

# Rabbit-Cavy Project

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Important information to know about your project:

Purchase all animals by May 1

Make sure your rabbits have the required ear tattoo. Cavy can have an ear tag, but it is not required. If you don't have access to getting a tattoo, you will have the option to add the tattoo during checkin of fairweek.

If you are showing a market pen:

The animals must be 70 day or less and weight between 3 and 5 pounds.

When filling out ID sheets, Do NOT include the market pen rabbits as part of the 8 animals you are bringing. That is for animals showing in the breed classes only. Just circle yes or no, as to whether you are doing a market pen project.

Every participant must turn in an ID sheet by **JUNE 1**, listing the animals you are bringing and the classes they will be shown in. These ID sheets are available at the MSUE office or online.

Every participant must turn in a Cleanliness Policy form that is signed. This means that you will keep your animal and pen clean ALL week.

**Progeny class** : You are allowed to bring a doe and one of her offspring (either buck or doe). The offspring should be between 3 and 6 months of age. Both animals will be required to show in their appropriate breed classes.

Hopping Class: refer to the guidelines available at the MSUE office or online.

If something happens to your project animal before fair, you must contact the superintendent and get a replacement form and wait for approval to bring an alternate animal.

Project Record Books are required along with your project. You only need to do 1 (one) record book (not one for each animal) Copies of record books are available at the MSUE office or online.

You will be required to attend at least 1 set-up day prior to fair.

You must do 2 hours for barn duty the week of fair.

Refer to [sanilaccounty4hfair.org](http://sanilaccounty4hfair.org) for all rules pertaining to the Rabbit/Cavy/Pocket Pet Project.

## Important Dates:

**November:** 4-H Registration

**May:** Breed your market pen rabbits on May 15.

**June:** Rabbit Showmanship Spin Class will be every Tuesday night during the month at 6pm at the fairgrounds.

**June:** Rabbit/Cavy Expo @ Michigan State University

**July:** Make sure you are working with your project animals and getting your record books completed.

**August:** This is it!! Add finishing touches to your record book and fine tune your showmanship skills.

## Fair Dates: August 20-26, 2017

**Sunday, August 20,** 6-8 p.m.--Check in animals  
Record books due at checkin.

**Monday, August 21,** 9-12p.m.- Let superintendent know which animals are going to the Silent Auction by 5 p.m.

**Thursday, August 24,** Showday, see fairbook for times.  
If you are selling in the silent auction you must help set up at 5 p.m.

**Friday, August 25,** Livestock Auction Day for market pen rabbits. Auction starts at 9:30 a.m.  
Silent Auction for all other small animals. Auction runs from 12 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, August 26,** Small animal sweepstakes for those who qualify.

**Sunday, August 27,** Clean up day. You are required to clean you pens before and you must get approval from the superintendent that they are satisfactory before leaving the fairgrounds.

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