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, 2018.

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:

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Breed, Variety and Age of Buck used:

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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: __________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
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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<th>Good Marketing Practice</th>
<th>Poor Marketing Practice</th>
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<td>Send a reminder to attend the auction</td>
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<td>Let an adult talk to the buyer instead of you talking to them</td>
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<td>Make sure to explain they are signing to be a potential buyer, they are NOT signing that they are required to buy your animal</td>
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<td>Send a picture to your potential buyers and keep in touch with them</td>
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<td>Make sure to visit your previous buyers</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**

** have your parent, leader or an older teen in your club work with you to help you understand this portion of your notebook - expenses, etc. **

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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<th>Amount &amp; Kind</th>
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<th>Purchase Price</th>
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<td>Example: rabbit pen</td>
<td>Already Owned</td>
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<td>1 feed bowl</td>
<td>Purchased</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
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**Miscellaneous Expenses - if any (ex: breeding fees, cost of does, bucks, bunnies, medicines, etc.)**

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<td>Example: 4 bunnies</td>
<td>Purchased</td>
<td>$40.00</td>
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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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<th>Date of Purchase</th>
<th>Amount Purchased (lbs.)</th>
<th>Cost or Value</th>
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<td><strong>TOTAL (B)</strong></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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<td><strong>Total Miscellaneous Income (C)</strong></td>
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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)  
Project Expense

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

(total cost per pound to raise your animal)

** 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. **
COLOR THE PARTS THE FOLLOWING

BELLY- GREEN  LOIN- PURPLE  TAIL- BLUE
EARS- RED  NECK- ORANGE  TOES- RED
EYES- BLUE  NOSE- GREEN
LEGS- YELLOW  RUMP- ORANGE
TRUE OR FALSE (CIRCLE T for TRUE or F for FALSE)

1. It is good to expose your rabbit to noises, different lighting conditions, and to handle it often to get it ready for a show?  
   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. When picking your showmanship rabbit, make sure to choose one that is the appropriate size for you and not too large?  
   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. You can talk during showmanship classes whenever you feel like it?  
   T  F

9. When the show is over, you should ask the judge how you can improve for future shows?  
   T  F

10. When working to pose your rabbit you should cover the rabbit’s head and eyes with your hand?  
    T  F

11. Your appearance matters when showing your animal, it counts for 10 points on the scorecard?  
    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 3 for the Fair?  
    T  F

14. Each market rabbit must weigh at least 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:  **snouts**,  eyes,  muzzles,  dewlops

2. Rabbits eat:  **grains**,  water,  pellets,  corn

3. The people who help me take care of and learn about my rabbits are:
   
   my dentist,  the veterinarian,  my parents,  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. Shelters should have shade and not be in the direct sunlight, they sometimes contain straw for nesting. Along with pellets, small amounts of hay may be given to your rabbits. Corn is not safe for them to eat.

- Farmer
- Cake
- Veterinarian
- Cage
- Water
- Pellets
- Pumpkins
- Straw
- Shade
- Hay
- Candy
- Corn
**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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<th>RAISING and SHOWING an ANIMAL with CHARACTER</th>
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<td>♫ Feed Animals on Time</td>
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<td>☺ Complain about the judge</td>
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<td>☺ Ask for help if you need it</td>
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<td>☺ Leave animals outside without shelter</td>
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<td>☺ Help someone if they look like they need help</td>
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<td>☺ Have someone else complete your notebook</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**: __________________________
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(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.)
Please note: This form must be included with your record notebook and turned into the weigh master on entry day of the Fair. You need to accumulate **nine (9) points** to be allowed to sell your animal. **Six (6) of these nine (9) points** must come from club meetings. **Three (3) nonclub points** from other types of meetings (example: clinics, shows, workshops, fair clean-up and/or county-wide awards)
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