The Union County Fair Rabbit Skillathon will take place on Thursday, July 25. Seniors will begin at 9:00 am, Juniors and Intermediates will begin at 9:45 am. The Richwood Fair Rabbit Skillathon will be held Friday, August 30, at 9:00 am in the Show Arena.

Exhibitors should bring their completed 2019 Union County Livestock Record Book and a pencil. This Study Guide gives information about the stations that will be in the Rabbit Skillathon. Age divisions for skillathon will be as follows (your age as of January 1, 2019): Juniors: Ages 8-10, Intermediates: Ages 11-13, Seniors: Ages 14-18.

Station #1 Project Record
A skillathon moderator will review your Union County Livestock Record and award points for completion. You can download a 2019 Union County Livestock Record Book at: [https://go.osu.edu/2019LivestockRecordBook](https://go.osu.edu/2019LivestockRecordBook) You should have your Livestock Record Book completed prior to arriving at Skillathon. Be sure to complete ALL sections of the record book.

A completed FFA Animal Enterprise Record Book can be used: (print out and bring completed, printed copy).

Station #2 Interview Station
You will be asked 5 questions by an interview judge based on your Rabbit Project. You will earn 6 points for each correct answer. All questions are based on your Rabbit Resource Handbook (228R). Samples of the types of questions you may be asked are included with this Study Guide.

Station #3 Quality Assurance
You will be asked questions about Good Production Practices (GPP) # 7, 8 & 9.
- GPP #7: Practice Good Environmental Stewardship
- GPP #8: Maintain Proper Workplace Safety
- GPP#9: Provide Proper Animal Handling and Care

Juniors will be asked about basic Quality Assurance concepts, such as how to promote health and be safe while working around animals, and basics of animal care and handling.

Intermediates and Seniors will be asked questions about all 3 of the above GPP’s Topics. The outline of this year’s Union County Quality Assurance (QA) sessions can be found at: [https://go.osu.edu/2019QAHandout](https://go.osu.edu/2019QAHandout)

Station #4 Biosecurity
Please use the following link from Ohio State to view the article on Biosecurity Measures from the Alabama Cooperative Extension [https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/animal_science/Rabbit%20RHD2%20full%20document_0.pdf](https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/animal_science/Rabbit%20RHD2%20full%20document_0.pdf)
All levels-
- Know the definition of biosecurity (article in the link above)
- The ratio of bleach to water for a cleaning solution (Rabbit Resource Handbook p.53)

Juniors- Will be shown an example of rabbit housing with 10 things that are wrong or unsafe. Juniors must be able to pick out 5 things that are wrong/not safe for the rabbit and tell why. (Examples could be lack of water, predators nearby, etc.)

Intermediates- Will refer to the link above for information on the following:
- What are the two biosecurity level practices among animal production systems?
- What are the three general sources for health threats to a rabbitry?

Seniors- Will refer to the link above for information on the following:
- What are the two biosecurity level practices among animal production systems?
- What are the three general sources for health threats to a rabbitry?
- What are the five key principles of a biosecurity program?
**Station #5 RHD2**
Rabbit hemorrhagic disease virus 2 (RHD2) is a viral disease that causes sudden death in rabbits. With this disease appearing in Ohio, we feel it is important for all exhibitors to be informed of this disease.

Please refer to the following letter from Ohio State: [https://go.osu.edu/RabbitRHDNotice](https://go.osu.edu/RabbitRHDNotice)

*** All levels should use the letter from OSU to be prepared to answer questions on the KEY INFORMATION and SYMPTOMS

**Juniors**- should be able to list 2 symptoms, 2 ways it is spread, and 2 ways to minimize risk

**Intermediates/ Seniors**- should be able to list 3 symptoms, 3 ways it is spread, and 3 ways to minimize risk

**ALL**- Will be asked some true/ false questions pertaining to the letter

**Station #6 Rabbit Breed I.D.**
Juniors
You will be asked questions about rabbit breeds. Not all breeds are in your Rabbit Resource Handbook (228R), so please refer to ARBA first ([https://arba.net/recognized-breeds/](https://arba.net/recognized-breeds/)). Standard of Perfection, then Chapter 3 in your Rabbit Resource Book. You will have a word bank and be asked to match 14 pictures with the breed.

