As a member of the Junior Market Animal Project, you are required to submit your records as part of an educational project notebook in order to show your animal at the Oceana County Fair. This notebook must be shown to the Rabbit Superintendent or designated Small Market Weighmaster at the time of weigh-in and then entered by you in the Educational Notebook Division at the Oceana County Fair on Entry Day.

NUMBER OF YEARS IN PROJECT: __________

AGE: __________

Your age you enter depends on how old you were on January 1, 2017.

Use this sheet as the first page of your project record book. Fill it out completely.

Please print or type neatly.

Name ____________________________________________________________

4-H Club Name ____________________________________________________

Breed, Variety and Age of Doe:

________________________________________________________________________

Breed Variety Age

Breed, Variety and Age of Buck used:

________________________________________________________________________

Breed Variety Age

Do you own the buck? ____ Yes _____ No

Date of Kindling: ______________________________________________________

No. of live kits: __________ No. of non-live kits: __________
JUDGE'S SCORE/COMMENT SHEET

(PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE, PLACE THIS SHEET IN SHEET PROTECTOR OR GLUE TO COVER). This sheet must be kept free to the judge to write their comments.

This sheet should help each junior market member understand their ribbon placing.

A. Specific educational value or worth
   __ All questions were answered completely
   __ All calculations were correct
   __ Calculations were incorrect
   __ Questions were not completely answered
   __ Questions were not answered (missed questions)

B. Notebook contains all project records
   __ Notebook contained all project records and were fully completed
   __ Notebook contained additional project related information (research materials etc.)
   __ Project records were incomplete
   __ There was no additional project related information

C. Accuracy, neatness and general appearance
   __ Notebook was neat in appearance (typed/hand printed)
   __ Notebook pages were clean and stain free
   __ Notebook pages were in order and complete
   __ Notebook pages were out of order and missing pages
   __ Notebook was difficult to read and messy
   __ Notebook had wrinkled and stained pages

Other Comments: __________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

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OBJECTIVES

1. Develop desirable work habits, sportsmanship, and ability to cooperate and express ideas through participation in projects, discussions, method demonstrations, judging teams, and exhibits.
2. Experience the pride and responsibility of leasing/owning and caring for rabbits.
3. Learn how to feed, fit, show, breed and raise rabbits.
4. Learn proper handling procedures to prevent injuries to members and their rabbit projects.
5. Appreciate and use scientific information in rabbit production and marketing.
6. Improve knowledge of grading, marketing and merchandising of rabbits and rabbit products.
7. Improve knowledge of the nutritive value of rabbit meat.
8. Learn the importance of the rabbit industry to the local, state, and national economies.
9. Acquire information on the opportunity that rabbits offer as a career.

This record book is part of your Junior Market Rabbit project. By keeping records up-to-date you will be able to see how much progress you make as you set goals and work to accomplish them. Write or type neatly and clearly. Please keep the pages in order. Feel free to add extra pages at the end of your notebook.

SCORING CRITERIA
The following breakdown will be used during the judging process of all market livestock notebooks.

A. Specific educational value or worth 30%
B. Creative way of showing what has been learned 10%
C. Notebooks contains all project records 50%
D. Accuracy, neatness and general appearance 10%

The Oceana County Oceana Agricultural Society encourages Leader and parent assistance with your project and project notebook.

**If a parent or leader** helped you in filling out your notebook please have them sign below that the answers are YOUR answers and that they assisted you in writing of the answers and understanding of the questions only.

________________________________________________________________________
(Signature of person helping with notebook)
________________________________________________________________________
(Printed name by member)
ABOUT YOUR RABBITS

My Rabbits Names are: (if you did not name your market rabbits, what is the name of your showmanship rabbit)

__________________________________________________________________

My Rabbits breeds are: ________________________________

My Rabbits favorite thing to do is: ________________________________

__________________________________________________________________

MARKETING

One of the most important parts of any market animal project is marketing. This may include writing letters and talking to prospective buyers. Color in the face, a smiling face is a good action, a frowning face is a bad action. (see the example)

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<td>Go with an adult to speak with your potential buyers and try to answer their questions</td>
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<td>Only thank those who agree to be listed as a potential buyer</td>
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ANIMAL CARE AND MANAGEMENT

Your project requires regular care and management. List the things necessary to take care of your project animal(s).

