

The Lima RBA was formed in 1916 with two ARBA legends, Vern Ashton and John Fehr, among its founders. The club hosted the 1924 National Convention with the national organization then actually being called the National Breeders and Fanciers Association. At this Convention the name was changed to the American Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association. So the Lima RBA has a long history with the ARBA and its predecessors!

All clubs go through difficult times, and Lima is no different. But with the help of so many dedicated members, it has come back as strong as ever. While most members are from the Lima area, we do boast multiple members from Central, Northwest, and Southwest Ohio. Our current officers are: Terry Fender, President; Suzy Meier, Vice-President; Anne Smedley, Secretary; Carole Okuley, Treasurer; and Directors Garrett Thompson, Jeanna Basinger, and Gloria Schroeder. Monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM on the Allen County Fairgrounds in Lima, Ohio.

In mid-April of each year, the club hosts its annual animal and equipment auction in Lima with the primary purpose of helping junior fair exhibitors purchase their projects. Starting in 2016, the club brought back its rabbit clinic held in conjunction with the auction.

During fair season, our club sponsors awards for fairs in counties with active Lima RBA youth members participating.

We host two all-breed rabbit and cavy double shows each year. Our shows are currently held on the Auglaize County Fairgrounds in Wapakoneta, Ohio. The show staff consists of Amanda Behee (Open) and Gloria Schroeder (Youth) as Show Secretaries and Papa Don Schroeder as Show Superintendent with Anne Smedley and Garrett Thompson as Assistants. To encourage attendees to serve as writers, we offer a writer's raffle. And we also pay the official registrar a small "thank you" fee. We always try to utilize a combination of local and "long distance" judges to give everyone an opportunity to see some new faces behind the table. We currently use 12 rabbit judges and 2 cavy judges at each show with the number stepping up to 14 rabbit judges in Fall 2020. Specialty clubs are invited to host their shows in conjunction with ours. Over the past few years some of the breeds to host a specialty show are American Chinchilla, Jersey Wooly, Netherland Dwarf, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, and Polish. Our club currently owns 17 scales so that each all-breed and specialty judge shall have easy access to one as well as mats for all judges to stand on.

The Lima RBA invites our fellow fanciers to attend our upcoming shows. Please mark June 9, 2019 and September 22, 2019 on your calendars. Also, our club is sponsoring a Jersey Wooly specialty show on the evening of June 8. Looking a little farther out into 2020, please note June 14 and September 20! We work hard to put on quality shows so that all of our exhibitors return home having had a fun time! Please check out our website at [www.LimaRBA.com](http://www.LimaRBA.com) for more in-depth information on our shows! And while there,

why not register for our mailing list so that show flyers may be emailed directly to your inbox?

If you live in the Lima area, how about joining us? New members are always welcome!  
Please email [info@LimaRBA.com](mailto:info@LimaRBA.com) for further information!\