2026-2027 Ontario County 4-H Market Rabbit Program Rules

- Rabbits must be owned and in possession of 4-H member 8 weeks prior to fair.
- You must submit visual proof of having or rabbit pair in your possession by June 1st. You will submit a photo of your rabbit and it's tattoo to the 4-H office and have a "proof of age" document or pedigree including a kindling date.
- Between June 1st and the first day of fair, we ask that you record the weight of your rabbits 2 times. This can be done on a home scale. Please document this on your project record.
- Rabbits must be a commercial breed of rabbit. It can also be a mix of commercial breeds. Examples: Californian, Florida White, Silver Fox, New Zealand, Flemish Giant.
- Each rabbit in a meat pair must weigh between 3.5 – 9 pounds. The rabbit should be between 9 weeks-6 months of age. Meat pairs of 2 rabbits (no individuals) must all be the same breed and variety (color). All market rabbits weighing more than 9 pounds or less than 3.5 pounds will not be able to sell in the auction.
- Rabbit pairs will be shown as "fryers", "roasters" or "stewers" depending on age.
- All market rabbit classes will be judged on health, vigor, and market quality at the time of the show. The Danish System will be used. Only blue-ribbon rabbits judged in conformation classes by the official judge will be sold during the meat animal auction.
- Each project animal must meet State Health guidelines. All rabbits with disease, sickness or ear mites will not be accepted for exhibition at the Fair.
- It is the member's responsibility to prepare his/her animal for show.
- Participants are required to provide feed and bedding for their animals while on exhibit at the fairgrounds. Exhibitors are expected to help keep the barn aisles swept and looking presentable for the public.
- Participants need to communicate to the Auction Committee where their animal will be housed after the sale.
- Participants are required to show their own animals in the auction market class and must participate in showmanship.
  It is encouraged for additional meat rabbits to be raised and shown.

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