

Rabbit-Cavy Project

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Important information to know about your project:

Purchase all animals by May 1

Make sure your rabbits have the required ear tattoo. Cavy can have an ear tag, but it is not required. If you don't have access to getting a tattoo, you will have the option to add the tattoo during checkin of fairweek.

If you are showing a market pen:

The animals must be 70 day or less and weight between 3 and 5 pounds.

Every participant must turn in an ID sheet by **JUNE 1**, listing the animals you are bringing and the classes they will be shown in. These ID sheets are available at the MSUE office or online.

Progeny class : You are allowed to bring a doe and one of her offspring (either buck or doe) or a sow and one of her offspring (either boar or sow). The offspring should be between 3 and 6 months of age. Both animals will be required to show in their appropriate breed classes.

Hopping Class: refer to the guidelines available at the MSUE office or online. You must be enrolled in the rabbit project area to participate in this class.

If something happens to your project animal before fair, you must contact the superintendent and get a replacement form and wait for approval to bring an alternate animal.

Project Record Books are required along with your project. You only need to do 1 (one) record book (not one for each animal) Copies of record books are available at the MSUE office or online.

You will be required to attend at least 1 set-up day prior to fair.

You must do 2 hours for barn duty the week of fair.

Refer to sanilacounty4hfair.org for all rules pertaining to the Rabbit/Cavy Project

Important Dates:

November: 4-H Registration

May: Breed your market pen rabbits on May 15.

June: Rabbit Showmanship Spin Class will be every Tuesday night during the month of June at 6pm at the fairgrounds.

June: Rabbit/Cavy Expo @ Michigan State University

July: Make sure you are working with your project animals and getting your record books completed.

August: This is it!! Add finishing touches to your record book and fine tune your showmanship skills.

Fair Dates: August 20-26, 2017

Sunday, August 20, 6-8 p.m.--Check in animals
Record books due at checkin.

Monday, August 21, 9-12p.m.- Let superintendent know which animals are going to the Silent Auction by 5 p.m.

Thursday, August 24, Showday, see fairbook for times.
If you are selling in the silent auction you must help set up at 5 p.m.

Friday, August 25, Livestock Auction Day for market pen rabbits. Auction starts at 9:30 a.m.
Silent Auction for all other small animals. Auction runs from 12 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 26, Small animal sweepstakes for those who qualify.

Sunday, August 27, Clean up day. You are required to clean your pens before you leave and you must get approval from the superintendent that they are satisfactory before leaving the fairgrounds.