

**Date:** March 17, 2023

**To:** 4-H Rabbit Project Members and Leaders

**From:** Kayla Mitchell, Program Coordinator - 4-H Youth Development

**Re:** 2023 Rabbit Project Important Information

**NEW** for 2023: Any market pen that is overweight will be sent home. *Exception:* rabbits may be moved to breeding stock classes where appropriate.

#### Reminders

- **Countywide tattooing and registration** will be at the Fairgrounds near the rabbit barns on Wednesday August 9, 2023, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 13, 2023, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. All rabbit exhibitors must attend one of these dates.
- Each individual market rabbit must weigh **at least 3 lbs** at fair check-in. Each pen must weigh a minimum total of 9 lbs and maximum total of 17 lbs. Underweight **and overweight** pens will be ineligible to exhibit at the fair and will be sent home.
- There will be an “**unofficial**” set of scales available for use prior to getting in line at fair check-in on Friday, September 15, 2023. Please remember that you may weigh your rabbits officially only ONCE at the rabbit barn entrance.
- All rabbit exhibitors will be required to feed and water their own market or breeding stock rabbits each day between 6:00 - 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Exhibitors must clean under their cage every morning.
- **Dress Code** for *Showmanship* classes: Long sleeve white shirt, dark colored pants, and closed-toed shoes. Dress code for *CloverBud, Market, and Breeding Stock* classes: long sleeve shirt, dark colored pants, and closed-toed shoes.



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#### Important dates, deadlines and events

Event or Deadline	Date(s)	Comments
Initial tattooing & registration	August 9, 5:00 - 7:00p.m. August 13, 10:00a.m. - 1:00p.m	<b>Required for all exhibitors</b>
Barn set up	September 14, 5:00 - 7:00p.m.	See Job List for Club(s) responsible for 2023
Fair weigh-in/check-in	September 15, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.	
Interview and Skill-a-Thon	September 16, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.	<b>New date &amp; time for 2023</b>
4-H Market & Breeding Stock Show	September 17, 9:00 a.m.	Livestock show arena
4-H Small Animal Sale	September 21, 10:00 a.m.	Order of sale: rabbits, goats, chickens, turkeys
Market Animal Load-out	September 23, 10:00 p.m.	See Job List for Club(s) responsible for 2023
Breeding Stock released & Barn Clean-up	September 24, 5:30 a.m. until done	See Job List for Club(s) responsible for 2023