

Date: April 26, 2022

To: 4-H Rabbit Project Members and Leaders

From: Autumn Converse, Program Coordinator - 4-H Youth Development

Re: 2022 Rabbit Project Important Information

Reminders

- All rabbit exhibitors will be required to feed, water and clean the cage area of their own market or breeding stock rabbits each day of fair.
- **Each individual** market rabbit must weigh at **least 3 lbs** for a minimum pen weight total of 9 lbs.
- There will be an “unofficial” set of scales available for use prior to getting in line to weigh rabbits on Friday, September 16. Please remember that you may weigh your rabbits **officially only once** at the rabbit barn entrance.
- **Kindling report:** Pictures must be 4”x 6”. Exhibitor may use no more than two (2) Poster Boards for report.
- Dress Code for **Showmanship** classes: Long sleeve **White** shirt, Dark colored pants, Closed toe shoes. Dress code for **CloverBud, Market, and Breeding Stock** classes: Long Sleeve shirt, Dark colored pants, Closed toe shoes.
- **Countywide Tattooing at the Fairgrounds: August 10, 2022, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. and August 14, 2022, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. All rabbit exhibitors must attend. All registration paperwork will be done at the countywide tattoo events.**
- ❖ **NEW Evaluations System for 2022:** All livestock exhibitors will be required to complete an evaluation (interview and record book) and Skill-A-Thon for each species they exhibit. These will take place on Sunday, September 11, 2022 for rabbits.



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Important dates, deadlines and events

Event or Deadline	Date(s)	Comments
Initial tattooing & registration	Wednesday, August 10, 5-8:00 p.m. & Sunday, August 14, 1-4:00 p.m	Countywide required tattooing for 2022
Barn set up	September 15, 5-7:00 p.m.	See Job List for Club(s) responsible for 2022
4-H Rabbit Evaluation and Skillathon	September 11, time TBD	
Fair weigh-in	September 16, 4:00-7:00 p.m.	
4-H Market & Breeding Stock Show	September 18, 9:00 a.m.	Livestock show arena
4-H Small Animal Sale	September 22, 10:00 a.m.	Order of sale: goats, chickens, turkeys, rabbits
Market Animal Load-out	September 24, 10:00 p.m.	See Job List for Club(s) responsible for 2022
Breeding Stock released & Barn Clean-up	September 25, 5:30 a.m.	See Job List for Club(s) responsible for 2022