Include the following:

✓ Feeding and watering practices
✓ Grooming (clipping, toenail trimming, etc.)
✓ Health practices and medicines
✓ General Management (cleaning cages/living area, etc.)

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COST OF YOUR PROJECT

INVENTORY - EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES/MISCELLANEOUS

* While working on the project cost section, have an adult or older teen help you with figuring the numbers.

This is important to see that a market project is not free.

At the beginning of the project year take an inventory of what equipment & supplies are on hand.

Add new equipment or supplies you purchase to the list. Estimate a cost value for any shared equipment (ex: 1 set of nail clippers shared between 3 members $21.00÷3 = $7.00 each.)

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<td>1 feed bowl</td>
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Miscellaneous Expenses- if any (ex: breeding fees, cost of does, bucks, bunnies, medicines, etc.)

Example: 4 bunnies | Purchased | $40.00 |

Total (A) $
FEED RECORDS & EXPENSES

Keeping good feed records is important. Good records show your expenses for feed and what kind of feed you use for your project. A good practice is to enter your feed expenses when you buy feed. Home-raised feeds should be valued at market price - what it can be sold for.

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<td>TOTAL (B)</td>
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MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

List any income received. Examples: Selling additional offspring, fur, premiums from shows, etc.) If none just write NONE.

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Total Miscellaneous Income (C) $
AGE & WEIGHT CHART

Date of Weaning: _______________  Age at Time of Weaning: _______________

Weight at time of Weaning:  
Rabbit No. 1 _______________
Rabbit No. 2 _______________
Rabbit No. 3 _______________

Final Weight:  
Rabbit No. 1 _______________
Rabbit No. 2 _______________
Rabbit No. 3 _______________

Total Final Weight (FW) of Market Rabbit Pen:  ______________

PROJECT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Grand Total of All Expenses (A+B):  $ _________________ (from pgs. 5 & 6)

Total Expenses – Any Income (C) = $ _________________ (PE)

\[
\frac{\text{Project Expense (PE)}}{\text{Final Weight (FW)}} = \text{Break Even Price (BE)}
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\text{Break Even Price (BE)} = \frac{\text{Project Expense (PE)}}{\text{Final Weight (FW)}}
\]

** have your parent, leader or an older teen in your club help you figure out your breakeven price. The breakeven price is the price that you need to get at the Junior Market animal auction in order to not lose money on your market project. **
IDENTIFY THE PARTS OF THE RABBIT

(Write the letter of the part next to its name)

_______ BACK  ____  BACK LEG  ____  BELLY
_______ CLAWS  ____  EAR  ____  EYE
_______ FRONT LEG  ____  HIP  ____  MOUTH
_______ NECK  ____  NOSE  ____  RIBS
_______ RUMP  ____  SHOULDER  ____  TAIL
_______ TOES
TRUE OR FALSE (CIRCLE T for TRUE or F for FALSE)

1. You should begin grooming your rabbits for show at least 6 weeks before show time?  
   T  F

2. Water is the most important nutrient to a rabbit?  
   T  F

3. The most common method of identification is tattooing?  
   T  F

4. You should tattoo your rabbit on its stomach?  
   T  F

5. You should wean your rabbit at 2-4 weeks old?  
   T  F

6. A healthy rabbit should have a wet nose?  
   T  F

7. You should carry your rabbit holding the rabbit between your arm and your body with its eyes covered?  
   T  F

8. It's a good idea to play a radio near your rabbits' hutch to get it used to the noise?  
   T  F

9. Kits are born very furry with their eyes wide open?  
   T  F

10. Different rabbits need different amounts of feed?  
    T  F

11. A Buck is a female rabbit?  
    T  F

12. Rabbits must be commercial meat type to bring to the Oceana County Fair for the auction?  
    T  F

13. Rabbits must be sold in a pen of 2 for the Fair?  
    T  F

14. Each market rabbit must weigh at least 2.5 lbs. to bring to sell at the Junior Market Auction?  
    T  F
PROJECT INFORMATION

What Does Not Belong?

