May 3, 2021

TO: Junior Fair Rabbit Exhibitor

FROM: May Carrington, Superintendent, Brown County Junior Fair Small Animal Department

Please share this letter with your parent or guardian.

Members please keep this letter. This is your information for the Small Animal Department this year. It contains important dates and other details. We realize this is a long letter, but please read it completely!

Due to COVID-19 this letter will not be mailed. Please save the email link. All exhibitor letters can be found at http://brown.osu.edu/exhibitorletters

The Junior Fair Small Animal Department would like to thank all of you who helped in any manner in 2020. For those of you who helped in the barn and those who gave donations, we want you to know that you are appreciated!

Quality Assurance - Any youth wishing to exhibit an animal at the fair is required to complete Quality Assurance. An animal project will be defined as any animal project that is exhibited at the fair EXCEPT: Companion Animals: dogs, cats, and projects taken through the Pet Rabbit or Pocket Pet projects. All Quality Assurance must be completed and documentation submitted to the OSU Extension office by July 1, 2021.

QA information can be found on the website here: https://go.osu.edu/brownqa

Quality Assurance may be taught by a school’s Agriculture Education teacher. If you are in an AgricultureEducation class, check with your teacher to confirm.

If you choose to attend QA through a different county or source, you are responsible for any associated fees and must submit your completed paperwork by the deadline of July 1st.

Please refer to the 2021 fairbook Junior Fair rules for animal project limits.

Rabbit tag-in will be Saturday, August 28th Fancy Rabbits from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and Meat Rabbit tag in from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Georgetown high school (FFA Area). You must bring the enclosed Rabbit Information Sheet with you to check-in. It is important that this form is filled out neatly and completely as this is what the department uses for the fair sale and shows. Please note that there are over 400 projects being exhibited in this department. The superintendent cannot call each of you, so please have the information filled out prior to coming to the check-in. Please use one form for each animal.
All members taking rabbit projects (fancy/breeding and market) are to bring their animals to the tag-in on August 28th. This is the possession deadline for these projects.

The following lists the number of meat animals you may tag-in on August 28th:

*The exhibitor is to bring the Market Project rabbits to tag-in: (only one of these projects are allowed)

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<th>Project Type</th>
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<td>Single Fryer Rabbit</td>
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<td>Rabbits (check-in 6 and show 3) (Tattoo 6 only)</td>
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**Those showing market rabbits, single fryer or pen of 3, can buy the rabbits, you do not need to bring a mother rabbit.** Meat rabbits are to be meat breeds of those species.

Pictures will not be taken at tag-in on August 28th. If you have to send your animal with someone else, please send your Small Animal Information sheet with them to tag-in.

Once again, all Small Animal projects will be tagged-in on Saturday, August 28th, from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. for Fancy/Breeding Rabbits, and 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. for all meat pen and single fryer rabbits at the Georgetown High school (FFA area).

It is very important that you understand that all rabbit projects are to be brought to tag-in on August 28th (This is not just for meat animals.) Doe and Litter exhibitors should only bring a photo of their project to tag-in on August 28th. Any animal not at tag-in will not show at the fair. Please mark this date on your calendar; we would like to have all of you to be able to show. There will not be any exceptions.

**Brown County Fair Information**

**Market/Meat project: Check-in time at the fair is Sunday, September 26th, from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. for meat rabbits at the Brown County Fair. Only market animals will be accepted at these times and not after. The weighmaster will only be there during these times. For example: if you are in line with another project somewhere else, be sure someone brings your project in for the weigh-in. If you do not have it weighed at this time, you do not show.**

All other small animal projects are to be at the fairgrounds on Sunday, September 26th from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Someone else can bring your animal.

Do not sit feed, water, etc. on top of the cages. There will be a designated area for you to store your feed for the entire week. You must have your name clearly written on your food container. (Anything that is left on top of the cages will be thrown away.) Members are responsible for keeping their area clean. NO tack boxes. Nothing larger than a coffee can.

More project information pertaining to the fair:

Rabbit projects will show on Tuesday, September 28th, at 9:00 a.m., in the Beef Barn Show arena. There will be three judges. In case there are any last-minute changes in the show times and location, this will be posted and announced in the Small Animal Barn. Remember, you may only show one rabbit per class. 30 Minutes after the show has ended you must notify the small animal superintendent if you will Not sell your rabbit.

