

2026 RABBIT DATES

Mandatory Meeting and Skill-a-Thon are required to Attend Fair
All Rabbits MUST be Tattooed and/or Health Checked to Attend Fair

Mandatory Meetings

February 18, 2026 at 7:30pm in the Event Center at the Fairgrounds

April 8, 2026 at 7:00pm-Make up meeting & new members in the Event Center at the Fairgrounds

Quality Assurance (Mandatory for Market Projects)

March 28, 2026 at Mahoning County Career & Technical Center (MCC&TC) at 8am

Quality Assurance Make-Up is Tuesday, April 14, 2026 6:30pm – 9:00pm at the Extension Office

Quality Assurance Make-Up is Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 9:00am – 11:30am at the Extension Office

Skill-A-Thon (Mandatory)

June 23, 2026 at 4:00pm – 8:00pm at the Event Center at the Fairgrounds. You must be signed in by 7pm.

Skill-A-Thon Make – Up is August 22, 2026 at 8:00am – 10:00am at Barn 35 at the Fairgrounds

Tattoo & Health Check Clinics

All rabbits MUST be Tattooed and/or Health Checked at the scheduled clinic every year.

April 29, 2026 at 6:00pm – 8:00pm at Barn 35 at the Fairgrounds

(This clinic is for Market Does, Doe & Litter Does and Breed Rabbits)

May 13, 2026 at 6:00pm – 8:00pm at Barn 35 at the Fairgrounds

(This is the last clinic for Market Does and Doe & Litter Does. This is the 2nd clinic for Breed Rabbits)

July 15, 2026 at 6:00pm-8:00pm at Barn 35 at the Fairgrounds

(This clinic is for Market Roasters and is the LAST clinic for Breed Rabbits.)

August 22, 2026 at 8:00am-10:00am at Barn 35 at the Fairgrounds. ***Market pictures are due by Midnight***

MARKET RABBITS and DOE & LITTER PROJECTS ONLY. (Bring your Market Does and Does with your Litters)

Rabbit Clinics -- Meetings are at 7:00 pm

March 4, 2026 – “What you need for fair” & “Breeding for Market and Doe & Litter” at the Event Center

April 8, 2026 -Skill-A-Thon practice & Showmanship demonstration at the Event Center Classroom

April 21, 2026 – All Market Animals at the Event Center

May 6, 2026- Showmanship Clinic at Barn #35 at the Fairgrounds ***Bring your rabbit***

Breeding Dates -- These dates are estimated

Roaster Rabbits- March 3, 2026 – May 3, 2026 (Roasters need to be 90 – 150 days old)

Market Rabbits – May 3, 2026 – June 2, 2026 (Rabbits need to be 60-90 days old)

Doe & Litter Rabbits – June 6, 2026 – June 20, 2026 (Litter needs to be 6-8 weeks old)

Important Dates

4-H Enrollment is due by March 15, 2026 and Jr. Fair Enrollment is due by April 7, 2026

Small & Exotic Animal Fun Show is Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 9am at Barn 35 at the Fairgrounds.

Market Livestock Ice Cream Social is July 14, 2026 at the Event Center at the Fairgrounds

Jr. Fair Entries are due by August 1, 2026 & Market pictures are due by August 22, 2026

Doe & Litter Books are due at Check In for the Fair. Monday, August 31, 2026 by 8pm.

Market Books are due Sunday, June 6, 2026 at 9am at the Rabbit Office in Barn #35.

Market Check Night is October 13, 2026 at 6:30pm at the Event Center at the Fairgrounds