In each statement one word does not belong, X (cross) out that word.

1. Rabbits have: fur, eyes, muzzles, beaks
2. Rabbits eat: grains, water, pizza, pellets
3. The people who help me take care of and learn about my rabbits are:
   - my parents, the veterinarian, the mailman, my club leader
4. Rabbit breeds: Californian, Flemish Giant, Muscovy, New Zealand

WHAT DOES YOUR RABBIT NEED?

(have an adult help you read the following & then circle those items that your rabbit needs below)

All living creatures need certain things to survive, like food, water and shelter. Farmers take care of their animals to make sure they are healthy and comfortable. If any rabbits are sick the farmer will treat them with the help of the veterinarian.

FARMER CAKE VETERINARIAN CAGE
WATER PELLETS PUMPKINS CANDY
**Identify Good & Bad Character Actions**

Color in the face, a smiling face is a good action, a frowning face is a bad action. (see the example)

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<td>Feed Animals on Time</td>
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<td>Clean cages daily</td>
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<td>Share your equipment if asked</td>
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<td>Insult competitors</td>
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How did you show good character this year? Did you help someone, or maybe you treated your animals extra special?

________________________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________________
**4-H KNOWLEDGE**

**The 4-H Pledge**: Draw a line to the picture that fills in the blank (see the example)

I pledge…

My ____________ to clearer thinking,

My ____________ to greater loyalty,

My ____________ to larger service, and

My ____________ to better living,

for my ________________,

my ________________,

my ________________,

and my ________________.

Number of club meetings held: _________ Number I attended: _________
MY STORY
(Interesting things that happened to me and my animal this year, challenges, highlights of my year or ANYTHING I would like to share about my overall experience. You can even draw a picture of you and your animals if you prefer).

POTENTIAL BUYERS NAMES

As part of your Junior Market project, you must personally contact at least five potential buyers before the Oceana County Fair. You are encouraged to seek two new buyers that have not been asked or submitted before. You also must have at least three different buyers than those of your siblings in the market livestock project. Please confirm with your buyers their accurate mailing address (example: post office box vs. a street address). The information on page 14 must be completed and taken to the Oceana County MSU Extension Office on or before the due date where it will be copied and used to send out letters to your potential buyers. This page will remain in your notebooks. This is an Oceana Agricultural Society rule. Failure to comply will result in not being able to sell your animal in the Junior Market Auction. Please have all buyers signatures on (1) one sheet as copies need to be made at the MSUE office.
**JUNIOR MARKET/SMALL MARKET POTENTIAL BUYER’S LIST**  
**RABBIT PROJECT (AGES 5-8)**

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*Please print business names and complete addresses clearly.*

1. Contact Name
   - Business Name
   - **Mailing** Address
   - Phone
   - Signature

2. Contact Name
   - Business Name
   - **Mailing** Address
   - Phone
   - Signature

3. Contact Name
   - Business Name
   - **Mailing** Address
   - Phone
   - Signature

4. Contact Name
   - Business Name
   - **Mailing** Address
   - Phone
   - Signature

5. Contact Name
   - Business Name
   - **Mailing** Address
   - Phone
   - Signature

(Must be stamped by the MSU Extension Office)
PICTURES OF YOUR PROJECT

(Please use this page for your project pictures. Add additional pages if you would like. The judges appreciate you labeling the pictures so they know what the picture shows.)
**NON-CLUB POINTS**

**JUNIOR/SMALL MARKET PROJECT**
*(This must be filled out by participant before presenting for signatures at the MSUE office)*

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