**Rabbit class information:**

1. Junior Doe - 3 months to 6 months of age
2. Senior Doe - over 6 months of age
3. Junior Buck - 3 months to 6 months of age
4. Senior Buck - over 6 months of age
5. Doe & Litter - litter age must be at least 5 to 7 weeks old
   Minimum of 4 bunnies
6. Single Fryer* - 1 rabbit having a weight of 4 to 6 lbs. under the age of 85 days
7. Meat Pen* - 3 rabbits having a weight of 4 to 6 pounds for each rabbit and
Be prepared to show your project at the judge’s table. For those of you bringing the Doe and Litter in class 5, they should be brought in an adequately sized carrier to the judging area. The Doe and Litter will need to be checked in on Sunday September 26th and stay at the fair all week.

All market rabbits must be owned by the exhibitor and in their possession by day of tag-in. If a member is showing a meat pen of three rabbits and has one expire, they may not change to a single fryer. They can then do a poster as an exhibit. The exhibitor must notify the Superintendent of the loss.

All Grand Champion Rabbit projects will compete for the Overall Rabbit Award. (This will be the last class.) Remember, all Grand Champion projects need to remain in the show area to show in the overall class. The department will not come looking for you!

The Small Animal Barn will close at 9:00 p.m. every evening of the fair and re-open by 8:00 a.m. All animals not selling must be removed by 8:00 p.m. on Saturday night. All animals must be fed and watered on a daily basis, and your water supply should be kept fresh. Many people go through the barn; therefore, it is very important that they see the animals are being well cared for before, during and after the show!

Wednesday of the fair, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., there will be a mandatory cage cleaning. All bedding must be changed. All large rabbits, doe & litters, and market rabbits cages must be cleaned daily.

**Before leaving from the fair, you are responsible for cleaning up your cage and floor area.** We will not write any checks for the Small Animal Sale until all areas are cleaned.

Should something happen to your Small Animal project prior to the fair, you must notify the superintendent and then you may bring a poster or display and be interviewed by a judge on show day at the fair.

**Please note...**

1. The exhibitor or their family is responsible to check in their own animal.
2. On August 28th, the meat and commercial rabbit must be brought to tag-in. (Meat rabbits up to 3 babies for a single fryer project will be tattooed, and up to 6 babies for meat pen will be tattooed).
3. All exhibitors or their family are to have their own animal at check in. All exhibitors must have their completed paperwork in hand when you come to the August tag-in.
4. All paperwork will be stamped when you come through line.
5. If an exhibitor’s project is not kept at the residence, they must care for their own project daily.
6. Everyone selling their project is responsible to provide a standard size picture (4x6 landscape) of their project at weigh-in. (September 26th)
7. There will be no washing of small animals at the fairgrounds. Animals that need to be washed are to be washed and dried at home before the fair. (Do not remove any small animals from barn.)
8. During the shows and sale only exhibitors will be permitted in the small animal barn. Each exhibitor must remain in the barn until they are called. If you are not in the barn, the Small Animal Department will not wait for you.
9. Any animal not making weight will be shown for grade only – they will not sell.
10. It is each exhibitor’s responsibility to clean their cage or under their cage and aisle once a day.
11. No dumping of chips on the ground or in the garbage will be permitted. Anyone caught dumping will clean them up. They must be taken to the dairy barn manure pile.
12. If an exhibitor is unable to show or sell their own project, superintendent must be notified and must approve the reason and person who will be replacing the exhibitor. Each exhibitor is responsible to handle and show or sell their own animal unless there is a reasonable explanation why they cannot.
13. All cages and under them must be cleaned after the small animal sale. Please wait until after the sale is completed to do this. If an exhibitor chooses not to participate, there will be a $50.00 charge per Exhibitor

JUST A REMINDER…each exhibitor can only go through the sale one time unless they have more than one champion. All champions will sell.
JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITORS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE ASKED NOT TO SOLICIT BUYERS DURING THE JUNIOR FAIR SALES. PLEASE MAKE CONTACT WITH YOUR BUYERS BEFORE THE FAIR STARTS.

If you have any questions, please contact me, May Carrington, Superintendent of the Small Animal Department at (937) 441-0336 or email may.carrington@allegion.com.

Enclosure

c: Head Advisors
   Jr. Fair Small Animal Department
   FFA Instructors
   Rick Banyea

 Aug 28th – Tag in for Meat Rabbits 10:00-11:00 a.m. (Location Georgetown High School FFA)
 Aug 28th – Tag in for Fancy Rabbits 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. (Location Georgetown High School FFA)
 Sept 16th - Small animal barn clean up – Time TBA
 Sept 26th – Check in for Meat Rabbits 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
 Sept 26th – Check in for Fancy Rabbits 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
 Sept 28th – Rabbit show 9:00 a.m. (Beef Arena)
       Sale