

Rabbit Projects (Meat and Breeding)

For county project COMPLETION:

- Enroll in the correct project by the Enrollment Deadline
- Complete Quality Assurance by the July 1st Deadline
- Be a 4-H Member in Good Standing by meeting all club and county requirements
- Participate in Skill-a-thon & Project Book Check Days
- Obtain your animal by the required ownership & possession date

NOTE: 4-H members may also choose to exhibit their animals at the Brown County Junior Fair. Members are NOT required to exhibit at the fair to complete a 4-H project. But a project MUST be completed to be eligible for exhibition.

State Fair Qualification

- Meet all county requirements as of date of registration/competition
- Have completed Quality Assurance by June 1st
- Follow all Ohio State Fair Guidelines and Date for Livestock Competitions on <http://ohiostatefair.com>

For Project Dates & Times:

Ask your Club Advisor

Read your project letter <http://brown.osu.edu/exhibitorletters>

Look on the 4-H Calendar <https://brown.osu.edu/calendar> or check in the 4-H app

Complete All of the following for Project Book checks:

(located on page 7 of book)

- Identify goals and objectives
- Complete topic of interest
- Five or more new learning activities
- Two or more learning experiences
- Two or more leadership and citizenship activities
- Quality Assurance Section
- Animal Records Section – this section should be up-to-date to the date of project book checks

NOTE – some activities may be optional based on your project or project level. Refer to page 7 of your book to determine what level you are in the project.

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What to bring to Skill-a-thon & Project Book Checks:

- Completed Project Book

Brown County Junior Fair Exhibition Eligibility:

- Complete your project by set deadlines following the guidelines in this document
- Attend tag-in and submit appropriate paperwork by deadlines
- Submit Fair Entry by the set deadline
- Complete a DUNF by Friday before fair
- Follow all Ohio Department of Agriculture, Brown County Junior Fair and Goat Department Rules
 - Reference your project letter and the Brown County Junior Fair Book

Rule Reminders: (this is not an exhaustive list; refer to your project letter and fair book)

- You may only sell one market project unless you have multiple champions

Market Rabbit:

- Fair Exhibit: Single Fryer – 1 rabbit having a weight of 4 to 6 lbs. under the age of 85 days; Meat Pen – 3 rabbits of the same type, each weighing 4-6 lbs, no older than 85 days by weigh in and at judge's table in 3 pen carrier or a single rabbit same weight and age.

Breeding Rabbit:

- Fair Exhibit: Doe & Litter – Litter age must be at least 5 to 7 weeks old – minimum of 4 bunnies

Members cannot do both.

Useful Links

- Ohio State Fair Livestock: <https://www.ohiostatefair.com/p/get-involved/livestock>
- Quality Assurance: <http://go.osu.edu/brownqa>
- Ohio Revised Code for Animal Exhibitions: <https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/animal-health/Livestock+Exhibitions>

Note: Members enrolled in multiple animal projects that require skill-a-thon & book check must complete at least one skill-a-thon & book check for a project they are enrolled to be eligible for exhibition of all their animal projects. They are encouraged to complete skill-a-thon & book checks for all projects they are enrolled.

- The exception for this is members in Beef, Sheep, & Swine, these members MUST complete skill-a-thon for each of those species to be eligible to exhibit.
- If your species offers an Outstanding Exhibitor Award you may be required to complete skill-a-thon & book checks to be eligible for awards in that category.

