

# YOUTH MEAT RABBITS

## Youth Rabbit Meat Pen Competition and Compliance Statement

This year the York State Fair will be holding a rabbit meat pen competition as part of its fair scheduling. All rabbit meat pen entries will be included in the youth livestock sale to be held Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Rules for competing are as follows.

1. Youth must be an enrolled York County 4-H Rabbit and Small Animal club member and/or FFA member in good standing to participate in this show and sale. Barn checks may be conducted for every member participating in this project as deemed necessary by 4-H leaders and Extension Staff to ensure members are making progress with their projects.
2. Youth must notify their 4-H leader or FFA advisor by **APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>** of their intent to show a Market Pen at the York State Fair. Youth must enter their Market Pen through the York State Fair online entry system or by mail, pay close attention to the entry due date as this is a closed entry show.
3. An entry form must be sent to the York State Fair or submitted online by **July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**.
4. You must own the doe(s) by April 1<sup>st</sup> and kit's must be kindled in the owner's rabbitry. Plan to breed your does 100 days or less from the day of the show but not before **APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2021** (100 days before the start of the York State Fair)
5. All rabbits must be tattooed prior to the fair and in the presence of a York County 4-H Rabbit and Small Animal Club leader, FFA advisor or a York County Extension Agent. Youth may tattoo up to ten rabbits but may only show their top three rabbits at the Fair. The tattoo date for 2022 is to be determined by the York Co 4-H office.
6. Members may only show and sell rabbits younger than 69 days old as of the check in at the York State Fair.
7. All rabbits must be accepted ARBA breeds and EACH rabbit in the Meat Pen (consisting of three rabbits) MUST weigh between at least 3 ½ pounds and no more than 5 ½ pounds at York State Fair check in. Ideal average weight is 5 pounds.
8. The 2022 York State Fair Rabbit Show is the first Monday of the fair (Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9am). Members do not need to be present at the show but are encouraged to be there to hear the judge's comments on their Market Pen as a learning experience.
9. Youth may enter one Market pen (consisting of three rabbits) per exhibitor. The Champion and Reserve Champion Market pens MUST be sold at the Livestock Sale on the second Friday of the York State Fair, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. All exhibitors selling must be present at the sale and bring the rabbits into the sale ring. Appropriate dress is expected.
10. A compliance statement must be brought with the rabbits submitted. All entries must be within the guidelines as presented above.

By signing below you are stating that your entries are all in compliance with all rules as listed above and will fill out the additional compliance statement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Exhibitor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Exhibitor

**2022 YORK STATE FAIR**  
**COMPLIANCE STATEMENT – YOUTH RABBIT MEAT PEN**  
(    ) 4-H                      (    ) FFA

Exhibitor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed(s) of rabbits: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Variety(color): \_\_\_\_\_

1: I certify that the above exhibitor notified me (or other FFA- 4-H representative) of the intent to show a meat pen at the York State Fair before the does were bred.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

2: I certify that the above exhibitor notified by \_\_\_\_\_ (date or dates) that the does have kindled in his/he rabbitry. You may do this through email (4hyorkrabbit@gmail or pat14@psu.edu) and then have form signed at the next meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

3: I certify that the tattoo numbers listed below were tattooed in the left ear of each rabbit:

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|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 2. _____ | 3. _____ | 4. _____ | 5. _____  |
| 6. _____ | 7. _____ | 8. _____ | 9. _____ | 10. _____ |

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS STATEMENT MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE YORK STATE FAIR WITH  
THE RABBITS.**