**Station #6 Showmanship Examination**
Intermediates
You will be asked questions through a series of pictures about what to look for when examining your rabbit for showmanship. You will be asked to name 3 items from each picture.


**Station #6 Feed Tag Analysis**
Seniors
Seniors should be prepared to read a feed tag and answer questions about it. Information can be found from the following resources:

- 4H Market Rabbit Project and Record Book p.31 or this link [http://starkcountyjrfair4h.com/files/rabbits_feedtag.JPG](http://starkcountyjrfair4h.com/files/rabbits_feedtag.JPG)
- Kalmbach Feeds- How to read a Feed Tag handout- Seniors should know what information is on a feed tag according to this handout. You should be able to list the 8 items on a feed tag (no explanation will be required.) [http://go.osu.edu/HowtoReadFeedTag](http://go.osu.edu/HowtoReadFeedTag)

**Tie Breaker (Optional) - Rabbit Breeds**
Be prepared to answer questions about 2 specific rabbit breeds. You will be asked questions about the Jersey Wooly and the Britannia Petite breeds. Please study the Standard of Perfection and American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) website for information.
Interview Sample Questions

Breeding Rabbit Project

**Junior Age Exhibitors:**

1. What is a pedigree?
2. What is a male rabbit called? What is female rabbit called? What is a newborn called?
3. According to ARBA how many breeds of rabbits are there?
4. What is ARBA?
5. What is the range of gestation for rabbits?
6. What is the most important nutrient?
7. Name a breed of meat and breed of fancy rabbit.
8. What is a disqualification?
9. What is the 4-H Motto?
10. When should kits open their eyes?

**Intermediate Exhibitors: (and all of the above questions)**

1. What is the treatment for Vent Disease?
2. Why should you tattoo a rabbit?
3. What is coprophagy?
4. Describe a newborn kit?
5. What is a disqualification? And name one.
6. What is VCPR?

**Senior Exhibitors: (and all of the above questions)**

1. Rabbits are broken into two categories 4/6 class. What are the levels of the 6 Class rabbits?
2. What is wry neck and the two ways to take care of the problem?
3. What are the four breeding programs? And give a brief description of two?
4. What is the difference between a rabbit and hare?
5. Name a rabbit breed that originated in France.

**Market Project:**

**Junior Age Exhibitors:**

1. What is the range of weight for a meat pen at this fair?
2. Which is more dangerous to your rabbit, hot or cold weather?
3. What is the most important nutrient?
4. What is the 4-H Motto?
5. What is the maximum age of a meat pen?
6. Rabbits that are sold for meat are divided into 3 classes, what are they?
7. What does it mean to cull a rabbit?
8. What is coccidiosis? And what is the best way to control it?
**Intermediate Age Exhibitors:** (example questions below and all of the above)

1. What is VCPR?
2. What is a disqualification? And name one.
3. What are the four types of fur found in recognized breeds of rabbits?
4. What does the bacteria in the hindgut do for a rabbit?
5. What bacteria cause pneumonia in a rabbit?
6. Define hindleg?
7. A doe and a litter of eight eat approximately ____pounds of feed to produce market sized fryers.

**Senior Age Exhibitors:**

1. What are the serving portions from a rabbit?
2. Name a privilege, a responsibility, and a reward that you have as a 4-H animal owner? (chap 13)
3. What is Balanced Ration?
4. According to the text on page 82 of the Rabbit Resource book, what are six nutritional qualities of domestic rabbit meat?
5. According to Standard of Perfection, what are the four factors, by order of importance, for judging meat pens?
6. What is the ideal age for a rabbit’s pelt to be in its first prime according to the Rabbit Resource Handbook?