

2024 Holmes County Jr. Fair Rabbit Project Guidelines

Project Checklist

- Check the 4-H calendar for the most up-to-date information regarding our program
- Enroll in 4-H** through 4-HOnline (oh.4honline.com) by April 1. Individual clubs may set an earlier date.
- Attend Quality Assurance Training** - Check the 4-H calendar for up-to-date information. 2024 QA sessions in Holmes County will be held at Harvest Ridge on 2/20, 3/28, and 4/23. All sessions begin at 6:00 p.m. Per ODA rules, exhibitors must complete QA 45 days prior to the exhibition.
- Project Record Book:** Purchase, complete, and bring to a Skillathon interview to be graded.
- Possession Date:** The age limit for a single/pen of three fryers is 10 weeks, babies will be born May 29th – June 1st and MUST NOT be bred earlier than 100 days before the show (April 29, 2024).
- Tag:** All market rabbits will be tagged/tattooed on July 6th at Harvest Ridge. And checked for external parasites or ill health at the fair weigh-in Sunday, August 4, 2024
- Junior Fair Book:** Obtain and read a Holmes County Junior Fair Book for rules and regulations for our county fair. Read and follow all rules pertaining to your project.
- Project Completion:** Attend and participate in Holmes County 4-H Skillathon Interviews on either July 18 or July 22, 2024.
- Fair Entries** due by 11:59 pm on June 1: Make ALL fair entries online at <https://holmesjrfair.fairentry.com> for your animal(s).
- DUNF:** All market rabbit exhibitors must complete an electronic DUNF before check-in at the fair. See the Holmes County 4-H program newsletter for more information.



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Important Notes for Market Rabbit Projects

- **Rabbit Tattooing:** Exhibitors may bring up to 6 fryer rabbits to be tattooed. Ownership of each rabbit will be connected to a single exhibitor, with no “family” ownership. Tattooing will take place at Harvest Ridge on July 6, 2024.
- **Rabbit weigh-in:** Exhibitors may only bring three (3) Market Fryers for the Pen of Three project and one (1) for the single fryer project to be weighed.
- **Rabbit Weight Limits:** Minimum weight is 3.5 pounds per animal and maximum weight is 5.5 pounds per animal. If these weight requirements are not met (i.e. 3.0 lbs - 3.49 lbs. or over 5.6 lbs.) the exhibit will automatically be entered in the Over/Under Weight Class and will not compete for placing. If the animal is less than 3.0 lbs. the animal will be sent home.
- **Cleanliness:** Exhibitors must keep their rabbit pens clean; pens MUST be “emptied & cleaned” by 10:00 a.m. each morning and as needed during the day. ONLY pine shavings (NO cedar shavings/sawdust) and/or wheat straw will be accepted as bedding for all rabbit projects during the fair. This is to protect the health of your animal.
- **Sale Photograph:** Champions will be the only animals to enter the sale ring. Our goal is to display a clean and professional photo of every exhibitor with their animal during the time each exhibitor is selling. Please see the dress code and submit your photo in *landscape orientation* by July 31st to hclivestockphotos@gmail.com
- **Awards:** All exhibitors who receive a trophy, plaque, or other award sponsored by a donor are expected to send a Thank You note to the sponsor(s). Thank you, cards will be provided with your award. Please turn in your unsealed thank you card to the Jr. Fair Office by the end of the fair. The name and address of the sponsor can be found on the award. Contact the Jr. Fair secretary’s office if you cannot find it.
- **Outstanding Market Livestock Award:** The Holmes County Jr. Fair Outstanding Exhibitor Awards program was developed to recognize youth who go above and beyond in their species both in and out of the show ring. Exhibitors who wish to participate must enroll in the project in FairEntry, complete the skillathon/project record book judging (no make-up judging), and showmanship. Awards will be presented Saturday, August 10 at the 4-H Awards Ceremony in the Large Arena.