Ionia County

Rabbit Project
Record Book

Ages 9 to 11 Years

Check one or more Project areas

_____ Pet
_____ Breeding
_____ Market

Name:_______________________________________________________________

4-H Club:___________________________________________________________

4-H Leader:_________________________________________________________

Age (as of 1/1):__________________  Years in Rabbit Project:__________________

Record Started:__________________  Record Closed:_______________________

Month/Day/Year               Month/Day/Year

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Why Keep Records?

- Members learn more about their project animals - costs, feed, health and management skills.
- Document activities and progress in the project.
- Improve management and production practices.
- Helps plan future projects.

Keep this record as part of your Personal 4-H Records. This information is helpful in applying for 4-H awards and scholarships. Remember - records are no better than what YOU put into them!

Leader’s Comments*:
___________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________

Rabbit Leader’s Signature:_________________________

* Book is incomplete without comments and signature from your leader*

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Objectives of the 4-H Rabbit Project

1. To gain knowledge and skills in managing and caring for rabbits.
2. To learn to select quality rabbits and how to feed them balanced rations.
3. To maintain management records used to base decisions on regarding feed, production, and breeding of rabbits.
4. To participate in group activities within the club and to assume responsibility in the 4-H Club rabbit program.
5. To gain satisfaction from completing a project to the best of your ability.
6. To let members experience and cope with the values and attitudes of responsibility, in a relatively unsupervised environment. The supervision will be on a periodic basis.
7. To let the member contribute to the family table with rabbit meat, or to experience the marketing process and system in disposal of the product.
8. To let the member experience competing through showing rabbits at local and state 4-H rabbit shows.

4-H Rabbit Project Guidelines

1. Members should enroll in the fall, even though they may not yet have animals. This will enable members to be well prepared to receive their animals.
2. Project records must be started and kept until the end of the project year. The latest date for starting records and for ownership of project animals is May 1 of the current 4-H year, with the exception of market pen does, these need to be owned and started on April 1st.
3. Members are encouraged to exhibit their animals at least once during the project year, such as the Ionia Free Fair, area rabbit shows and the State 4-H Rabbit Show.

4-H Rabbit Project Showmanship

1. All members are strongly encouraged to participate in the showmanship division of the 4-H Rabbit Project.
2. Exhibitors are to be appropriately and neatly groomed/dressed in a long sleeved white shirt or lab coat, dark and clean pants, and closed toed shoes.
Rabbit Project Summary

This page is completed using ALL of your current 4-H project animals.

1. In my 4-H project I started with: During the current year I added:
   _____ doe(s)             _____ doe(s)
   _____ buck(s)            _____ buck(s)
   _____ kindled litters

2. Number of meetings held:_______________________.
   Number I attended:___________________________.

3. Number of rabbit project related activities attended:_____________.
   They were:__________________________________
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1. What type of housing do you use? (for example: all wood, wood and wire, all wire, etc.)

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Why?__________________________
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2. What size cages do you use?

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Why?__________________________
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1. What kind of food do you use? _______________________________________
   Why? ____________________________________________________________
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2. Do you feed your rabbit(s) anything other than pellets? What and Why?
   _________________________________________________________________
   _________________________________________________________________
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   _________________________________________________________________

3. How often do you feed your rabbit(s)? ________________________________
   Why? __________________________________________________________
   _________________________________________________________________
   _________________________________________________________________
   _________________________________________________________________

4. Do you feed your rabbit(s) at a specific time each day? _____ Yes _____ No
   Why? __________________________________________________________
   _________________________________________________________________
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5. How do you store your feed? _______________________________________
   _________________________________________________________________
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6. Attach your feed slip here.
**Standard of Perfection***

Complete the section using any ONE of your current project animal(s).

My breed of rabbit is: __________________________________________

1. **Schedule of Points:**

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**Sheen**

*Use the current Standard of Perfection. If you need to borrow one, ask your leader or the superintendent.*
2. Where are most of the points concentrated in your breed of rabbit?

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Why?__________________________________________________________

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3. What is the IDEAL weight of a SENIOR BUCK for your breed of rabbit?

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4. What is the IDEAL weight of a SENIOR DOE for your breed of rabbit?

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5. List some disqualifications or faults associated with your breed of rabbit:

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6. How many varieties are there of your breed of rabbit?____________________

List them:______________________________________________________

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Pedigree

Complete this Pedigree using any ONE of your current project animals. Pedigree should be of your rabbit. **DO NOT attach the original pedigree.** The fairboard and/or rabbit superintendent CANNOT be responsible for the Rabbit Record Books while on display (and possible subsequent loss of your pedigree record.) Please fill in as much as possible.

Rabbit Pedigree
*Adapted from ARBA Rabbit Pedigree

Breed: ____________________________________________

Sex: ___________________ Born: __________________________

Name: ___________________ Reg. Number: ________________

Color: ___________________ Weight: _____________________

Grand Champ. No.: ______________ Winnings: ________________

Sire ___________________________ Ear #: __________________

Color __________________________ Weight: __________________

Grand Champ. No. ______________ Winnings: ________________

Dam ___________________________ Ear #: __________________

Color __________________________ Weight: __________________

Grand Champ. No. ______________ Winnings: ________________
Project Story

When answering these questions, BE SPECIFIC and use examples. You may attach an extra page if needed.

1. Tell how you decided to become involved in this project and if you have been in it for more than one year, why you have continued in it.

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2. What did you learn NEW this year?

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3. What was the most fun?

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4. If you were to do this project again, is there anything you would change or do differently?

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Why?_________________________________________________________

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5. What resources did you use to prepare your project? (books, magazines, videos, people you talked to, etc.)

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A photo of your rabbit project or market pen is to be attached to this page. Additional picture pages may be added. Be creative!
Character

Please answer the following questions according to your assigned age category: Beginners-question 1; Intermediate-questions 1-2; Advance-questions 1-3. Additional pages may be attached as needed.

1. Integrity is always following a code of ethics. List three characteristics an exhibitor with integrity would display at a show or livestock event.

2. What are the six pillars of character? Give an example of how each can be applied to raising or showing livestock.

3. An animal’s conformation does not meet what the judge is looking for at the show. Describe one ethical and one unethical practice that could be used to affect the animal’s conformation.
# My 4-H Rabbit Project Record Book Score Sheet

4-H Member: __________________________________________________________

4-H Club: ____________________________________________________________

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**IF NO MARKET PROJECT**

| TOTAL POINTS | A: 70-80, B: 60-69, C: 50-59 | 80 |

**4-H MARKET RECORD BOOK**

| Information is neat and completely answered. | 20 |

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**INCLUDING MARKET PROJECT**

| TOTAL Points | A: 90 - 100, B: 80 - 89, C: 65 - 79 | 100 |