Ionia County

Rabbit Project Record Book

Ages 12 to 14 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

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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**:  
___________________________________________________________________________________  
___________________________________________________________________________________  
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Rabbit Leader’s Signature:_________________________

* Book is incomplete without comments and signature from your leader*
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 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, area 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 county 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 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. I gave __________ project talks or demonstrations. Topics were:
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4. Number of fairs, shows or rabbit related activities I attended:__________.
   List:______________________________
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Housing

1. Explain in detail the type of housing, watering system and feeder you use.

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Advantages:________________________________________________________________
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Disadvantages:________________________________________________________________
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2. What did you do to overcome the disadvantages?________________________
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3. Are there any changes you make for weather conditions and why?__________
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Feeding

1. What kind of food do you use?_______________________________________
   List all of the nutrients:_____________________________________________
   _________________________________________________________________
   _________________________________________________________________
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2. What percentage of protein does your brand of food have? Why is this important?
   _________________________________________________________________
   _________________________________________________________________
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3. Do you feed your rabbit(s) anything other than pellets? What and Why?
   _________________________________________________________________
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4. How often do you feed your rabbit(s)?_______________________________
   Why?__________________________________________________________
   _________________________________________________________________
   _________________________________________________________________

5. Do you feed your rabbit(s) at a specific time each day? _____ Yes   _____ No
   Why?________________________________________________________________
   _________________________________________________________________
Feeding
(continued)

   ______________________________________
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7. Attach your feed slip here.

Attach Feed Slip Here
Rabbit Health

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

1. Name two ways to recognize illness in your rabbit(s).

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2. Describe any health problems your rabbit(s) have had and what you did about it. List your resources.

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3. Name two ways to control disease in your rabbit.

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Standard of Perfection*

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

My breed of rabbit is:_______________________________________

1. Schedule of Points:

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Condition

Fur       Total Points = 100
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 for your breed of rabbit? _________________

List them: __________________________________________________________________

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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*

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Project Story

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

1. How many years have you been 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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Project Story
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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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