rabbits are gone you can come get your crocks (water dish).

Sunday, September 21st 5:30-8:00am BARN
CLEAN OUT of BARN!

CLUBS RESPONSIBLE: As many as possible
Burr Oak, HappyHerdsman.

ALL BREEDING STOCK and PICK UPS FOR
MARKET PENS WILL BE RELEASED. You can
also get your water crock at this time if you have
not done so!

Lets have a AMAZING time learning new things. Making
friends, and being proud of your accomplishments!!!!

PLEASE Remember to THANK those who helped you, it
takes SO MANY Volunteers to make this ALL happen!

TOGETHER WE MAKE THE BEST BETTER!!!

