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               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 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 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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Complete Show Record

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Body Type Word Search

Compact  Semi-arch  Commercial  Full arch  Cylindrical
1. Explain in detail the type of housing, watering system and feeder you use. ________________
___________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________

2. Are there any changes you make for weather conditions and why? _____________________
___________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________

3. What kind of food do you use? _____________________________________________________________________

4. What percentage of protein does your brand of food have? Why is it important? ________________
___________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________

5. Do you feed your rabbit(s) anything other than pellets? What and why? ________________
___________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________

6. How often do you feed your rabbit(s) and how much do you feed them? ________________
___________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________

7. How do you store your feed? _____________________________________________________________________

___________________________________________________________________________

Attach Feed Slip Here
Rabbit Parts
**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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*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?
________________________________________________________________________

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

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

5. What body type and fur type does your breed of rabbit have?
________________________________________________________________________

6. Is your rabbit a 4 class or 6 class rabbit?
________________________________________________________________________

7. List some disqualifications or faults associated with your breed of rabbit:
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
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8. How many varieties are there of your breed of rabbit?
________________________________________________________________________
List them:
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9. How many body types are recognized by ARBA?
________________________________________________________________________
List them:
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Pedigree for Show Rabbit

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:

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Sire

Ear #

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Weight

Grand Champ. No.

Winnings:

Dam __________________________

Ear # _________________________

Color __________________________

Weight _________________________

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Color

Weight

Grand Champ. No. ______________

Winnings:

Dam __________________________

Ear # _________________________

Color __________________________

Weight _________________________

Grand Champ. No. ______________

Winnings:
1. What is the purpose of a nesting box? ____________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

2. What materials should be used in the nesting box? _________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

3. Where should you place the nesting box in the hutch? ______________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

4. Name two ways to recognize illness in your rabbit(s): ______________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

5. Name two ways to control disease in your rabbit: ________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

7. What did you learn NEW this year? _____________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
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Intermediate Rabbit Quiz

1. What does the acronym B.O.B. mean?
A) Best of Breed          B) Best of Breeding       C) Best of Variety       D) Best of Breeder

2. A pedigree guarantees a rabbit is healthy.
A) True          B) False

3. The normal body temperature of a rabbit is ____________.
A) 98.6 degrees    B) 92 degrees    C) 102-103 degrees   D) 42 degrees

4. Rabbits are considered monogastric. What does that mean?
A) Complex stomach    B) Simple stomach    C) A stomach ache    D) One kidney

5. Match the following:
A. Flyback    B. Rollback    C. Satin    D. Rex    E. Normal    F. Wool

______ A short, plush, dense coat of fure that stands upright and has resistance when pressed into.

______ Rabbits with this fur type have a hair shaft several inches in length.

______ A fur division within the normal fur category. The fur quickly snaps back into place when stroked from tail to head.

______ The fur type known for its transparency and sheen.

______ A fur division within the normal fur category. The fur slowly goes back into place when stroked from tail to head.

______ The common fur type of rabbits. The three types are flyback, rollback, and stand-
A photo of your rabbit project or market pen is to be attached to this page. Additional picture pages may be added. Be creative!
1. In your animal project, what chores are assigned for you to do?

2. Describe a time when you have helped someone else learn about animals or agriculture; this can be an individual (friend or family member) or public education such as your club offering a petting zoo at a local event.

3. What is the leadership or service purpose of animal organizations such as Michigan Sheep Breeders, American Rabbit Breeders Association, etc? What organizations represent your animal species?
## 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

**TOTAL Points**

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

**4-H MARKET RECORD BOOK**

Information is neat and questions are completely answered.

**TOTAL Points**

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

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